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WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday
9:30 am Sunday School	7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6:00 pm KISS (Keep It Simple Supper)
10:50 am Morning Worship	Tuesday	6:30 pm. Bible Study for all ages
5:15 pm Children's M&M (Music & Missions)	7:00 pm Cub Scouts	6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Choir & Praise Team Youth Discipleship Training	8:00 pm Coffee Break	
7:00 pm College Music & Message		

The Reminder



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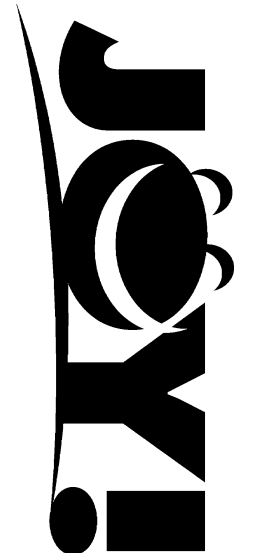
GOD MADE TEACHERS . . .

Author Unknown

God understood our thirst for knowledge, and our need to be led by someone wiser;
 He needed a heart of compassion, of encouragement, and patience;
 Someone who would accept the challenge regardless of the opposition;
 Someone who could see potential and believe in the best in others . . .
 So He made Teachers

It's the attitude

Dr. Philip Amerson, president of Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, tells of asking his 88-year-old father how he was. The elderly retired minister answered with one word: "Rejoicing." What a great attitude! Imagine rejoicing in the blessings and challenges of each day that God gives us. St. Paul suffered numerous hardships including a persistent physical problem he called his "thorn in the flesh," yet he was a man in whom joy abounded. His letter to the Philippians reveals that he kept rejoicing regardless of his problems. "I will continue to rejoice," he writes (1:18, NRSV). He asked his friends at Philippi to have a mind to rejoice. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (4:4, NRSV). It was his dependence upon Christ that enabled him to find contentment and even joy in any and all circumstances. Therefore he affirmed, "I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (4:12-13, NRSV).





Pastor's Paragraphs

The following story is taken from the Internet and entitled "The Sad Passing of Common Sense."

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they themselves failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Panadol, sun lotion or a sticky plaster to a student but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar can sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; by his wife, Discretion; by his daughter, Responsibility; and by his son, Reason. He is survived by three stepbrothers: I Know My Rights, Someone else is to Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

Spiritual Common Sense is found in Paul's words to the Corinthians: "Everything is permissible" – but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible" – but not everything is constructive. Nobody should seek his own good, but the good of others.... So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (I Corinthians 10:23-24, 31). The key to understanding is this: (1) Is it beneficial to someone else? (2) Is it constructive in building up someone else? (3) Is it being done for the glory of God? If we do what we do only for ourselves, then Spiritual Common Sense is dead to us. If, on the other hand, we do what we do to help others and for the glory of God, then, Spiritual Common Sense is still alive. Therefore, let us honor God as we serve others as if we were serving Jesus Himself. To God be the glory!

Have a blessed week. I'll see you Sunday.

----- **Michael**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Martha Turner
Lamar Norwood
- 5 Gene Davis
Addison Stewart
- 8 Grace Upshaw
- 12 Frances Roberson
- 13 Alex Ezzell
Carolyn Johnson
- 14 Hazel Weaver
Hunter Hood
- 15 Letha Davis
- 17 Doug Johnson
- 18 Leon Davis
- 19 Phillip Melvin
- 20 Pat Harmon
- 21 Wanda Register
Ron Kendrick
Aaron Jackson
- 25 Matthew Lanier
- 27 Oscar Simmons
Jennifer Stewart
Tommy Carter
- 28 Mildred Harmon
Michelle Thornton
- 29 Carvel Gregory
Teri Hatcher
- 31 Elijah Lemons

ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST



- 3 Michael & Sandra Simmons
- 4 Herman & Fran Tyson
- 5 Gene & Patricia Lewis
- 11 Ken & Veronica Stewart
- 16 Skip & Anne Oxford
- 19 Bill & Margaret Campbell
- 23 Wayne & Teri Hatcher
- 24 Don & Joanne Penny
- 30 Wayne & Doris Morgan

Great New Family DVD Added To Church Library Check It Out Today!

"The Perfect Stranger"

The man told the lawyer he was Jesus Christ. The lawyer decided to call his bluff. Nikki Cominsky is a successful attorney - troubled by the fact that her life isn't perfect. One day, a mysterious invitation shows up on her desk that reads, "You are invited to Dinner with Jesus of Nazareth." Thinking it's a prank, she shows up - only to find herself in the middle of a whirlwind evening of debate and revelation - with the most unforgettable man she would ever meet. Based on the best-selling novel, "Dinner With a Perfect Stranger" by David Gregory.

New Pictures Added To Website!

Pictures of the recent Missions trip to Gulfport Mississippi have been added to the Photo Album on the Church website, and VBS 2006 pictures will be coming soon visit <http://www.bcfbc.org> to take a look!

Dear BCFBC Family,

Thank you all for our graduation gifts and for your support during our four years at Campbell University! You all have been a great encouragement and we appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers while we have been in Buies Creek. May God continue to bless you all as you keep doing

His work! Thanks again!

God Bless,

Danielle Hicks & Stacey Hale

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Tommy Lechinger, Cal Cooper (Vivian Simpson's nephew), P.J. Melvin (Iraq), Gary Altman (Iraq); Lyn Sander, Sammy Overby (Celia Melvin's cousin), Ida Cunningham, Robert Ennis, Dr. Bill Jones (Kathy Melvin's father), Ann Brown (Willis Brown's Wife), Alene Upchurch, Leahanna Finch (Angela Ezzell's cousin), Clara Brown Monroe (Willis and Ann's daughter), and Mary (Tootsie) Ennis (Millie Wiggins' sister); our shut-ins and homebound: Jill Upshaw, A.G. Hare, Billy Mason, Mae Danner, Peggy Stewart, Juanita Hight, Alene Upchurch, Gerry Gregory, Sue Brown, Clara Brown-Page, Mildred Harmon, Frances Jones, Donna Turlington, Susan Bain, Mary Ramer, and Eloise Sheppard.

Exciting Outreach Opportunity

We have several homebound members who would enjoy a visit or phone call, letter or card. Sharing Christ's love can be done in so many little ways, and you never know the impact it can have on a person's life. If you would like more information on how to make a special person's day please contact the church office for addresses and telephone numbers of some of our members who cannot always enjoy the pleasure of fellowship on Sunday mornings. Thank you and God bless.

Properties Committee News!

The properties committee has asked the church to establish a designated fund to renovate the kitchen. It was discussed at the business meeting and the church voted to establish the fund. The committee feels like we needed a separate fund to inform the congregation of the need to do this project.

KidShine

"Let your light shine before men...and praise your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16



Please allow me to share with you a story that I believe illustrates what we are trying to achieve each year with our Vacation Bible School.

The Rock Wall: Getting Fired Up

"Today we're going to raise the bar a little," Jeff said to his exercise group. "Who wants to be the first to climb the wall?" The exercisers blasted him with a collective *Not me*: "No way!" "You've got to be kidding..." "I can't do *that!*" "I just started this fitness program-I'm not ready for this..." As the class debated the difficulty of climbing the wall with Jeff, a skinny kid of about 15 pushed through them and attached himself to the belay line. He began cautiously. The exercisers stopped arguing and started watching his ascent. But about halfway up, he lost his footing. Everyone gasped. Then they began "coaching" him: "Forget it, kid!" "It's not worth it..." "It's too hard!" "Young man, please come back down before you get hurt." But the young man's belayer had a good hold on the line and prevented him from falling. Undaunted by the setback, and paying no attention to the exercisers, he continued climbing-slowly and steadily-until he reached the top. After he rappelled to the floor his mother rushed forward and began signing to him. He wore a triumphant grin as he signed back to her. "Maybe he's naturally uninhibited because of his age," Jeff said to his group. Or maybe he just can't hear all of those negative voices saying "You can't do it." The group was silent, pondering the weight of Jeff's words. "So, is anybody ready now to take it to the next level?" Jeff challenged. This time everyone was **All Fired Up**. -Bits and Pieces July 2006

Look for an update in the next newsletter of how Fiesta VBS 2006 helped kids "**Get All Fired Up About Jesus.**"

~Debbie