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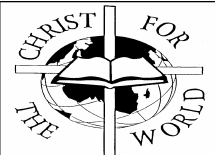
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Join us for a Community Barbeque and Gospel Sing on Saturday, September 15, 2007. All are welcome, please invite your friends and neighbors. This is a free event and we look forward to the opportunity to fellowship with people from the community. If you have any questions about this event please see Phil Melvin or one of the other deacons.

The Reminder



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Simple evangelism

A moving van is a symbol of opportunity for any active and alert church member. When a new family moves into your neighborhood or community, you can render helpful Christian service in these ways:

1. Get acquainted as soon as possible. Take the first step by introducing yourself and your family.
2. Extend warm and courteous friendship. Take them some food, or just ask if they need some help with anything.
3. Offer to answer any questions they may have about the community or neighborhood. Recommend your favorite place to eat or to grocery shop.
4. Introduce your new friends to your other friends.
5. Demonstrate an enthusiasm for Christ and his church.
6. Tell them about your church, its ministries, programs and group activities.
7. Give the names of your new neighbors to your



WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday
9:45 am Bible Study	7:00 am Men's Prayer Meeting	6:00 pm KISS (Keep It Simple Supper)
11:00 am Morning Worship	6:00 pm Girl Scouts	6:30 pm. Bible Studies and Prayer Meeting
5:15 pm Children's M&M (Music & Missions)	7:00 pm Boy Scouts	7:30 p.m. Hand Bells
6:00 pm Choir & Praise Team	7:00 pm Cub Scouts	Thursday
Youth Discipleship Training		7:00 am Men's Prayer Meeting
7:30 pm College Music & Message		

The Search for Happiness

NBC News set out to discover how joyous people found happiness. During one brief segment, a reporter interviewed several nuns who lived in a convent. They portrayed happiness, and their life expectancy was 10 years beyond that of the average person. One nun, Sister Genevieve Kunkel, felt hope was due to inner joy. She said, "If you hope, you cope. If you don't, you mope."





**FROM THE
PASTOR**
PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Susan Harris, television writer and producer, says: "Anyone can be happy when times are good; the richer experience is to be happy when times are not." (*Bits & Pieces*, June 2007). Relatively speaking, any of us can be happy when the glass is full, but when it is half and half, do we look at it as half full or half empty? It is all a matter of our viewpoint or attitude. Some will always try to see the good and the positive in everything, while others look for the negative and the bad. I have discovered that being positive and looking for the good around us brings peace of mind and happiness, while being negative and looking for something to complain about brings discontentment and unhappiness. Surely, we all know people who spend their time being miserable and seem to enjoy being that way. Sometimes I wonder that if they were happy, they would be happy about it. I don't want to be one of those unhappy people. I choose to believe that "all things work together for good for those who love the Lord and are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28). I also believe that we can find something positive in anything and some good in everything if nothing more than the opportunity to see God at work.

God has blessed us and is blessing us as a church. We have seen new additions to our family, an increase in our mission involvement (both financially and in participation), and a budget that is being met each month. Our children and youth ministries are active and growing. All these things are positive and good. Unfortunately, our pews are not as full on Sunday as they should be. Some of our folks are gone on the weekends during the summer. The positive side of this is two-fold. One – Our folks will be back on the weekends in another month, as will our students. Two – There is plenty of room to seat the visitors who are being invited and coming. God continues to give us the privilege to reach people for Jesus. So, let's keep inviting them. Also, check the mission board in the Fellowship Hall to see when and how you can be involved in the next mission project this year. What an exciting opportunity this is.

Changing direction for a moment, it has been four years since we last did a pictorial directory of our church family. Many of you have asked for another directory to be done. With that in mind, we have scheduled a time with Olan Mills to photograph our church family for another directory on September 21st and 22nd. Lucy Baker is our church coordinator for the project. You will be hearing more about this next month. At this point, I simply want you to keep those two dates in September open in your schedule.

Since we have heard so much about politics this year, I leave you with this thought on the lighter side from Ernest Benn (Publisher, 1875-1954): "Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it whether it exists or not, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedy."

Have a blessed week. Invite someone to come to church with you Sunday. I will see you then.

Pastor 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

August Missions Trip

Our mission trip for August will be Friday & Saturday, August 10th & 11th. The "SIGN-UP" sheet is posted in the fellowship Hall on the Missions Bulletin Board. Deadline for signing up is Sunday August the 5th. Prayerfully consider getting involved in this aspect of God's work.

Choir Recruitment Party!

On Sunday, August 5th the Choir will be having a recruitment cookout party at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining the choir we would love it if you could join us. For more information please see Dorothy Mullins.

Community Barbeque & Gospel Sing

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Recycling for our Playground Equipment!

Please remember to continue to bring your recycling to the church to help us raise money for new playground equipment. We will be recycling aluminum cans and other aluminum products to raise funds for our playground equipment fund. Please let your friends and neighbors know about our efforts and encourage them to participate in our recycling campaign. For more information please contact Eddie Humphrey at 910-814-0966 or 910-574-6372.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Donna Turlington, Louise Adams, Sue Ann Brown, Nick & Gerry Gregory, Doug Johnson, Gilda Blackmon, Hazel Weaver, Valeria Lanier, Iva Newton, Beulah Stewart, Gisela Gregory, Winifred Stewart, Norman Wiggins, Coy Lanier (Coyt & Gladys Lanier's son), Thurman McLamb (Annette Hood's father), Candace Hutchins (Phyllis Tankersley's daughter), April Topanes (Dorothea Gilbert's cousin), and Keith Lanier (Dorothy Mullins' nephew); our shut-ins and homebound.

Sr. Adults Upcoming Events

The Senior Adults will be going out to lunch at Hudson Bay on Wednesday, July 25th. Anyone interested in going out to lunch that day should meet at the church at 11 a.m. Also the Senior Adults will be having a covered dish luncheon on Tuesday, August 14th in the Fellowship Hall at 12 p.m. Please mark your calendars for these days and plan on joining us. Thank you.

KidShine

"Let your light shine before men...and
praise your Father in heaven."

GO TEAM!! Game Day Central was definitely where HEROES were discovered and made! V.B.S. 2007 was an exciting celebration as we were challenged by the heroes of old, to be the heroes God calls each of us to be today. A line from one of our songs that my daughter has stuck in her head is "we were made for a mission." And indeed, we were made to *play the position* that God gives each of us and faithfully be the *team player* that He has called us to be. Our VBS scripture was "Run with endurance the race that lies before us; keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:1-2 Our Game Plans during the week were: Sign up! Obey!; Focus! Follow through!; Know the plan! Believe!; Take action! Pray and serve!; and Recruit! Tell!

Each evening we began our Game Day with some delicious dinners. Thank you to all who prepared and served meals each evening. They were just what our hungry coaches and athletes needed!

We had approximately 95 children, youth and adults who participated in this year's celebration during the week. Our mission offering was for Faith Comes By Hearing and we raised \$264.36!

Each child went home with a special VBS New Testament Game Day Central edition with Psalms and Proverbs. This included several reminders of their week at VBS and, most importantly, 30 days of Devotions for the children and their families to use in their quiet times or devotions. Also, each family involved received a VBS 2007 CD of the music used during the week.

As always, our Vacation Bible School was a church-wide effort. Thank you to everyone who helped with the many tasks that made our **Game Day Central** the best it could be!

To God Be The Glory!
Debbie