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The Reminder



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Ten Commandments for right living

1. Thou shalt not worry, for by doing so thou shalt suffer the same disaster many times.
2. Thou shalt not try to dominate or possess others, for each person is responsible to God.
3. Thou shalt not desire after fame, for the burdens of greatness are an affliction unto the spirit.
4. Thou shalt not desire after great wealth, for great wealth of itself does not bring peace.
5. Thou shalt relax, for great tension is an abomination unto the flesh.
6. Thou shalt have a sense of humor or thy years will seem much longer and more painful.
7. Thou shalt love the beautiful and serve the good, for this is according to the will of heaven.
8. Thou shalt harm no other person by word, thought or deed, regardless of cause; for to do so is to perpetuate the sorrows of this world.
9. Thou shalt not be angry at any person for any reason, for anger injures most the one who is angry.
10. Thou shalt remember that God is Creator and that you are a unique and important part of his created order, unlike any person who has ever lived.

'Twas the day after Bible school

'Twas the day after Bible school and all over town,
 With a sigh of relief, we all settled down.
 Out to the golf course goes Dad in his cap,
 And home in the bedroom Mom's taking a nap.
 Gone Linda, gone Brenda, gone David and Johnny,
 Gone Margie, and Mary, and Ronnie and Donnie.
 Gone stories, and puppets, and songs in the air,
 Gone paint under fingernails and paste in the hair.
 Rest sweetly, dear workers, and wake with good cheer,
 For Bible school won't come again for a year.
 As they drifted off, I heard them exclaim:
 "It was worth all the hard work and we'd do it again!"



**THANKS to Our
 VBS Volunteers!**

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	7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6:30 pm. Bible Studies and Prayer Meeting
5:15 pm Children's M&M (Music & Missions) Youth Discipleship Training	7:00 pm Cub Scouts	7:30 p.m. Hand Bells
6:00 pm Choir & Praise Team		Thursday
7:30 pm College Music & Message		7:00 am Men's Prayer Meeting



Pastor's paragraphs

Essayist and poet Joseph Addison (1672-1719) said: "Faith is kept alive in us, and gathers strength, more from practice than from speculations." (Bits & Pieces, July 2008)

We talk a lot about faith. We know that the Bible describes it in Hebrews 11 as believing without seeing. We know too, that Jesus said that genuine faith, even the size of a mustard seed, can move mountains. We even know that without faith, it is impossible to please God. Yet, for many Christians, faith is more of a word than an action. Faith is something we talk about and know we should have, but not something we often see active in our lives. However, in reality, faith is what we should be all about. It should be the action word that describes us. It should be what motivates us and keeps us going each day. Faith is trusting God and allowing Jesus to rule within our hearts each day. It is taking God at his word. Even though we may not understand the world around us and what is going on in our world, we can simply trust God to handle things and make ourselves available to him for his glory. Faith does not depend on reason or rationalization, it simply moves forward on the basis of who God is and what we know to be true about him. God knows all things, can do all things, and is always the same.

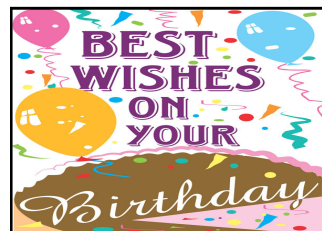
Faith enables us to believe that the Lord will build his church, right here in Buies Creek. It energizes us and sends us forth into our community with the gospel and helps us believe that we can make a difference. It helps us look forward to each day knowing that God has given us the day to enjoy his presence. Faith can and will make a difference in the way we look at things and live; that is, if it is more than just a word we use. The Bible says that the just shall live by faith. Well then!!!!!!

In closing, I want to say "Thank you" for your support of the budget of our church. Part of our budget includes our Youth Ministry. Eleven of us, including nine youth, have just returned from Western Carolina University and a week of summer camp sponsored by our Baptist State Convention. What a wonderful week we had. It was a week filled with fun, Bible study, worship, friendship and spiritual growth. You helped to make it possible. Thanks to Rev. Walter Jones and Gene Lewis for filling in for me while I was away.

One additional word: Please pray for our Vermont Mission Trip. We will be leaving on August 2 and returning on August 9. Pray for our mission team and for the people of Pownal. We look forward to reporting to you when we return.

Have a blessed day. I look forward to seeing you Sunday.

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
- 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
- 23 Wayne & Teri Hatcher
- 24 Don & Joanne Penny
- 30 Wayne & Doris Morgan

Special Sunday Evening Service

There will be a special Sunday Evening service on Sunday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m. At this time our Vermont Mission Team will share with us a report of their week long trip to Pownal, Vermont. Please plan to come out and be encouraged by the seeds planted by our Mission Team and hear about how God changed lives during their time there. Please pray for our Mission Team and that God would continue to move in a big way in that community after our time there.

Financial Outlook 2008

Budget amount needed to date as of
7/13/08=\$164,764.60
54% of annual budget

Budget amount received to date as of
7/13/08=134,273.64
44% of annual budget

Youth Central

Hello From Youth Central!

Galatians 5:22-23

“But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

The youth have just returned from an exciting week of camp at Western Carolina University. While we were there, we learned about the Holy Spirit and how He works in and through us to touch other people. We each completed a spiritual gifts profile and learned about how use those gifts to reach others. Our activities for the week included white water rafting on the Tuckaseegee River and a stop at the Fun Factory in Asheville on the way home. The youth group and I would like to thank the church body for allowing us the opportunity to go camp this summer.

In preparation for our trip to Vermont, we have begun some evangelism training on Wednesday and Sunday nights. Shortly we will be preparing our testimonies to share with each other.

Thank You,

Jennifer Hatcher

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Andrew Upshaw (Iraq, Al's nephew), Gilda Blackmon, Leon Davis, Alex Ezzell, Mary Rhodes (Volunteer Missionary), Helen Occhiuzzo (Jill In-score's grandmother), Anne Garner (Pam Yates' mother), Jodie King (Eloise Turner's grandson), Ann Stone (Joyce Harmon and Rosalie Ferrell's sister-in-law), Juanita Kendrick (Ron Kendrick's mother), Larry Wynns (Joe Wynns' uncle), and Lee Byrd (Arlene Brown-Page's nephew), and our homebound: Jill Upshaw, Donna Turlington, Hazel Weaver, Mattie Slaughter, Iva Newton, Mary Lucas (Brenda Edwards' grandmother), Billy Mason, Doug Johnson, Beulah Stewart, Doris Morgan, Mae Danner, Ruby Biggs, Juanita Hight, Mildred Harmon, Frances Jones, Doris Yates, Sue A. Brown, Mary Ramer, and Eloise Sheppard.

KidShine

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

What a BLAST! VBS 2008 was an explosive time as we learned that Jesus gives us the POWER! Power Lab definitely helped us discover Jesus' miraculous power. We saw His power displayed as we went through an amazing week of learning that Jesus gives us the power: *to be thankful, to help others, to be brave, to live forever, and to go and tell others...AHA!* I want to thank all of you who prayed us through a fabulous experience. God is good!!

Each evening we began the Power Lab experience with some delicious dinners. Thank you to all who prepared and served meals each evening. They were just what our hungry lab assistants and students needed each evening to get ready for their incredible experiments!

We had approximately 114 children, youth and adults who participated in this year's celebration during the week. Each of our "crews" grew every evening and our adult Bible study kept an average of 16 participants! Our offering this year went towards purchasing gospel soccer balls for our Vermont Sports Camp. The children and adults gave BIG...we raised \$357.07! We purchased 30 balls and still had a surplus of \$140.00 which will be used towards the Vermont mission trip for the VBS and Backyard Bible Clubs. We definitely learned that *Jesus gives us the power to help and tell others!*

As we were reminded, *Jesus gives us the power to be thankful...AHA!* I am indeed grateful to all who served this year. We had well over 30 youth and adults teaching and leading the children, and they were all dedicated to making this the best VBS that it could be!

I am humbled by the outstanding experience this year...our Vacation Bible School was certainly a church-wide effort. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the many tasks that made **POWER LAB** bubble over with joy and excitement!

To God Be The Glory!
Debbie