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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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Returning The Favor

When a mother came home from the hospital, she had to be confined to bed for several days. Her 9-year-old daughter came home from school one afternoon and peeked into her mother's room. Thinking that her mother was asleep, the little girl tiptoed into the room, quietly unfolded the blanket at the foot of the bed, and gently tucked it around her mother. The mother stirred, and then whispered, "You know, it wasn't too long ago that I was tucking you in. And now you're doing it for me. Thank you."

The daughter replied, "That's okay; around here we take turns."

Take time to remember and appreciate your Mother this Mother's Day.



MEMORIAL DAY!



Memorial Day emerged from the grim shadows of the American Civil War. Before the close of the war, women began decorating the graves of soldiers who had died in that war. The practice quickly spread, and a few years later May 30, 1868, was designated as Decoration Day — a day for placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers throughout the United States.

In 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were also honored. Over the years, it has become a day when all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise — are remembered. In 1971, the United States Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed annually on the last Monday in May.

On this Memorial Day, remember those who gave their lives for our country. But also pray for those who continue serving to keep America free, especially those who are in harm's way.



PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Here we are. Winter is over and spring is well underway. The trees are budding and some are already in full bloom. Some flowers are beginning to push up through the soil and others are already showing their beautiful colors. Spring is such a wonderful time of the year. This month as Christians, we celebrated the events of Easter. Though Christmas is the favorite time of the year for many of us, Christmas would be meaningless without Easter. Without the cross, our sins would still separate us from God. It was at Calvary that Jesus paid the ultimate price for our sin, our stubbornness, and pride. It was there that the wages of sin were paid once and for all for all who would turn to Christ in faith. But then, just as important as the cross is the resurrection. For without the resurrection, the cross would be meaningless. The Apostle Paul speaks of Jesus as the first fruit of those that sleep. When he came forth from the grave on that first Easter Sunday morning, he conquered death for all of us. The victory over Satan, sin, and death was his then and is his today and forever. Easter is about Jesus. Though Easter Sunday is past, we are still in the Easter Season, and will be until Pentecost. When you see that pretty flower pushing its head through the soil or breaking out in full bloom, think of Jesus thrusting himself from the grave. Think too, that the resurrection of Jesus assures each of us of everlasting life. Then, with the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 15:57 let us say together: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

As we enter the month of May, we will be celebrating the family. God instituted the family in the beginning as He gave Adam and Eve to each other. Later, He blessed them with children. He loved them and provided for them. In May we will celebrate family relationships and seek to understand better God’s will for each of us within our individual family units. May will also have us saying goodbye to our college graduates and wishing them well as they follow God’s calling for their lives. Much is going on. You won’t want to miss a single Sunday.

Let me leave you with some thoughts from Pete Becary, editor of the Lancaster County Signs of Faith.

Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
*

Love does not dominate—it cultivates.
*

Today’s decisions are tomorrow’s realities.
*

Better to rise to the occasion than to hit the ceiling.
*

Never use a gallon of words to express a spoonful of thoughts.
(Bits & Pieces, March 2006)

Have a blessed week. I will see you Sunday.

Michael

MAY BIRTHDAYS!

1	Fran Tyson	25	Winnifred Stewart
3	Debbie Persinger	25	Allison Bain
4	Jean Ryals	26	Phyllis Tankersley
9	Caroline Upshaw	26	Phillip Hatcher
14	Peggy Stewart	27	Hannah Hood
17	John Ryals Sr.	28	Debbie Jones
22	Mary Rhodes	28	Rachel Jackson
23	Juanita Hight	30	Clara Brown-Page
24	Amy Tyson	30	Lea Stewart



**ANNIVERSARIES
IN
MAY**



- 7 Nick & Gerry Gregory
- 14 Hal & Allison Bain
- 16 Gene & Ann Davis
- 30 Chris & Tina Stewart

Library News!

We have many new library selections that have been added for you to enjoy. Some of the new titles are as follows: *A Walk To Remember* by Nicholas Sparks, 3 books by Jan Karon, *In This Mountain, Shepherds Abiding and A New Song*. Also we have the movie “Left Behind” adapted from the bestselling series of the same name by Tim La-haye and Jerry Jenkins. We also have several new children’s books including, *The Easterville Miracle* by Melody Carlson, as well as *Jellyfish Can’t Swim and Other Secrets from the Animal World*, by Marjorie H. Parker. Please stop by and check out the what’s new at the church library today!

Church Missions Trip!

The church missions trip to Gulfport Mississippi is scheduled for June 17-24, we will be providing clean-up and reconstruction labor as assigned by the Baptist Men. The cost of the trip is being provided by the church, however you are responsible for meals on the way down and back. You must be at least 13 years of age to participate. Interested? Contact Vivian Simpson or sign up on the sign up sheet located outside the church office. If you cannot go but would like to be a part of the effort you can pray for our team and all the others who are there assisting those in need, or you can donate tools, or make a contribution to the church, just mark your envelope “Gulf Coast Missions.”

Fundraiser Luncheon!

Paula Apone will be having a fundraiser Luncheon on Sunday May 7th following the morning worship service to raise money for a summer missions trip to China. Everyone is invited to attend and we hope to see you there!

Sr. Adult Coming Events

The Little River Baptist Association is sponsoring a Sr. Adult Fellowship Day on Thursday May 18th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church in Bunnlevel. Gary Claxton will be the entertainment for the day. Please come and enjoy some good food and fun!

If you are interested in attending please contact the church office at 893-4280 by Tuesday May 9th.

Sr. Adult Dinner out will be on Thursday may 25th at "Lanes Restaurant. We will be leaving the church at 5 p.m. If you would like to attend please contact the church office at the number listed above by Tuesday May 23rd.

Remember in Prayer

Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Tommy Lechinger, Cal Cooper (Vivian Simpson's nephew), David Peak (Afghanistan), P.J. Melvin (Iraq), Gary Altman (Iraq); Lyn Sander, Alvin Newton, Clara Brown-Page, J. D. Johnson, Sammy Overby (Celia Melvin's cousin), Pat Harmon, Frances Jones (Kathy Melvin's mother), Rufus Turner, Robert Ennis, Mary Best (Anne Quakenbush's mother), Beulah Stewart, Donna Turlington, and Mary (Tootsie) Ennis (Millie Wiggins' sister); our shut-ins and homebound.

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank each and every one of you for the prayers, visits and cards I received on the passing of my brother. It meant more than any words could express.

God Bless you all!

-Eloise Turner

KidShine

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

Greetings! Let me begin by sharing some joyous news. The preschool department is pleased to welcome its newest member. Harold and Gina Smith are the proud parents of Caleb Andrew, born March 13, 2006. Both big brother Ian and baby Caleb celebrated Palm Sunday with us! "Behold, children are a gift of the Lord..." Psalm 127:3 I am so thankful for each one of the "gifts" that God has allowed us to love, care for and teach.

As we think about *gifts* we must also remember the special qualities that God gives to each one of us. These gifts are those given by the Father so that we might use them to glorify Him. We are reminded in 1 Peter 4:10 to be good stewards and to use our gifts to serve others. Are you actively using your gift(s)? Sometimes we just have to try something new, maybe even get out of our comfort zone. Opportunities for service are also great ways to discover where God wants you to be. So, here are some opportunities for service:

- Volunteers needed in the preschool area during Worship for infants up to 5 years of age.
- As summer approaches and college students go home, our Wednesday night ministry will need temporary volunteers.
- A new church year will quickly be upon us and your prayers are needed as the Nominating committee begins their work.
- V.B.S. 2006 – decorators, volunteers, prayer warriors, etc. The dates are July 17 – 21 and the theme is "Fiesta! Where kids are fired up about Jesus."

These are just a few off the top of my head! If you have any questions about any of these opportunities please contact Debbie Jones. I want to say thank you to those who have already responded to the need on Wednesday night with our dinners. I believe that particular ministry will continue to be vital.

Our Easter Celebration took place on Palm Sunday afternoon. We had over 40 men, women and children involved. The preschoolers had a great time as they heard the story *The Three Trees* and hunted eggs. I appreciated Gina Smith and Laura Matthews for taking on this group. The children ages 5 and above participated with their parents as they journeyed through the *Easter Path of Faith*. This was a new experience for our kids and it is my hope and prayer that each family received a blessing as they spent time together. I wish to thank the following individuals for their leadership in this endeavor: Jennifer and Jessica Hatcher, Doug Jones, Lauren Penny, and Jane Schumann. They certainly showed us once again how God has gifted them.

Giving God the Glory!
Debbie