



The Spirit



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VBS Makes An Impact

Where are your summer travels taking you? Last week, 260 kids and 110 volunteers spent a while on the Nile exploring Egypt and the story of Joseph. Just as God had a plan for Joseph's life journey, we learned that He has a plan for each one of us.

Thank you for helping us share the hope God gives us with others by supporting our VBS missions. During VBS week, children age two through fifth grade made 145 salvation bracelets, a wordless way to share the gospel with Egyptian children, 22 blankets to comfort children in Nicaragua and remind them of God's love, over 200 tissue paper flowers with words of encouragement for volunteers working to restore homes in Nashville. Thanks to you, we collected 67 paint brushes and 42 lbs of nails to help flood victims and 258 pairs of flip flops to send with our mission team to Nicaragua in July. Our fifth graders served at Angelic Ministries, Lost Sheep Ministry and Second Harvest Food Bank.

Wherever your journey takes you, know that just as God was faithful to Joseph, He is faithful and will be with you wherever you go!

Music Ministry Search Committee Organizes

Please be in prayer for the Music Ministry Search Committee as they begin to search for the new Director of Music Ministries for FCUMC. This search committee includes: Fran Burroughs, Mark Biagi, Katie Bales, Garrett Chapman, Ruthie McCloud, Dallas Dover, Betsy Castleberry, Kim Meade, Joe Walsh (Chair), Bill Baldwin, and our pastors, Jim, Melissa and Daniel. The next meeting will be on July 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Estates Gift Received

A loving gift has been received by the church from the estates of Polly Davis and Johnnie Courtney. We are very grateful for this gift that has been placed in the church's Permanent Endowment Fund. We give thanks not only for the gift but also for Polly and Johnnie's faithfulness to FCUMC during their years among us.

Co-Ed Softball Tournament Scheduled

Team FCUMC has a very successful, though rain filled, season. Our record was strong enough to receive a bye in the first round of the City Tournament. Our first game is scheduled for July 6, 7:00 p.m., at Caswell Park, Field 1.

Come Hear About New Missionaries in Sudan

Please join us on Friday, July 9, at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Hall as we celebrate the new ventures of Steve & Diantha Hodges. Steve has served as the director of Project Jubilee in Sneedville and they will be leaving in August to serve as new missionaries in Yei, Sudan. Come hear about the work that they will be involved in and how we can support them through our prayers.

Worship With Us!

July 4, 2010

Traditional Services (8:30 & 11:00)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

"Turn from These Worthless Things"

Acts 14: 8-17

Sermon by Jim Whedbee

Contemporary Service (11:00)

"Radical Response" Series

"What'chu Talkin' About, Willis?"

Hosea 1:2-8

Sermon by Melissa Smith

July 11, 2010

Traditional Services (8:30 & 11:00)

"Keeping the Faith"
Collosians 1:1-14

Sermon by Daniel Ogle

Contemporary Service (11:00)

"Radical Response" Series

"On the Run"
Jonah 1:1-3

Sermon by Melissa Smith

PASTOR CORNERED

It's only Monday morning, and I am already tired! And I haven't even done anything yet. I think I'll just take this cup of coffee and pour it over me. Let me tell you why I am tired.

I am tired from Bible School last week. Now, admittedly, I didn't do anything more than walk around and enjoy watching the children, who never tire. However, the workers were slowing down a bit by the end of the week. Exhausting as it was, it was an exhilarating week. The children demonstrated in many ways their understanding of the story of Joseph and the growth of his relationship with God. I heard some comments from some of them that absolutely "wowed" me!

I am tired from helping three pastors move last week. Those would be Don Hanshew, Daniel Ogle and Jason Gattis, my son-in-law. Moving is not fun, especially during the hottest week of the summer. There is no way to make it fun. Don tried it with a packing "party." I went by and made pictures, and I didn't see anyone smiling. You know, of course, that my help was about the same kind of help I offered to Bible School. It wore me out, though, watching everyone else work.

Then yesterday there was worship, and was there ever worship! My part in the service was minimal in terms of "speaking roles." It was fun, though tiring yet also exhilarating, to watch everyone worshipping the Lord. Last night I visited with the IHN folks and, again, was tired just watching the volunteers caring for our friends so eagerly and knowing how much work it had taken by many others to get our families in and settled for the week.

In a sense, though, all this pales in comparison to the labors of so many in order that we might be the nation we are today. Untold thousands have died for our freedom. Even more than that have served unselfishly in military and civilian life to "preserve, protect and defend" our constitutional rights as a people in a free land. They have given of themselves untiringly, and I hope we never take for granted the freedoms we enjoy as a nation and as individuals.

Because we can never seem to agree on how to interpret and live out our freedoms, it scares me that we continue to make ourselves and our nation weaker through our vitriolic attacks on one another. We seem so often to work against ourselves and our Holy Scriptures (Isaiah 1:18) which encourage us to reason together. Jesus himself said in Matthew 12:25, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand."

More than anything else, I am tired of those who would seek to destroy us from within with words and actions that further separate us. I pray that as we celebrate our nation's freedom on this upcoming holiday weekend we will resolve for ourselves to do all we can to strengthen our nation. As a church, may we stay focused on the task of sharing with others the freedom we have in Christ. There is nothing greater!

I hope you will take time during the weekend, wherever you are, to exercise your freedom to worship God. It will make us stronger!

-- Jim

Reminders

July 5: Church office will be closed due to the July 4 holiday

July 9: Retirees' outing to Melton Hill Lake, contact Jean Payne, 688-4165

July 11: Middle School Youth Mission Trip to Henderson Settlement

July 22: Braves vs Padres, tickets are going fast

July Drivers

Morning: Chuck Brooks
After Church: Chuck Johnston

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Bolton; Tom Harrington

Emergency On Call

July 2-5: Melissa Smith,
July 9-11: Jim Whedbee

Medical Transportation: Jean Payne

Stephen Ministry: Gail Clift

CHURCH CALENDAR JULY 2 - JULY 17

Friday, July 2

- 9:00 AM Aerobics (M,W,F) (Gym)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, July 3

- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, July 4

- 8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)+
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages (Church-wide)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)+
The Journey Contemporary Worship (Gym)+
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, July 5

Church Offices will be closed due to July 4 Holiday

- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, July 6

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (137)
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (109)
- 9:30 AM MOPS/MOMS Next (138)
- 10:00 AM Bridge (Youth Room)

Wednesday, July 7

- 6:00 PM A Praying Life Bible Study (Gym)*
Youth (135)
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
The Journey Rehearsal (136)*
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, July 8

- 10:00 AM Youth Laser Quest
- 6:00 PM Yoga - Adults (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 PM Circle 6 (Wesley Hall)
- 7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, July 9

- 9:30 AM Mugs & Muffins
- 10:45 AM Joy Club Lunch (Off-site)
- 7:00 PM Sudan Missionary Send-off (Wesley Hall)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, July 10

- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Sunday, July 11

Middle School Mission Trip Leaves

- 8:30 AM Worship (Sanctuary)+
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages (Church-wide)
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)+
The Journey Contemporary Worship (Gym)+
- 7:15 PM College Bible Study (Off-site)

Monday, July 12

- 5:00 PM Weight Watchers (Choir Room)
- 6:00 PM Finance Meeting (138)
Beth Moore Bible Study (Wesley Hall)*
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study (Off-site)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous
- 8:30 PM Men's 40-plus Basketball

Tuesday, July 13

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (137)
- 9:00 AM Staff Meeting (137)
- 10:00 AM United Methodist Women (Wesley Hall)
- 2:00 PM Sisters In The Spirit Tie Dye (207)
- 7:00 PM Circle 10 (137)
Thinking Positively (Choir Room)

Wednesday, July 14

- 9:00 AM Aerobics (Gym)
- 6:00 PM Family Fun Water Night (Front Lawn)
A Praying Life Bible Study (Wesley Hall)*
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)*
The Journey Rehearsal (136)*
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday, July 15

- 6:00 PM Yoga - Adults (Fellowship Hall)
Music Ministry Search Committee (137)*
- 6:30 PM Bariatric Support Group (Choir Room)
- 7:30 PM Volleyball (Gym)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Friday, July 16

Nicaragua Mission Trip leaves

- 9:00 AM Aerobics (Gym)
- 9:30 AM Mugs & Muffins (Wesley Hall)
- 5:30 PM Ellis/Wilsie Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

Saturday, July 17

- 4:00 PM Ellis/Wilsie Wedding (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous

* Childcare provided for children from birth to fifth grade if previously arranged

+ Activities provided for children from birth through 3-year-old Sunday school

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Rodger Ellis
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Sharon Elizabeth
to
Mr. Mark David Wilsie
on Saturday, the seventeenth of July
Two thousand and ten
at four o'clock in the afternoon
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

OUR PRAYERS

Church Family in the hospital as of June 29
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Recently Discharged from the Hospital:
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OUR PRESENCE

Sunday, June 27, 2010

Sunday School	474
8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship	240
11:00 a.m. Combined Worship	428
WEE Worship (8:30 & 11:00)	51
Total Morning Worship	709

OUR GIFTS

The weekly offerings will be reported in the next print edition of *The Spirit*

OUR SERVICE

July 8:30 Ushers: Barry & Louanne Clabough, Head Ushers; Jack Ridenour, Sharon Smith

July 11:00 Ushers: John Bolton, Gary Bentley, Head Ushers; Mike Rogers, Sherman & Elizabeth Morton, Ken & Angela Lett, Charlie Durham, Bob & Anne Nichols, Reuben & Lou Ann Holland

July Greeters: Cheryl Bible, Susy Gray, Sherry Van Meter, Bill & Nancy Cloud, Susan Norton, Wanda Majors

Boy Scout Troop 55



The Boy Scouts celebrated their new Troop 55 with a camp out. Pictured from left: Nicholas Boggs, Steven Overton, Brent Dare, Don Dare, Jacob Mangus, Caiden Weber, Hunter Smith, Mark Smith

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Mike Williams and family on the death of his father, **Wendell Lamar Williams**, on June 25, 2010.