



GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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PENTECOST

May 23, 2010



9:30 A.M.

Worship Service

Communion/Baptism

11:00 A.M.

Church School for all ages



Sunday, May 30, 2010

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Youth Silent Service Auction: The Auction concluded on Sunday. Please visit the Chapel for a list of winners. If you won, write a check to the church and leave in the office (or with Melody), and you may take your item. Thanks to everyone who donated items and bid!

COVENANT PLAYERS: The world-renowned Covenant Players Ministry of Faith through drama will present a special worship service on Wednesday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to this family-oriented presentation. Refreshments will be served. *Housing is needed for that Wednesday evening. Please call the Church Office if you can provide housing or for more information*

A BEREAVEMENT CLASS will be offered for those who have suffered loss or those going through difficult times on June 20, June 27 and July 4 at 11:00 a.m. in the Adult Forum Room. The class will be led by Milt Fredericks. If interested or if you have any questions, you may contact the Church Office (845-1244) or Milt at home (423-5692).

IF GOD TOOK A BREAK, SO CAN I

By Melody Newton, Youth Director

I need a vacation. I like to pretend I'm Wonder Woman, to be all things to all people; young and energetic with the teenagers, wise and helpful with my peers. I like to fill my waking hours with "productive" things; but truth be told, I need a vacation.

It all started a few weeks ago. I needed to plan a lesson for the Senior High Youth Group, but I just didn't feel like it. We were about to take the Preteens for a picnic in the park, but I didn't have the energy. A stack of paperwork sat on my desk for all our summer trips, and it just overwhelmed me. A rare feeling took over: I did not want to be at work.

I realized there was light at the end of the tunnel: I go on vacation at the end of May! On the 22nd, I'll be off to sunny Florida for a week of, you guessed it, doing NOTHING. I am so excited to sit. Just sit. Maybe lay down for a while, too. I know this vacation is coming at the perfect time. While I have been unmotivated at the church, normally, I do not have this problem. It's simply because I need a break, a chance to step away from all things church- and teenager-related. One week where the only concern I have is if I applied enough sunblock.

As the school year wraps up and we head into summer (which, for me, is the busiest time of the year!), it has dawned on me the importance of Sabbath rest. We tend to think in this culture that we must always be doing something useful. Really, if the God who *created time* thought it was important to take a break, perhaps we should do the same. As Dorothy Bass notes, "Resting, God takes pleasure in what has been made; God has no regrets, no need to go on to create a still better world or creature more wonderful than the man and woman. In the day of rest, God's free love toward humanity takes form as time shared with them."

So, go ahead – take a break. Even if you can't go away for a week of vacation, take a weekend, a day, even just an hour, and don't do anything. Put aside your to-do lists and turn off your cell phone and simply rest in the presence of your Creator. The Sabbath is a gift the Lord gives you, so take full advantage of it! I'll see you all, well rested and highly motivated, after my vacation!



SAVE A LIFE! There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at our church on **Friday, May 21**. It will run from 1:30-6:30 P.M. Please donate a pint of blood to help someone in need! A sign-up sheet is in the Chapel area.

CHURCH SCHOOL PICNIC – Sunday, June 13 from 12 noon until 3 p.m. at **THE GEHRINGS' BACKYARD**. We will barbecue dogs and burgers, have games and puzzles, and enjoy the side dishes and fellowship that everyone brings. Directions will be put on the table in the Chapel. Thank you, Mike and Heather, for inviting your church family to picnic at your house.



THE LADIES TEA PARTY was a wonderful event! Tiffany's would have been jealous of all the heirloom jewelry around our necks and on our fingers. Pirates would have swooned over the pearls. We filled ourselves with tea sandwiches and delicious desserts. We talked about jewelry and pearls of wisdom. Forty ladies of four generations enjoyed spending a Sunday afternoon at a Tea Party. Plan to be here next year with your mother, daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, niece, aunt, or friend.

NEWS from BECKY BARRETT:
I want to let all of you know that, with prayer, I've made the decision to come home in June. I am sad to leave this school and my students and pray that another teacher will come. Another one who will guide them, love them, be an example for them, teach them English, and at the same time be ready to be taught so many things. To be taught other languages, about sharing everything, about living with people. But I am also excited to start a new chapter, as I start grad school this year, and to return to friends and family. I do love our country in the summertime.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer Church School – The Christian Education Task Force has decided to have Summer Church School on Wednesday evenings. Plan to bring your family for an early supper and a special event from June 23 through August 4 this summer. Some of the ideas are to have a Wii night, a VBS-type series featuring trips to Egypt to meet Joseph, and a bowling party night. Mark the Wednesdays on your calendar! More information and registration forms will follow, in the meantime start collecting “Egyptian” style things to decorate our space with or to use for costumes.

Summer Wednesdays:

June 16 - 7:00 p.m.: Covenant Players
June 23 - Wii Family Night
June 30 – 6:00 p.m.: VBS (Dinner and off to Egypt)
July 7 – 6:00 p.m.: VBS
July 14 – 6:00 p.m.: VBS
July 21 – 6:00 p.m.: VBS
July 28 – 6:00 p.m.: VBS
August 4: Family Bowling Night (Time to be announced)

ADULT BIBLE STUDIES:

Bible Basics Class has begun a new series, “After Easter – Birth of the Church”. The first part of the book of Acts will be studied. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact Charles Miller or Kathy Cunningham.

Men’s Small Group – Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays and is studying the Acts of the Apostles. All men are welcome to join the discussion at 7:30 at David Platt’s house. For more information, see or call David Platt (848-2964 or dplatt6@verizon.net).

Bible Study meets twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays at Pitman Manor at 10 a.m. Rev. Oehler is leading the study. All are welcome to come. Call Judy Platt or Kathy Cunningham if a ride is needed.

Doughertys’ Bible Study (22 S. Horace St., Woodbury) meets on Tuesdays. A new study, “Giving, Unlocking the Heart of Good Stewardship” began on May 4. You can contact Chick or Bunny if you have questions (845-8149).

IN MEMORIAM

Josephine Taylor

December 25, 1923 – May 12, 2010

“I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord.”

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION: Thank you to everyone for your help with the Spring Rummage Sale on May 8! We made \$1,233.98.

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION PICNIC will be held on June 15 at 12:00 noon. All women of the church are invited to the annual Picnic at the home of Jean Hills (15 Stone Ridge Dr., Mickleton). Call Jean at 224-1817 with any questions.

DEADLINE APPROACHING! If you have any donations for the Deacons’ Crayon and Coloring Book Drive, please make sure to bring them to church by Sunday, May 23. These gifts are given to area hospitals for distribution to children. Much joy comes from something so easy to do.

OUR MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENTS FOR MAY 2010 are Beth Kaighn to Becky Barrett, Village Schools, Tanzania, Africa; Sharron L. Knauss to Anne & Alan Penn, Nepal; Tom & Joanna Klimczak to Rodney & Sharyn Babe, Port-Au-Prince, Haiti; and Liane Haynes to Michael & Nicole Carlin, L’acul, Haiti.

OUR CUSTODIAN, Kim Wehner, has resigned. Her last day of work will be May 28. We thank her for her service to our church and wish her well.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: There are yellow application forms to request scholarship funds for students who will be attending Christian camps this summer. They are on the table in the Chapel and are due back by June 15.

SUMMER MISSION TRIP will be August 7 - 14. We will be driving to West Virginia and be engaged in flood recovery work. Please contact Dot Harris at 468-6703 for more information.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Elsie Camplin in Cooper Hospital, Jane McKinney in Underwood Hospital, Madeline Wassmann, Bob Storer, Tom Dolan, Sharyn Babe in Florida, Hope Blasko, and Dee and Dave Tanzola. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers: JJ Cunningham, Ron Goepel, Bill Borders, Dave Wirtz, James Gallagher, and Clayton Kelly.

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Hap Cunningham (5/23) and Steve Danforth (5/30)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: MAY 23 - 29, 2010

Pentecost Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Communion/Baptism
	10:45 AM	Seraph Choir
	11:00 AM	Church School for all ages
Monday:	10:00 AM	Bible Study at Pitman Manor
	7:00 PM	Deacons

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: MAY 30 – JUNE 6, 2010

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Seraph Choir
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