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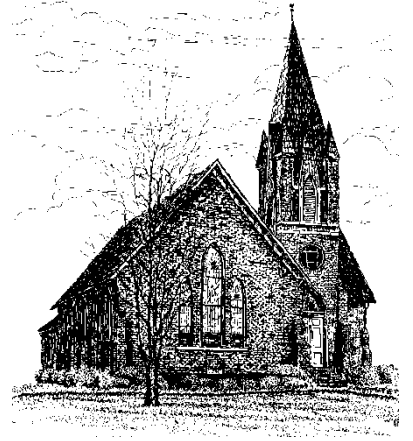
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am – 1:30pm (Closed Fridays)



August 9, 2011

From the Pastor

This morning as Anna and I were getting ready to take Travis to work she looked at me and asked, “Was it just a week ago that we were at Lake Junaluska?” I had to think a bit before I answered, but it was only a week ago Monday that I was taking a continuing education class from the Alban Institute at Lake Junaluska. The presenters were Rev. Mike Slaughter, Pastor of the Ginghamburg UMC in Ohio, and Lovett Weems, Jr. Director of the Lewis Center for Church Development. Both of these leaders are powerful speakers and both gave valuable insights for us on the topic of “Leading in a New Day.” You will be hearing more about these leaders as time goes by.

But, since we left Lake Junaluska, Anna and Travis and I have been: at the funeral of Anna’s cousin Judy, sitting with Marion Fischer and Judy Suggs in Columbia during Bill’s surgery on Wednesday morning, working and serving with the Wednesday night Fellowship supper for Sager-Brown, at the wedding of the son of a dear friend in Camden, at 2 worship services (including the baptism of Emma Reece Sutton last Sunday morning), and at the visitation for April Smith’s grandmother on Sunday night. In addition, both Anna and I taught Sunday School classes, Travis cut the yard at the parsonage and we stayed in contact with the people working under the cabin to get our air conditioning and heating ducts replaced. No wonder it seems like more than a week!

But, I know that there are folks who were far busier than we were: Anna’s cousin’s family is just beginning the grieving time for Judy and the Thompson family is just starting to grieve for April’s grandmother. Bill Fischer will still be recovering from his surgery for quite a while. Emma Reece and her parents are just beginning the process of growing and learning. In addition, our teachers and principals and administrators are beginning the process of getting back into school—with some moving to new schools and others facing new realities in their current schools. Families are finding their school supplies. Folks are bringing supplies to Trinity for PATH. Everybody has a to-do list that seems to grow longer rather than shorter!

You have heard me talk to many times about how busy we can get. I have tried over the years to help us focus as individuals and as families and as a congregation on how we develop our priorities so that we can be faithful to all of our commitments to God, to each other, to our children and our community. If life were like the Virginia Creeper Trail ride that I have been told so much about by the folks who went last weekend, it would be different. Everything would be downhill, coasting all the time. But life has ups and downs, there are times when we pedal as fast as we can and can’t seem to get anywhere. Of course, there are times when we coast so fast that we almost can’t stop.

If you have attended one of our worship services in the last few weeks you may realize that the same thing happened to Jesus. The crowds followed him everywhere. The disciples couldn’t handle the crowds. They all needed a break. I need to remind myself every day to take the time to slow down, if only for a few moments, and let God give me the rest that I need. We see Jesus time and again slowing down, getting out early or staying out late for prayer and reflection. Surely his mission was even more demanding than our lives and if he needed the time for prayer and reflection and worship, we need it as well. God is working among us—we wouldn’t be so busy, have so many baptisms, find so many new folks joining our congregation if it were not so. I keep telling folks that I am the most blessed pastor in South Carolina. It is a blessing to work together with each of you on so many different projects. Let’s all keep listening to the calling of God for our lives and keep his call to us in front of us through all of the things that we do.

God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

SUNDAY, August 14, 2011
SCRIPTURES: Genesis 45:1-15; Matthew 15:21-28
SERMON: "Dog Food or Dry Crumbs?"

SUNDAY, August 14

UMMen.....	7:45 a.m.
Worship Service.....	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Flower Ministry:	The Jack Benfield Class
Lay Reader:	
Nursery Infants:	Cindy Summersett & Beth Jarrett
Children's Church:	Lee & Terri Keller
Toddler Church:	Brad & Staci Hanna
Acolyte:	Rush Johnston

MONDAY 15

Mississippi/Katrina Organizational Meeting..... 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 16

RTBE Meeting..... 5:30 p.m.
Ladies Night Out/Supper & Movie "The Help".....
..... Meet at the church 4:40 p.m.
Adult Basketball..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 17

Adult Choir..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 18

Cadet Troop..... 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, August 21

Worship Service..... 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
After Church Lunch..... 11-1:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR AUGUST: *Dick Sweigart, Chip Alexander & Church Youth.

TRUSTEES/AUGUST: Chip Alexander & Mary Sue Burns

ALTAR GUILD/AUGUST: Libby Brown & Jennifer Cooney

WELCOME VISITORS/AUGUST: Bible Study Class

VISITOR CARDS/AUGUST: Grace Ulbricht

Sunday School Attendance August 7:	121
Worship Attendance August 7 (9:00 am):	55
Worship Attendance August 7(11:00 am):	179

Operating Fund received August 7..... \$8,241.58
Operating Fund received up to August 7..... \$193,531.18
Budget goal up to August 7(\$6,732.00 x 32)..... \$215,424.00

MEMORIALS

TO THE OPERATING FUND in memory of:

Sarah Alexander by Eddie & Susan Jones.

Breana Turner by Jeff & Nancy Ligon.

Thelma Kelly by Bill, Ruth, Leanne & William Wilkerson.

VISITOR ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Sherry Williams, 106 Lakeview Ct, Ft. Smith, AR 72903

UMM Breakfast Sunday Aug 14
SPECIAL GUEST - YCHS Head Coach Bobby Carroll
ALL CHURCH MEMBERS INVITED
Breakfast - 7:45 ; Coach Carroll will speak at 8:15
Cost of Breakfast - \$5.00 in School Supplies (donation to PATH)

MISSISSIPPI/KATRINA organizational meeting will be on Monday, August 15 at 6:30 pm. This mission trip is scheduled for Wednesday, September 21 to Wednesday, September 28.

RTBE Meeting will be at Trinity on August 16 at 5:30 pm. Anyone interested in Released Time Bible Education is invited to attend this meeting.

The Faith Explorers Class is beginning a study on Paul's letter to the Romans. Anyone not involved with a Sunday school class is invited to join us in room 2 at 10:00 on Sunday. The focus of the study is "Being in a right relationship with God".

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Lois Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Helen Brindle, Margie Castillo, Isem Pennington, and Bill Fischer recovering at home following surgery.

Also, we remember Jim King, nephew of Jo Hammond; Lee Hardin, friend of Darlene Dunlap; Lynn Mills & Ben Slaughter, friends of Evelyn Johnsey; Robert Goolsby, nephew of Evelyn Johnsey; Claire Trowbridge, mother of Ann Bailes; Brooklyn Channelly, friend of Renee Barker; Clara Baker, friend of Renee Barker; Lee & Paula Good, brother-in-law and sister of Susan Jones; Joanne Rinker, aunt of Eric Johnston; Mildred Faulkenberry, mother of Tom Faulkenberry; Frank Seimer, friend of Bill & Marion Fischer; Robert Hammond, nephew of Jo Hammond; Virginia Mitchell, sister of Julie Miller; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Doris Shealy, aunt of Debbie Black; Al McKenzie, cousin of Suzanne Jones.

Our sympathy is with April Smith and her family following the death of her grandmother, Essie Thompson.

Congratulations to Bubba and Patty Farris on the birth of their granddaughter, Logan Ashley Bullins, born on Tuesday, August 2. Leslie and Andy Bullins are the proud parents.

(It is vital that we pray for one another as members of the body of Christ. If you have a prayer request or wish for someone to remain on the prayer list, please let Gene or Jill know. When a prayer request is given, the person will remain on the list for one month. After the month is over, the name will be taken off the list unless another request is made for the name to remain on the list.)

The Mississippi Mission Team is having an after Church lunch to raise gas money for our up-coming trip September 21- 28.

Date of dinner: August 21, 2011

Time: 11:00 until 1:00

Fried Chicken, Green Beans, Buttered Potatoes

Mac and Cheese, Slaw, Fruit, Tomatoes

Doris Thomas's Biscuits, Peach Cobbler, Tea

\$8.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for 11 and under

Hope to see you there!

A Bible study on Revelation is beginning on Wed. Sept. 7 at 6:30 to 7:30. The study will focus on understanding the symbolism and descriptive phrases found throughout the book. Yes, this marvelous book can be understood! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside the conference room. Please join us! No prior knowledge of the book of Revelation is needed.

BACK TO SCHOOL SALES HAVE STARTED! Please remember the 2 PATH Back-To-School projects as you shop the sales. (And remember that we will shop for you. Give donations to the church office.)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: notebook paper and simple back packs
HYGIENE ITEMS for teens: (full sized, please) toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, washcloth.
Items may be placed in the blue PATH bins. **THANK YOU!**

ALICE'S CORNER

Ladies Night Out – the church bus will travel to see the movie "The Help" next Tuesday night August 16. We will meet at the church at 4:40. We will eat supper at John's before the movie. Come join us for a fun night. Call Jill and put your name on the list now!

The moms with school age children have changed their movie time to Sunday afternoon, August 21. (Leann Mellon is the contact person.)

Upcoming events:

August 30-31 Adults – Atlanta Braves Baseball

October 19 – Flat Rock Playhouse – "The Buddy Holly Story" with lunch at Bon Clarcken. Cost \$50 - includes everything.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

- Pictures to be scheduled September 8 through 10. Thursday and Friday 2:30 to 8:00. Saturday 10:00 to 5:00.
- Each family gets a complimentary 8x10 and directory.
- Company will provide coupons for different packages.
- On-line scheduling will be available.
- Shut-ins can submit picture to be included in directory.
- Company sets up an "On-line Community" which is like Face Book for the Church. Profiles include interests and hobbies such as baby sitting. Each family gets a login and password.
- Take your directory picture and then it's a free for all. Take advantage of the opportunity to have different types of pictures taken (i.e. casual, kids, etc).
- Photographer stays with you to the wide screen viewing station where you select your pictures.
- Invite friends to have their pictures taken. They also get a complimentary 8x10.
- 3 Photographers working.
- Need volunteers for host and hostess. Contact Chris Wood at 448-4245.