

Good News Messenger

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From Our Pastor

June starts off with VBS. I think our church always does a great VBS! People come together, work hard and creatively, ready to minister to kids, children and adults. We have, and are praying for everyone involved in VBS. This ministry really requires so much mutual cooperation to make this week a week where teaching and fun take place, but also ministry, sharing the love of Jesus, and helping people understand the salvation message. With so much needed to make VBS a success, when the week is over, everyone is exhausted. This is the kind of exhausted where we just lean back and say to the Lord, “it is well with my soul.”

After VBS comes “Father’s Day.” Sometimes fathers don’t get the recognition they deserve. If fathers weren’t so important to the family, then I suspect there wouldn’t be any. Fathers play a pivotal role in the wellbeing of the family. We should be mindful to wish our fathers a “Happy Father’s Day.”

I would also like to remind you that Monday, June 20th our church hosts the Westfield Baptist Association dinner/meeting. Everyone is invited to come. If you want to eat, let Ann Hardin know, so there will be enough food.

If you think about it, we could easily name June, “ministry month.” I say this because in one way or another, ministry will be taking place. You know, Christians are ministers, so let’s continue ministering in Christ. God Bless!

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In Christ,

John Calio, Pastor



Work began on the parsonage roof last week by J.D. Edwards Roofing and Siding of Mattoon. The roof was in bad need of re-shingling and our insurance company had denied coverage until that work was done. The cost of the roof was \$11,990.00.

All but approximately \$550 was raised in two years through the Harvest Day offering. Harvest day is an on- going fund (you may continue to contribute to the remaining roofing expense) A new project will be determined by Trustees this fall.

Deacon's Corner

June is the big month for weddings. It is also the month to celebrate Father's Day. Think of all the proud fathers as they proudly walk their daughters down the aisle.

The love story of the love Jesus has for His bride, the Church is the most inspiring love story.

Atheists deny God. We believers think of this as foolish thinking; but we also say, think or do things that are unbecoming to God – when we sin- then we are like them, denying He exists. If we willingly do sin against our Lord, we are at least saying He doesn't matter.

God absolutely exists. He reveals Himself as a loving God, approachable, near and

speaking to each of us if we are listening and obeying.

Listen! Be open to His voice. Submit to His authority. Our actions speak louder than words. Let our action show others that God is number one in our lives by our actions and service.

Let's let our actions show we love others much more than ourselves in obedience to Him.

Let us never allow our lives to deny Him by our actions.

Love in Christ, the Deacons
Larry Maguire, Deacon



Repeated experiments prove that when man assumes the facial expressions of a given mental mood – any given mood –then that mental mood itself will follow



VBS – Please pray for our VBS staff, for their strength and their words, and their love for the children. Please pray for all the rotations: snacks, recreation, crafts, music, and for the teachers who are leading those departments. Pray for the weather and for the safety of everyone that comes. Pray for Jon Crask and the adult Bible study class, that they too will discover new truth submerged in the Word of God. Please pray that all our hearts will be softened as we submerge into the truth of God's word this week.

I think Peter says it best, "The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Showing hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace, whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies – in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." 1 Peter 4:7-11 He must have had VBS in mind when he wrote this.

Julie Calio

Vacation Bible School Director



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 5th –
Friday, June 10th

5:45 - 8:15

Agers 3 through adult



Live Wires will meet at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 16th
at the Mattoon Depot Museum. We will tour the

museum and then have lunch at the Downtown Diner. If you don't want to tour the museum, you may meet us at the Diner

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, June 4th

8:30 at Pagliacci's

All Men of the church welcome

Ladies Night Out, Monday, June 13,
2016 at Hunan's at 6:00 p.m.

All Ladies of the church welcome



Awana Club Awards Night

Awana Co-Commanders Andy Weger and Lore Landrus thank all the volunteer Awana workers who met with the kids every Sunday evening this past year. Awana awards were presented to Sparks and T&T and the Youth Awana were introduced by Youth Pastor Mike Sloan at the annual Awana Awards night held May 22nd. Awana does not meet during the summer months, meetings will commence in the fall with a new format.



Music Box

Choir will resume June 12 & 26 at 4:00 p.m. to work on a Fourth of July service. If anyone has something special they

would like to share, please let me know.

The choir will then have the rest of the summer off until September when we'll be starting our Christmas music.

We would love to have you join us. If anyone has a special, a poem, skit, or

testimony he/she would like to share in the services this summer, please let me know.

Thanks,
Julie Calio, Music Director

Outreach

An-nyung-ha-say-yo! (Korean greeting, "Are you at peace?")

I hope the early summer has been good for you. School's out, VBS is around the corner, warmer weather, different schedules for a lot of folks. With vacations, and sporting events, family reunions, and all that summer brings with it, there is a lot of moving around. Sunday School numbers dip and peak depending on who is sick, and who's in town...that is to be expected. Enjoy the things that God has provided, time, family, and the blessings and fruits of your labors (vacation, etc).

In the meantime, be faithful to your church - advertising where ever you are. Invite your friends and neighbors, co-workers and people you run in to daily. Pray for your church family, and the Preacher and his family. Support and remember each other in prayer, and fellowship.

Above all, explore the relationship we can have with Jesus - relish it, expand it, take risks and abandon control to our Sovereign God. Living a life surrendered and overwhelmed by God's Grace - you will look utterly strange to the World, which will be the best possible advertisement for God, and our church. In Romans 12:1-2, Paul calls us to be "living sacrifices", and to "not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of (our) mind".

As a reminder, in OUTREACH, our end objective is not to get people to attend church, or even to Heaven. Our end goal is to introduce people to Jesus. Getting them to church increases the chance that

they'll meet Jesus, and Heaven will be the end result of that...but a relationship with Christ is the most important thing we aspire to share.

BUT...we do invite people to church. It is where non-Christians will hear the word sang and preached. It is where they will see Christ lived out in others' lives (besides yours - that they've already seen). We also get visitors that: 1. Are looking for a church home. 2. Are drawn by God, and are looking for answers, community, etc. 3. Are passing through, on vacation, etc, worshiping with us while traveling. While these are here (at church), we want to welcome them, and make them feel appreciated. To that end, there is a new "thing" in the vestibule / lobby outside the sanctuary: the "Visitor's Table".

The "Visitor's Table" is a place where we can stage brochures and information about our church. As an added bonus, Visitors can also find treats, in the form of pies, cookies, bread, etc (use your imagination), as a way of saying, "Thank you for visiting us, please come back soon..."please read that aloud, as it sounds best in YOUR voice, coming from you.

If you're interested in providing some of these treats, please see myself (Jon Crask, Outreach), or Ann Hardin (Social Committee). The goal is to have about 10 gifts ready each Sunday, to accommodate visiting guests, and give them choices. Immediately following the morning service, guests should be encouraged (and escorted, as necessary) to the Visitor's Table. Have fun with it.

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Left overs would be available for Sunday evening services, for visitors, or for church members to take to a neighbor or friend to invite them to church, or to a church member who is sick or otherwise unable to attend services.

Again, suggestions include small pies, loaves of bread, 1/2 dozen cookies or brownies, but seriously, whatever strikes your fancy. These can be store bought, or home made. Homemade items should be labeled, showing what it is (apple pie, cinnamon bread, oatmeal raisin cookies, etc). If you want to put your name on there as well, you can. The idea is to make people feel welcome, and genuinely care about the folks God is bringing to our church.

With everyone's help, this wouldn't be a burden on anyone. In fact, it should bring joy, serving others, and inviting people to attend our church.

Consider what God would have you do in His work...and do it with gusto.

An-nyung-hi-ka-say-yo ("Go, in peace"),

Jon Crask.
Outreach Director

Bible Trivia

Who led a rebellion against the authority of Moses and the ground swallowed them up?

- A. Molech
- B. Izhar
- C. Aaron
- D. Korah

2) Who took the place of Judas as one of the apostles?

- A. Joseph
- B. Matthias
- C. Justus
- D. Paul

3) The gift of the Holy Spirit that was given in Acts chapter 2 was spoken by which prophet of the Old Testament?

- A. Joel
- B. Daniel
- C. Habakkuk
- D. Malachi

4) Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good _____ of Jesus Christ.

- A. warrior
- B. servant
- C. soldier
- D. apostle

5) Who did Ruth marry after her first husband died?

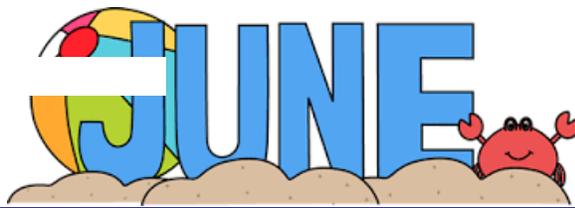
- A. Mahlon
- B. Boaz
- C. Elimelech
- D. Pharez

6) When Hezekiah was sick unto death, what prophet told him that he was going to die?

- A. Ezekiel
- B. Joel
- C. Daniel
- D. Isaiah

7) What sign did God give to Hezekiah so he would know that God would add fifteen years to his life?

- A. The shadow on the sun dial would go back ten degrees
- B. gave Hezekiah great riches
- C. gave Hezekiah great wisdom
- D. made him king of Judah



2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 1:00 p.m. WOM 6:00 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer 6:30 p.m. Youth Pulse	2 4:30 p.m. Trustees	3	4 8:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Breakfast at Pagliacci's
5 9:00 a.m. Sun. Sch. 10:05 a.m. Worship NO 6:00 p.m. Worship VBS Begins	6 VBS	7 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry VBS	8 NO 6:00 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer VBS	9 VBS	10 VBS Family Night	11
12 9:00 a.m. Sun. Sch. 10:05 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Worship Father's Day	13 6:00 p.m. Outreach, Sun. Sch. Comm. Nom. Comm. 6:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out - Hunans	14 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee	15 6:00 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer 6:30 p.m. Youth Pulse	16 11:00 a.m. Live Wires to Depot Museum and to Downtown Diner	17	18
19 9:00 a.m. Sun. Sch. 10:05 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting Father's Day	20 WBA dinner meeting here	21 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	22 6:00 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer 6:30 p.m. Youth Pulse	23	24	25
26 9:00 a.m. Sun. Sch. 10:05 a.m. Worship/Lord's supper 6:00 p.m. Worship	27	28 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry	29 6:00 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer 6:30 p.m. Youth Pulse	30		



Birthdays of the Month

June

—	Christine Leathers	04
	Anna Harrison	05
	Katie McNamer	08
	Judith Bennett	10
	Cheyenne Curry	10
	Margie Smith	11
	Cheryl Fosbender	13
	Gwyn Bennett	14
	Jocelyn Nashland	14
	Coralie Brandenburg	15
	Peyton Fair	16
	Nathan Barrett	18
	John Campbell	18
	Lynn Shaffer	18
	Shelby Pickering	23
	Colleen Drake	23
	Eric Waltrip	29
	Norma Starwalt	30

July

	Rod Clark	01
	Lola Catt	02
	Jon Crask	02
	Martha Crowder	06
	Cassie Fullerton	18
	Catherine Fullerton	18
	Kathleen Gary	16
	Jeannette Matson	17
	Martha Roetker	17
	Macey Nashland	20
	Gloria Colbert	23
	Tim Fosbender	23
	Bill Graham	26
	Judy Lowey	29

Penny For Your Thoughts



fter tucking their three-year-old child Sammy in for bed one night, his parents heard sobbing coming from his room.

Rushing back in, they found him crying hysterically. He managed to tell them that he had swallowed a penny and he was sure he was going to die. No amount of talking was helping.

His father, in an attempt to calm him down, palmed a penny from his pocket and pretended to pull it from Sammy's ear. Sammy was delighted.

In a flash, he snatched it from his father's hand, swallowed, and then cheerfully demanded, "Do it again, Dad!"