

Let's Celebrate

We love to celebrate accomplishments or important moments in life. Such as: birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations. It's good to stop and celebrate the victories. Otherwise, we lose sight of the blessings of God.

We often fail to celebrate the victories in the life of our church. It's not because there are none. It's because there are no moments of pause, moments to reflect and rejoice. We tend to jump from one ministry, season, or emphasis to the next without pause or praise. Let's take a minute and celebrate. Just consider all God has done in the life of our church this year:

- We had a Spirit-filled revival, along with a time of prayer and preparation
- We had a successful VBS
- The youth went on a mission trip to Atlanta
- The kids enjoyed another summer camp
- The church ministered to kids and families in the community during our July outreach
- The ladies had a blessed Tea and Thee and Birds of a Feather Fellowship
- Lawrence and I are about to go to Belarus, with your support and prayers

This does not cover everything but consider how good God has been to us and how faithful you have been!

Your Pastor,

Jason R. McNaughten

Lesson Learned

Recently I finished writing a rough draft of my dissertation. Needless to say, I'd never written a book before. In fact, during the four years I have been in the Ph.D. program, I worried about the length, depth, and intensity of writing a book. Here are some lessons God has taught me during this season of life:

1) **Don't Focus Too Much on the Task.** Whether it's teaching a Sunday School class, cooking a meal for the church, or writing a dissertation, God has called us to serve Him. When we focus only on the enormity of the task, we can become overwhelmed. Instead, trust that if God is calling you to do it, then he can help get you through it.

2) **Work on it Daily.** Sometimes we want to finish a task too quickly. This can lead to sloppy work filled with inaccuracies. Whether you are fixing a car, a roof, or simply doing yard work, many of the tasks we have take time to complete. We must remember that the most difficult, important tasks in life take time to complete.

3) **Don't Forget God.** It is so easy to be doing God's work without spending any time with Him. This was the main problem between Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42). Instead, we must remember to seek first the kingdom of God (Matt 6:33) – He will take care of the rest!

Youth Pastor,

Joshua Peeler



September

2 nd	Paul Hammond	9 th	Carol Johnson
2 nd	Dawn McLin	21 st	Mary Bizette
4 th	Emma McNaughten	29 th	Doc Fulmer
5 th	Ainzley McNaghten	29 th	Holden Wheeler
5 th	Warren Pourciau	30 th	Darrell Lee
8 th	Steve Boudreaux		

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- Polity & Procedure Mtg., Sept. 2, following worship service
- Labor Day, Sept. 3, Office Closed
- Nursing Home Min., Wed., Sept. 5, 1:15PM
- Belarus Mission Trip, Sept. 10-20
- Week of Prayer for State Missions Offering, Sept. 16-23
- Ladies' Bible Study begins Wed., Sept. 19, 9:30AM & 6PM
- La. Baptist Children's Home Collection Date, Thurs., Sept. 27
- Lunch and Business Meeting, Sun., Sept. 30, 12PM

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