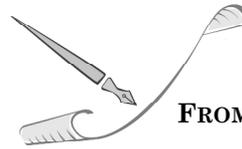


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The Pastor's Pen



FROM THE TRAIL, Rick Page

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

As you read this article, I am somewhere above the treeline in the White Mountains of New Hampshire!

God uses these summer sabbaticals on the Appalachian Trail (AT) to help refresh, recharge, and recalibrate my spirit.

There is nothing like spending time alone with God somewhere out there on a mountaintop. Sometimes the noise, busyness, and pace of life drown out God's still small voice. The silence, solitude, and scenery up there on the AT provides an ideal environment for an encounter with God.

While I am away, I will also be praying for God's direction and guidance not only on a personal level, but also on a corporate level for our church body at The Creek. God has certainly been at work this past year at The Creek and we need to give HIM ALL THE GLORY.

My earnest desire is to seek HIS direction and guidance for us as a church body and to be open to where He may be leading us.

Here are some of the items and needs I will be praying for while up there on those many mountaintops along the AT:

1. God will call, equip, enable, and empower those He wants to serve as new deacon beginning this Fall. God would continue to bless the ministry of the deacons currently serving.
2. God's continued blessings upon our children/Youth Ministries as we begin a new calendar year and that He

would raise up servants to fill the many ministry positions required to help GROW our kids up in CHRIST!

3. God's Spirit to move within the church body to call, equip, and empower those He desires to serve on the many ministries/committees within the church body at The Creek.

4. God's direction, wisdom, and will as the Long Range Planning committee moves forward. That God send a sweet spirit of unity, charity, and cooperation as plans are presented to the church body.

5. God's guidance in how we can be JESUS and serve to meet real needs within OUR community.

6. God's Spirit to move in the hearts of the MEN OF THE CHURCH and for HIM to call us to ACTION.

7. God's continued blessings upon our Baptist Women's and HIM ministries.

8. God's provision for our Backpack Ministry and that He would send us ALL the hungry kids we can feed.

9. God would help us reach/minister to young married couples with kids.

10. God would send our choir seven new members, and musicians for the Creek Band.

11. God will expand our Joy Club.

12. God's power and passion to faithfully preach HIS WORD in and out of season.

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor."
Luke 4: 17-19
(Isaiah 61: 1-2)



Deep Creek Baptist Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, Ministry-focused community of faith committed to serving the LORD Jesus Christ.

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Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for sin. I Peter 2:16

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.



FROM THE TRAIL



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This is by no means an all-encompassing list. Here are two quick thoughts. First, I hope you notice each one begins with GOD. God is indeed our source of strength and provision. All we need to do is to ask, to seek, and to knock. Second, when God meets a need He does not send 10K angel. No, He sends a person or persons to meet that need. So, let me simply ask you to pray along with me up there on the AT and let's see how God will meet these needs within our Church body. You may be the very one He is calling to meet one of these needs. Selah!

I will see YOU at The Creek in August!

In ōHIS Grip,
Rick Page

July Events

- July 1
- July 2 7:00 pm - Long Range Planning Committee meets
- July 3 5:30 pm - Open Gym at Courtney Elementary
- July 4 Celebrate Freedom and Remember
- July 5-8 Middle Schoolers at Camp
- July 8 7:00 pm - HIM
- July 10 5:30 pm - Open Gym at Courtney Elementary
- July 11 7:00 pm - HIM
- July 15 7:00 pm - HIM
- July 17 5:30 pm - Open Gym at Courtney Elementary
- July 18 7:00 pm - HIM
- July 20 Joy Group meets/See bulletin for details.
August Newsletter Info Deadline
- July 21 8:45 am - Deacons Meeting
- July 22 7:00 pm - HIM
- July 24 5:30 pm - Open Gym at Courtney Elementary
- July 25 7:00 pm - HIM
- July 26-29 Children at Camp
- July 28 8:30 am - Church Council meets
Courtney School Donations Deadline
- July 29 7:00 pm - HIM
- July 30 5:30 pm - Open Gym at Courtney Elementary

B i r t h d a y s i n



JULY

6 Vicky Snow	20 Dot Hutchens
8 John Shore	25 Darren Todd
9 Bud Kiger	27 Katlyn Disher
9 Dorothy Vestal	28 Anne Maude Stimson
11 Francis Fulk	29 Lisa Nance
11 Tobie Styers	30 Melissa Black
13 Ann Ray	31 Katie Nance
13 Brittany Shore	
15 Ann Holden	

Church Office Hours

	Monday	10 am - 2 pm
	Wednesday	1 pm - 4 pm
	Thursday	11 am - 3 pm

Be sure to stop by and say ōHi!ö to Judy. Use the side door and ring the bell.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

NURSERY WORKERS

July 7 Mickey Williams & Janet Epley
 July 14 Jimmy & Tami Merrell
 July 21 Bud & Fran Kiger
 July 28 Judy & Hailey Brown
 Aug 4 Debbie Hoots & Cindy Austin
 Aug 11 Alan & Ann Ray
 Aug 18 Robin Robinson & Melinda Cook
 Aug 25 Linda Kent-Hall & Christie Kent



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

CHILDREN'S SERMON/CHURCH

July 7 Collins Sisters
 July 14 Sherry Leftwich
 July 21 Charles & Ann Holden
 July 28 Tammy Smith
 Aug 4 Collins Sisters
 Aug 11 Sherry Leftwich
 Aug 18 Charles & Ann Holden
 Aug 25 Tammy Smith



CONGRATULATIONS!
 to Jason and Rae Smith on the birth of their daughter, Abigail, on Thursday, June 26.

Upcoming Ministry Needs to Pray About
 Volunteers for Children's Sermons
 Children & Youth Sunday School Teachers
 TEAMKID Workers for the fall



You are doing something really, *really* important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant carseat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them.

And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you *beg* your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is so important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about Bible Study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have

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hope that these pews won't be empty in ten years when your kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly color a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echos of Amens just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's one of *those* mornings, I can see your children learning.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know, *it matters*. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people—and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children.

It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that *their* worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we

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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY	
SUNDAY	
Sunday School	10:00 am
Worship	10:55 am
WEDNESDAY	
<i>Open Gym</i> at Courtney Elem.	5:30 pm
Youth Bible study	6:00 pm
NO Adult Bible study. Please consider helping those who minister at Courtney Elem. NO Adult Choir	

Prayer Requests

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16

Nursing Home/Rehab	At Home	At Home cont.
Audrey Chewning	Brooks Blalock - Trish Todd's nephew	Zander Whittaker - Cheyenne's son
June Blunk	Francis Fulk	Plumer Wooten-Sue Brandon's mother
Dwight Leftwich	Melva Gough	Military and Families
Nell McKnight	Jim Lundy	Other: Pastor Rick & Teresa on the Trail
Beulah Stanley	Dixie Moncus - Nadine Moncus's daughter-in-law	
Lois Sencial	Dana Sharpe-Catrina Renegar's niece	
Betty Shore	Pat Shurpe-Katrina Renegar's mother	
Tobie Styers	Whitney Todd-Bobby Todd's niece	
Mary Waller	Sandra Vestal - Marcia D sister	

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wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly timed depending on who you ask) cries and whines are a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family - with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy - are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.

From: <http://iamtotallythatmom.blogspot.ca/2013/05/dear-parents-with-young-children-in.html?m=1>

Shared by Cindy Austin.

Ushers for July

Jul 7	Edsel Allgood	Robin Gough
	Chris Disher	Jody Smith
Jul 14	Lee Cook	J D Hutchens
	Janet Epley	Wayne Renegar
Jul 21	Clyde Hoots	Harrell Todd
	Alan Ray	Ronnie Eads
Jul 28	Edsel Allgood	Billy Vestal
	Bobby Todd	Rosie Lynch

July Deacon of the Month is Kent Brandon (463-5400).

Newsletter Information

Get it Published!

If you have an Event or News you want published in the August Newsletter, please get it to the church office no later than Thursday, July 20.



You can email info to:

secretary@mydeepcreek.com or slide it under the door to the Pastor's Study.