

The Scroll

THE PASTOR'S PEN

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.

Prevent Nature Deficit Disorder proclaimed the banner hanging over the Mid-Atlantic Appalachian Trail Conservatory (ATC) office in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania. My gut response as I saw the banner was, "What's up with that?" Well, I paused for a few moments to check it out and to glean some intelligence from fellow hikers about the trail up ahead. After spending about 30 minutes at the ATC office, it was off to downtown to grab the hiker's special at Café 101. There is nothing like a giant stack of blueberry pancakes and a mountain of home fries to replenish a weary hiker's carbo-deficit after four or five days of intense hiking. I am convinced there will be blueberry pancakes, home fries, and hazelnut coffee in heaven. Amen!

After wolfing down breakfast and drinking gallons of hazelnut coffee, I rummaged through my backpack and found my Bible and paused to reflect on a few Psalms. To my surprise Psalms 19 and 24 came to mind...hmm! Check out David's words in the opening verse of each Psalm: "The Heavens declared the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. (Psalm 19:1); "The Earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." (Psalm 24:1). As I read each Psalm, I wondered if there was some kind of connection with the banner I had seen earlier at the ATC office? In the days ahead on the trail, I thought and meditated about this connection.

By looking at Nature Deficit Disorder (NDD) through my limited lens of sociological, psychological, medical, pedagogical, and theological factors and indicators there certainly seemed to be a connection. Leary of labels, I was determined to check out this connection when returning home from my journey on the Appalachian Trail (AT). Well, you probably have guessed by now that this newsletter article is a summa-

tion of my findings about NDD.

First of all what is NDD? Richard Louv coined the term in 2005 in his book called Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder. Louv contends that children are spending less time outdoors engaging nature. He outlines a bevy of contributing factors: increased consumption of electronic media—like video games, internet, and television that keep kids inside and on the couch; sensational media coverage and parental paranoia have literally scared children straight out of the woods; an over-emphasis on organized sports to the exclusion of simple picnics and hikes with the kids; ever increasing urbanization that crowds out green space, and an ever increasing spiral of busyness that squeezes our engagement with nature out of our lives.

The result of all this has a negative impact on the social, psychological, medical, educational, and THEOLOGICAL development of children. Space does not allow me to fully elaborate. But simply ask yourself: is there any link between the number of hours a child spends watching TV, playing video games, surfing the net, all the while eating sugar-laden snacks and the incidence of diabetes or obesity? Did you know that the average child in the US watches four hours of TV a day? What about playing outside or homework? Did you know that a child in the US will witness 40,000 murders on TV! What about watching a sunrise or sunset? What about just grabbing a fishing pole and heading down to the "ole fishin hole"?

Louv cites several studies to support his contention that there is a major connection between childhood diabetes, obesity and NDD. But that's not all. He also contends that

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FROM THE EDITOR

In the book Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World, Joanna Weaver gives a test of love originally posed by St Augustine: “St Augustine once preached a sermon in which he proposed a kind of self-test to see if we truly love God: Suppose God proposed to you a deal and said, ‘I will give you anything you want. You can possess the whole world. Nothing will be impossible for you....Nothing will be a sin, nothing forbidden. You will never die, never have pain, never have anything you do not want and always have everything you do

want—except for just one thing: you will never see My face.’ Augustine closed with a question: Did a chill rise in your hearts, when you heard the words, ‘you will never see My face’? That chill is the most precious thing in you; that is pure love of God. “(p172)

How about you? How would you answer this question?

The Sovereign LORD is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to ascend to the heights.

Habakkuk 3:19

PRAYER REQUESTS

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At Home
Ivey Epley-Ken Epley's father
Francis Fulk
Ed Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's brother
Esteen Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's mother
Dwight Leftwich-Sherry Leftwich's husband
Dixie Moncus-Nadine Moncus's daughter-in-law
Caroline Myers (child)
Erica Robinson-Freddie and Rhonda Robinson's daughter-in-law
Dana Sharpe-Catrina Renegar's niece

Pat Shupe-Katrina Renegar's mother
Whitney Todd-Bobby Todd's niece
Andy Willard-Ron and Lucille Shore's nephew
Plumer Wooten-Sue Brandon's mother

Nursing Home/Rehab

June Blunk Audrey Chewning
Nell McKnight Lois Sencial
Betty Shore Beulah Stanley
Tobie Styers Polly Todd
Mary Waller

Tommy Shore-John & Geraldine Shore's son

BIRTHDAYS

Aug 1 Jacob Nance
Aug 4 Linda Gough
Bobby Todd
Aug 6 Freddie Robinson
Aug 7 Lindsay Ray
Aug 18 Estee Hoots
Cambria Shore
Aug 21 Debbie Orrell

Aug 27 Sherry Leftwich
Aug 29 Priscilla Eller
Heather Holbrook
Aug 30 Janet Epley
Braelyn Hoots
Aug 31 Woodie Gough
Mickey Williams

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139: 13-14

C H I L D R E N ' S M I N I S T R I E S

	Nursery Workers	Children's Sermon/Church
Jesus said,	Aug 5 Bobby and Rosie Lynch	Aug 5 Collins Sisters
"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."	Aug 12 Debbie and Barry Orrell	Aug 12 Sherry Leftwich
	Aug 19 Kent Brandon and Heather Holbrook	Aug 19 Charles and Ann Holden
	Aug 26 Bill and Lisa Nance	Aug 26 Tammy Smith
	Sept 2 Bobby Todd and Kristy White	Sept 2 Collins Sisters
Matthew 19:14	Sept 9 Lisa Williams and Kelly Keation	Sept 9 Sherry Leftwich
	Sept 16 Alan and Ann Ray	Sept 16 Charles and Ann Holen
	Sept 23 Jimmy and Tami Merrell	Sept 23 Tammy Smith
	Sept 30 Bud and Fran Kiger	Sept 30 Rick Page

Supplies for Courtney School

Courtney School is asking for our help to provide school supplies for the children at Courtney School. All kinds of supplies are needed; now is the ideal time to purchase these supplies at sale prices. A large need is for copy paper; please donate money for the copy paper since Bobby Todd can purchase cases of paper at Staples for a reduced price. All supplies and money should be given by Aug 5. Please bring the supplies to church and place them in the parlor.

Choir Kick-Off

The Adult Choir of Deep Creek Baptist Church will have its fall kick-off on Wednesday, August 1st at 7:20 pm. We'll begin learning some new fall songs and begin working on the Christmas Program. As a new event this year, the Adult Choir will be also presenting a live nativity service sometime during the month of December. We're always looking for new members, so come join us. If you're not sure what part you sing or not sure how to read music, we can help. We always have fun so take this opportunity to get involved and serve the Lord by singing with an awesome group. Immediately after choir, stick around for an Ice Cream social.

Joy Group

The Joy Group will be enjoying an outing to Kamrick's Marketplace Mall and lunch. We will leave the church parking lot at 9:15 am and will return by 2:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join our seniors for fun and fellowship. Please let Mae Burcham know at 679-8566 if you plan to attend.

Ushers

- Aug 5 Lee Cook, Janet Epley,
Woodie Gough, Rosie Lynch
- Aug 12 Ann Holden, Clyde Hoots,
Tami Merrell, Randy Watson
- Aug 19 Edsel Allgood, Teddy Hoots,
Bobby Todd, Harrell Todd
- Aug 26 Lee Cook, Chris Disher,
JD Hutchens, Jody Smith

Backpack Ministry

The backpack ministry will resume in-September.

He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me. Mark 9:36-37

Wednesday Night Supper

Our Wednesday night supper before Bible Study will resume the first Wednesday night in September. To help with costs, we are asking each Sunday School class and organization to take turns providing a soup, salad, and dessert for the first Wednesday night supper each month. The youth will kick-off September with a cook-out; for September only the donations given for the suppers will be used to help finance Impact Yarkin 2013.

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Newsletter submission

If you have information that you would like to have in the church newsletter, please email it to Teresa Page at teresa.w.page@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to 309 Pine Valley Rd, Yadkinville, NC 27055. The deadline for submission will be the 20th of the month prior to publication. Thank-you for your help!

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

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| July 31–Aug 3 | Children at Look Up Lodge | Sept 1 | \$100 deposit due for Youth participating in Impact Yadkin 2013 |
| Aug 2 | HIM 7 pm | Sept 4 | HIM 7 pm (day change) |
| Aug 5 | Communion | Sept 14– 15 | Youth Yard Sale |
| | Deacon Selection | Sept 23 | Homecoming |
| Aug 6 | Him 7 pm | Sept 23-26 | Revival |
| Aug 9 | HIM 7 pm | Oct 1 | Deposit due for anyone attending Look Up Lodge |
| Aug 13 | HIM 7pm | | |
| Aug 16 | HIM 7pm | | |
| Aug 18 | Block Party 6 pm | | |
| Aug 19 | Deacon Meeting 8:45 am | | |
| | Baptist Men 6 pm | | |
| | Baptist Women 6 pm | | |
| Aug 20 | HIM 7 pm | | |
| Aug 21 | Joy Group 9:15 am - 2:20 pm | | |
| Aug 23 | HIM 7 pm | | |
| Aug 25 | Deacon's training | | |
| Aug 27 | HIM 7 pm | | |
| Aug 30 | HIM 7 pm | | |

Youth News

The annual Youth Yard Sale will be September 14 and 15. The Yard Sale will be held inside both days. If you would like to donate items, need items picked up, or want to help in any way, please see Jody or Tammy Smith. The funds raised will be used for youth missions and camp.

Impact Yadkin 2013 will be June 8–15. A \$100 deposit is due by September 1 for any youth planning to participate. Please see Jody or Tammy Smith if you would like to participate or help in any capacity.

The deposit for Look Up Lodge is due by October 1; please see Tammy Smith for details.

Long Range Planning Committee Update

The Long Range Planning Committee has continued to meet and has developed a Request For Proposal (RFP) to be sent to 4 different architectural firms in the area who have worked on renovations of churches. The RFP was sent out in early July and those architects who wish to submit a proposal will respond by August 1st.

Following are items that are being addressed in the RFP:

Education Building

- New HVAC system including ductwork and equipment
- New bathrooms on lowest level
- Remove all paneling on walls and replace with painted drywall including furring and covering exposed masonry walls (all 3 levels)
- Remove all ceiling tiles, lay-in ceilings and dropped soffits (if possible) and replace with painted drywall (all 3 levels)
- Cover all existing tile floors with wood laminate or alternative flooring
- Replace all windows
- Replace all doors with solid core wood or metal doors
- Renovate kitchen adjusting space as needed
- Replace existing 3rd level fire escape
- Review use of storage areas and incorporate into plan

Fellowship Hall

- New HVAC system including ductwork and equipment
- Remove all paneling on walls and replace with painted drywall
- Remove all ceiling tiles, lay-in ceilings and dropped soffits (if possible) and replace with painted drywall including furring and covering exposed masonry walls
- Cover existing tile floor with new, heavy-duty tile floor or an alternative
- Replace all windows
- Replace all doors with solid core wood or metal doors
- Replace all lighting
- Install new movable partitions to divide the existing space for use as a large classroom, but also allow set-up of remaining space for meals
- Waterproof below grade walls of Fellowship Hall
- Explore possibility of LCD projector mounted to ceiling for projection onto one of the exterior walls and a sound system
- Review use of storage areas and incorporate into place

The intent for all of the first phase of the renovations is to use the existing exterior walls.

As information comes in, the committee will continue to keep you informed.

NDD is a contributing factor in the epidemic of ADD/ADHD and depression among children. Here is what Louv says, "It is a problem because kids who don't get nature time seem to be prone to anxiety, depression, and attention deficit problems." In regards to ADHD, Louv cites a study by the University of Illinois that "shows that children with ADHD demonstrate greater attention after a 20 minute walk in a park than after a similar walk in a downtown area or a residential area."

Well, all this is great, but what does it have to do with theology? The answer is everything. Nature is GOD's general revelation. Just read the Psalms and you will see that it is in nature that GOD reveals His presence. Now, I am not a pantheist, a nature worshiper. No, I am a panentheist, one who sees GOD the Creator in HIS creation. Can you see where all the pieces of the puzzle fit?

Dr. Wayne Grudem tells us that, "people can obtain a knowledge that God exists and knowledge of some of His attributes simply from observation of themselves and the world around them." Recall what David wrote in Psalm 19:1, "The Heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands." All of creation is pointing to GOD the Creator!

Nature deficit disorder does not only impact children. As adults when our lives become so busy and wrapped up in the warp speed of life, we lose the ability to see GOD in HIS general revelation called creation. Likewise, when our lives become so consumed by the need for the multi-media stimulation of TV, cell phones, video games, or the internet, we lose the ability to see GOD in HIS general revelation called creation. The end result is we miss out on seeing the majesty of God in His creation.

God designed man to be hard-wired to interact with nature but that doesn't mean you have to be an outdoor person to fully appreciate God's creation. Simply taking time for a walk in the park, planting a garden or just sitting on your back porch reflecting on God's wonderful creation will do. What is important is making and taking the time to spend with God and His creation. Selah, meditate upon this!