

I hope you all have maintained spry throughout the month of July. We have enjoyed wonderful weather, and many have been able to partake of the harvest of many wonderful farms here in the area. God is so good, He reminds us of His goodness on a daily basis.

During the month of July, we had Church in the Park! We had a wonderful time of worship, fellowship and a little relaxation. I want to thank all of you who participated and all the helpers that made this event possible. It looks as though this will be a new tradition for our church.

In last month's newsletter, I committed to continue explaining the purpose of Christ's parables in the New Testament.

Christ's parabolic teaching had dual purposes. For the most part, Christ desired to reveal God's truth to His disciples. Most of His parables were obvious, with no need for further explanation. But there were a couple of complicated parables, the parable of the Sower and the parable of the Wheat and the Tares, wherein the disciples needed further help to understand the context of these stories.

Jesus was well aware of the dynamics of His audience when He taught. Mostly, His audiences were broken into two groups; those who truly wanted to know the truth and those who were opposed to the truth.

To the group not interested in the truth, Christ's message was made unavailable, making it impossible for them to understand the meaning of His lessons. Many people today are blinded to the truth because they are not interested in its validity. They have become accustomed to living in bondage. Read II Cor. 4:3-4 for more understanding on this topic.

We will continue this study in the next newsletter. I pray God will continue to bless our church as we continue to serve Him and please Him with our lives.

Your friend in Christ,

Pastor Tim



Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm



Wednesday Evening  
Family Dinner - 5:00 pm  
Bible Study - 5:45 pm  
Choir Practice - 6:30 pm

## Church in the Park/Picnic

Church in the park was a first for me  
It's a fun way of spreading God's love to the community  
Held at Kennedy Park it wasn't too far  
Remember – we are the church wherever we are  
Shauna led us in music and a campfire song  
When Jane did splish splash I was doing it all wrong!  
Sue made her attempt at being a fountain  
Then Pastor talked about the Sermon on the Mountain  
The lesson was short – he didn't talk a bunch  
And when it was over we had a picnic lunch

There was lots of food – plenty to go around  
And it didn't matter if some spilled on the ground  
A train ride was had by an adventurous few  
Even Eldora took a ride on it too!  
Spreading God's word doesn't take much  
Just a smile, say hi, or give a personal touch  
You never know you could drop that one seed  
That could brighten someone's day and be what they need. I thank everyone who helped with this day and thanks to God; for this I will pray.

## Women on Mission

Come and join us on August 16th. We will have a pot luck brunch and learn about another ministry. We will be packing backpacks for the Afghan community for Tim Fortescue. Hope you can make it.

## Operation Christmas Child

For the month of August we are asking for educational supplies such as felt-tip pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, coloring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case and stickers. Cash donations are needed to help pay for shipping of the boxes. We also need shoe boxes.

## A Golden Opportunity Awaits YOU! - Trunk or Treat

On October 31st, the Missions and Fellowship Committees are sponsoring a "Trunk or Treat" event. This will be held in the parking lot that connects Taco Bell and Walmart on Hesperian Blvd, near the church. Both Walmart and Taco Bell are open to us holding this event. We need help from our church members who are willing to serve our Lord in this noble outreach event. We are looking for folks, with cars or trucks to decorate and open their trunks to give away candy to the kids.

The time will be from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on October 31st Halloween night. This is an opportunity to spread the word about our church and reach our community. **This event cannot be done without the support of our people.**

## Block Party Event

On Saturday, November 1st we will be having a Block Party event. The Block Party trailer from the association has been reserved, we will have two jump castles and various children's games. We needed church members to guard the jump castles and facilitate the games.

**Sign up on the bulletin board TODAY!**

## "Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

**Devon Henesley** - Grandson of Jean Johnson  
**Branch** - Navy **Rank** - 2nd Class  
**Assignment** - Virginia Beach

**Megan Hines** - Daughter of Pastor Tim and Donna Hines - **Branch** - Marines  
**Rank** - LC- **Assignment** - South Carolina

**Joshua Woolworth** - Nephew of Chery Hanna  
**Branch** - Navy **Rank** - Basic Training  
**Assignment** - Great Lakes, Illinois

**Brandon Woolworth** - Nephew of Chery Hanna  
**Branch** - Air force **Rank** -  
**Assignment** - Tucson, Arizona



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## August Calendar

6th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
 7th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
 10th - Pastor Appreciation Day - 1:00 pm  
 11th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am  
 12th - Church Wide Visitation - 5:30 pm  
 13th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
 14th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
 16th - Women on Mission - 10:00 am  
 20th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
 21st - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
 23rd - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am  
 24th - Sunday School Training Follow-Up - 5:00 pm  
 25th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am  
 26th - Church Wide Visitation - 5:30 pm  
 27th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
 28th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
     - Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm  
 31st - Lord's Supper - 6:00 pm

## Happy Birthday

2nd - Cindyann Lucas  
 7th - Shirley Halbach  
 10th - Robbie Currie  
 10th - Jane Thornell  
 17th - Janie Huffman  
 24th - Al Thornell, Jr.  
 29th - Joy Lee

## Happy Anniversary

10th - Mike & Barbara Trimble  
 18th - Bob & Caryl Shaw  
 28th - Ambrosio & Ofelia Agbayani  
 28th - Charles & Diane Varady

## Our Doors are Open

Come join us each week as we open our doors for worship, teaching, fellowship and discipleship training.

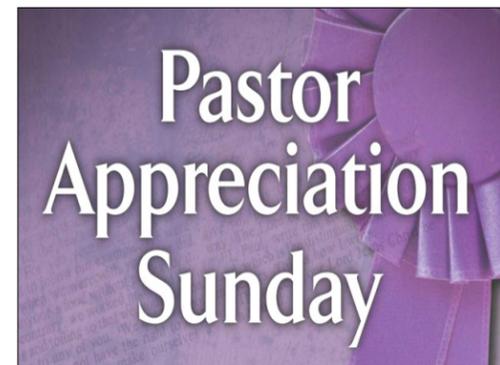
Each Sunday our doors are open at 8:30 am for a time of fellowship around the coffee pot. Starting at 9:30 am we have a time of Bible study and then at 10:45 am we begin our weekly Sunday morning service.

Our Sunday morning services burst with energy as our worship leader leads the congregation to praise and worship our God and our Savior Jesus Christ. Our pastor is committed to preaching dynamic sermons proclaiming the truth of God's word to our hearts.

In the same fashion, our pastor has dedicated our Sunday evening fellowship time to focus on the Old Testament book of Daniel. The book of Daniel is an enchanting study; it is chock full of mystery, suspense, action and faith. Please make plans to attend these evening sessions, as they will enlighten and encourage you in your daily walk with the Lord.

Our doors are open each Wednesday evening. Our fellowship begins with a meal at 5:00 pm in our fellowship hall. Following the meal, we gather in the auditorium for our midweek Bible study. We have been methodically working our way towards the book of Revelation. Our study, so far, has been scholarly, historical, educational and informative. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this wonderful study.

Please make plans to attend all of the weekly events sponsored by your church. Remember, our doors are open!



You are all invited to come celebrate Pastor Appreciation Sunday August 10th at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served following the morning worship service at the home of Bob and Caryl Shaw.

Come see what we have planned. If you intend to come, please sign up. If you would like to bring a dish, please add it to the list on the bulletin board in the hallway.

We encourage all to bring a card for Pastor Tim, to remind him we appreciate his service to the Lord's work here at our church.