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Have you seen the emails that circulate over and over again about things like cell phone companies releasing all of our numbers to telemarketers or Congress passing legislation that would stop all religious broadcasting or passing a tax on all emails? These are all false and have been shown to be false over and over again; yet every few years they resurface with great vigor and are passed by well meaning and concerned people. Sometimes these people are so convinced of the truth of these tales that they fight and resist any attempt to point out the fallacy of the information.

We also get defensive about many issues to the point of escalating anger and discord among former friends and associates. We have forgotten how to converse and discuss without passing judgment upon the person taking a different understanding of whatever issue is being discussed.

In the June 1, 2010 issue of *The Christian Century*, page 45, Rodney Clapp's column "American Soundings" discusses the history of the jeremiad (a lament or tale of woe) as a way of calling people back to their senses during times of great division. He quotes Abraham Lincoln's second Inaugural Address of March 4, 1865.

"Both read the same Bible to the same God, and each invokes His aid against the other. It may seem strange that any men should dare to ask a just God's assistance in wringing the bread from the sweat of other men's faces, but let us judge not, that we be not judged. The prayers of both could not be answered. That of neither has been answered fully. The almighty has His own purposes."

Both sides in the Civil War committed terrible crimes against innocents as well as against soldiers. As Christians, to demand that God be on our side in all matters trends toward childishness. We are instructed over and over in the Bible to love one another and to seek justice and do kindness to each other. Yet we still insist that we know exactly what God wants of us on every topic and that God's wrath should be poured out upon those who disagree. In fact, the idea that they disagree with us shows how ungodly they truly have become. The North prayed for a defeat of the South and the South prayed for the defeat of the North. Although history declares that the North won, looking at the cost to lives in the entire nation and the ongoing struggle for real freedom and justice for everyone throughout the whole nation, I venture that the victory declared by the Union was bittersweet and still incomplete.

In Lincoln's words, we find the pattern for discourse among Christians as well as US citizen's over issues that divide us. Pray to God and ask for guidance while accepting that God's answer will not always be exactly what we have asked of God. Pray that God's answer will challenge each side to strive for deeper understanding while still demanding that we love each other as God first loved each of us. Listen to the Grace of God and not the vitriol of the media that we might all be seen as Christians by our love.

Shalom, *Darrell*

AUGUST ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in August are: Elders: Charlie & Sara Hebenstreit and Deacons: Dawn McReynolds, Kyle McReynolds, Jessica Hebenstreit and Mitchell Thompson.

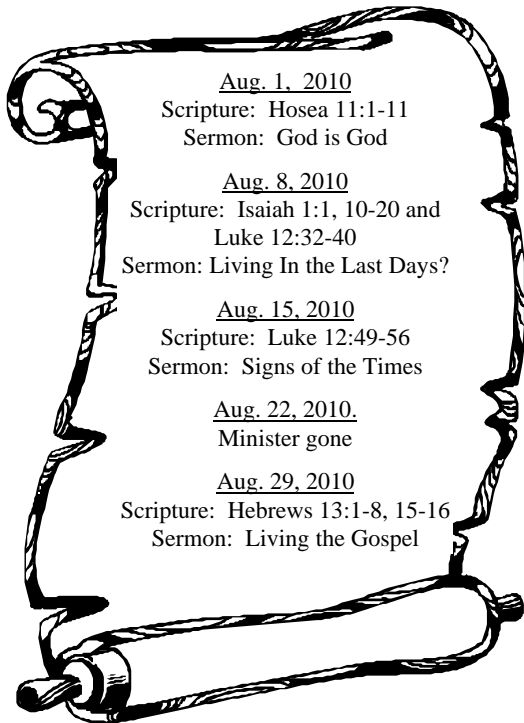


Don & Fred Lawhun
 Vera Levesque
 Howard Jordan
 Mary Ellen Foland

LUNCH BUNCH



The Lunch Bunch met on July 14th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Corey & Juanita Gunnin and Gavin Edmondson, Curtis & Nadine Scaggs, Winona Smith and Lonnie & Margaret Hicks. We really missed those who could not join us and hope you can be with us the next time we get together. We will meet again on August 11th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet.



Welcome
 Our New
 Members

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

On June 13th Savanna Gowin became a member of our church family. She was born on March 7, 1998 and goes to Thomson Middle School where she will begin the 7th grade in the Honor Program. Her favorite subject in school is Science. After graduation she wants to go to the School of Art and Design in Savannah, GA to pursue her dream of being a fashion designer or an interior designer. She loves to draw and read Biographies, Poetry and Fiction. She loves to play tennis and loves animals.

Taylor Austin Hicks will be baptized in a couple of weeks. He was born August 2, 1995 in Macon. He is on the Speed Skate Team of Warner Robins. He also enjoys playing baseball. Taylor will be in the 9th grade at Northside High School. He also looks forward to going to Camp this summer.

NURSERY ATTENDENTS

August 1	Mike Hurlbert
August 8	Juliet Nolde
August 15	Gidget Hurlbert
August 22	Jo Smith
August 29	



CMF BREAKFAST

Our next breakfast will be on September 4th at 8:00 a.m. Please remember to join us for a delicious breakfast and fellowship.



Church Pantry Needs

Paper towels
 Toilet paper
 Large Divided foam plates
 Sugar
 Dish Soap
 All Purpose spray cleaner

Please help us by labeling the bag or items you would like to donate!

Example: Church Pantry
 Local Food Pantry
 Safe House
 Hearts to Heroes



CWF GRACE GROUP

We will resume our monthly meetings on Sept. 16th at 6:00 with a covered dish meal.



CWF M&M GROUP

The M&M group is taking the summer off and will resume their meetings in Sept.



FOOD PANTRY PROJECT

Our church helps support our local food pantry which serves about 90 families in our area every week. Please bring a few cans, jars, or packages of non-perishable food to church at least once a month to help people who really need extra help during these bad economic times.



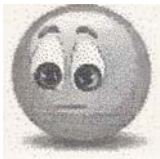
SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

- Paper products
- Cleaning supplies
- Laundry soap,
- Bleach & fabric softener
- Large trash bags

God Said No!



I asked God to take away my habit. God said "No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up."



I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said "No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary."



I asked God to grant me patience. God said "No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted; it is learned."



I asked God to give me happiness. God said "No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you. "



I asked God to spare me pain. God said "No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me."



I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said "No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful."



I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said "No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things."



I asked God to help me love others, as much as He loves me. God said..."Ahhh, finally you have the idea."

May God Bless You,

To the world you might be one person,
But to one person you just might be the world.

May the Lord Bless you and keep you,
May the Lord make His face shine upon you, and give you Peace....Forever.

Good friends are like stars...You don't always see them, but you know they are always there.

August 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><i>Sue Kidd</i> <i>Bill Daviss</i></p> <p>4:00 ChiRho/CYF</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Cabinet & Board Meetings 6:45 & 7:30 <i>Taylor Hicks</i> <i>Kathy Lawson</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Denny & Brenda</i> <i>McReynolds</i></p>
<p>8</p> <p>4:00 ChiRho/CYF</p>	<p>9</p> <p><i>Christopher & Megan</i> <i>Von Almen</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bible Study 7:00 8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel <i>Del & Juanita</i> <i>Von Almen</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>2:00 Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Fellowship Dinner 6:00</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>John Wilkinson</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Ben & Doreen</i> <i>Campbell</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Stephen Harper</i> <i>Dwight Davis</i> <i>Chuck Hebenstreit</i></p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>4:00 ChiRho/CYF</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Sara Hebenstreit</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Vesta Wilkinson</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Irv Shaw</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>David Von Almen</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Tom & Linda Gilmer</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Mike & Mary Jane</i> <i>Rogers</i></p>
<p>29</p> <p>"Feed My Sheep Sunday" 4:00 Chi Rho/CYF <i>Shannon Bosarge</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</p>				

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TODAY

- Today, I will delete from my journal two days: yesterday and tomorrow. Yesterday was to learn from and tomorrow...well that will be the consequence of what I can do today.
- Today, I will face life with the sure knowledge that this day will never return.
- Today, is the last opportunity I have to live intensely, as no one can assure me that I will see tomorrow's sunrise.
- Today, I will be brave enough not to let any opportunity pass me by; my only alternative is to succeed.
- Today, I will invest my most valuable resource: my time in the most transcendental work, my life.
- Today, I will spend each minute passionately, to make today a different and unique day in my life.
- Today, I will defy every obstacle that appears on my way, trusting I will succeed.
- Today, I will resist pessimism, and will conquer the world with a smile and a positive attitude of always expecting the best.
- Today, I will make every ordinary task a sublime expression.
- Today, I will have my feet on the ground understanding reality and the stars' gaze, and thus will invent my future.
- Today, I will take the time to be happy and will leave my footprints and my presence in the hearts of others, not just in the seconds of time.
- Today, you are invited to begin a new season where we can dream that everything we undertake is possible, and we fulfill that dream with joy and dignity.



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