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August means that summer is fully upon us now and we need to keep our Sunday attendance up. Let's be busy about inviting people to Sunday School and also let's be faithful in our own attendance. Also, let's not forget our Sunday and Wednesday night services. We need to be in God's house this summer and bask in the "Sonshine!"

*From the
Pastor*

Following is a little thing I found entitled "Seven Steps Toward Saving the Summer for the Savior."

1. *Faithful Attendance:* "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25)..
2. *Active Participation:* "Grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15-16).
3. *Greater Effort:* "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).
4. *Intensified Visitation:* "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in" (Luke 14:23).
5. *Renewed Concern:* "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35).
6. *Regular Giving:* "On the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered" (1 Corinthians 16:2).
7. *Continued Growth:* "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

Let me also remind you that our Nominating Committee is working to finish up filling positions for the new church year. Please prayerfully consider any position in which you may be asked to serve. It is important that everyone take an active part in the life of our congregation. We can only be effective as each one assumes a place of service for the Lord.

I realize that over the next few weeks that some will be taking that last bit of vacation before school starts back, but let's work at building our attendance. Look around and see who is missing and give them a call and encourage them.

Bro. JC

Church Library News

August - LIBRARY NEWS

When we keep our eyes on God our lives fall into place.

Since God gets the glory

1. We are more comfortable leaving our lives with Him to work in His time
2. Our love grows to cover others
3. It's easier to help others because we are serving Him
4. Using our gifts is not difficult, but a privilege.

The benefits are endless when the glory goes to God. Matthew 6:13, *Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.*

Here are a few books from our Library:

Every Knee Shall Bow by Joan Winnmill Brown. This book will help you experience the joy of His presence in your life. It will bring you closer to the Lord and strengthen your faith. This timeless collection of writings and thoughts about Jesus offers a chance to view Jesus through the eyes of Christians who have enjoyed personal relationship with Him.

The Darkness and the Dawn by Charles Swindoll. The promise of this book is the bedrock reality that suffering brings us to the grace of God. Through pain and illness, through mistreatment and unfairness, great character emerges. When we contemplate the Cross and the Resurrection together, as the author does in this book, then we see clearly that the path through the darkness can lead us to the dawn.

Power of the Cross by Tim Lahaye. Many people think of the cross as a symbol of what Jesus did for us nearly 2000 years ago. However, the author reveals through amazing stories that the cross is far more: it can change the course of your life today. Discover how God is at work around the world redeeming broken lives and making them whole. Every story is unique, yet all have one thing in common; new life begins at the cross.

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

August Birthdays

- 1 Shelia Chitwood
- 2 Betty Gentry
Addison Burns
- 4 Zachary Sharp
- 6 Kathy King
- 7 Andy Burdett
Britton Duncan
Eva Terrillion
- 8 Sharon Brawner
Chance Bland
- 10 Robert McArto
Bobby Whisnant
Brent Johnson
Amy Howland
- 13 Chase Pullen
- 14 Sharon Grace
- 15 Julie Hull
Bri Guirguis
- 16 Misti Bosher
- 17 Michelle Barnes
- 19 Lauren Bailey
- 20 Martin Welch
- 21 Keith Groves
Pam Anderson
- 22 Carl Dorminey
- 24 Amos Jarman
- 27 Tom Hagerty
Fabienne Apollon
- 28 Heather Blevins
- 31 Vicki James

*Happy Birthday
to You!*



From the Church Office

The 10 Commandments of Social Media (Facebook, etc.)

Social media connects us virtually with people from the various geographical and temporal periods of our lives. Our friends and followers have personalities and values that stretch to the edges of society. Some are liberal, others are conservative; some believe in God while others don't. We, as Christians, want to influence people for good. **So, here are The 10 Commandments of Facebook Communications** to help you speak truth and show love.

1. **Thou Shall Keep Facebook Light.** People post pictures of their kids here. They didn't sign up for political and/or cultural debates.
2. **Thou Shall Watch Thy Typing.** Everything you say can and will be used against you. You can't solve every problem or answer every argument so stick to the issues, and don't start ranting.
3. **Thou Shalt Not Be Rude.** Making one set of friends laugh is not worth offending the rest of your friends. Vulgarity, being disrespectful and condescending attitudes aren't Fruit of the Spirit.
4. **Thou Shall Remember a Soul is Behind That Screen Name.** Don't say anything online you wouldn't say to someone in person. Treat people as those whom Jesus loves.
5. **Thou Shalt Not Forget Thou May Be Wrong.** You are not the arbiter of absolute truth; Jesus is. None of us are right about everything. We don't even know the things we've got wrong.

6. **Thou Shall Speak More In Person Than Online.** Some things are better said in person. Body language and tone of voice are just as key in communicating that the words used. Harsh truth flows better in a loving atmosphere created by a warm tone and gentle posture.

7. **Thou Shall Remember That People Don't Hear What You Say.** People filter comments through their own paradigms, experiences and emotions, so be careful with your words. What you say may not be what they hear.

8. **Thou Shalt Not Hold Back Truth, But Don't Cast Your Pearls Before Swine.** We can't be afraid to share what we believe, but we don't have to share everything with everyone at anytime. Keep your conversation filled with the clear message of love expressed in Christ.

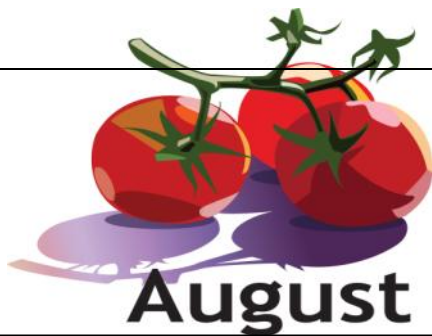
9. **Thou Shall Taketh Your Time To Respond.** A quick response is not always best. Type your thoughts, but don't send them. If you're angry, don't respond quickly or you may regret what you've said.

10. **Thou Shall Forgive Freely.** Forgive often. Many people say things on Facebook that they are not strong or brave enough to say in person.

What do you think? Are there any you would add?

Paula, Ministry Assistant

***Thanks to ACS Technologies Ministry Leadership for these suggestions.*



2015

August

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
 Sunday School - 8:45 am
 Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:00 pm
 Discipleship Training - 5:00 pm
 AWANA - 5:30 - 7:00 pm (Sept.-May)
 Worship & Youth Svc. - 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Children in Action - 6:30 pm
 Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm
 Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm
 Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm
 Instrumental Rehearsal

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Deacons' Meeting

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First Day of School in Maury County

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6:30pm Prayer Mtg.

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9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study

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First Day of School in Williamson County

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8 am Men's Breakfast

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Back to School
Cook-out

 5:30-7 PM Youth Back to School Cookout

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10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship

6:30pm Business Mtg.

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9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study

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8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast

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September Newsletter Articles due in office

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6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.

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9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study

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6:30 pm Family Connection 2nd Annual Water Night

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Awana®
 5:30-7 PM AWANA Registration Event

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6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.

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9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study

Aug. 27-28 -Moving Crew Needed - See Jim Fultz

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National FAITH Riders Rally
Talladega, AL - Aug. 28-30



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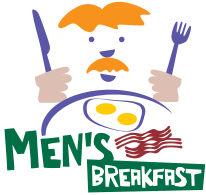
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10 am Steve Holland leading in Worship
 Covered dish Dinner
No Evening Services

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The Church in Action



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, August 8
8:00 am

All men & boys invited
(Fellowship Hall)

Ladies' Breakfast
Saturday, August 15,
8:30 am
In the Fellowship Hall—bring
a breakfast dish to share

Speaker:
Vivian Ihim (part 2)



Ladies' Breakfast



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, August 12
10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

AWANA Registration Event
Sunday, August 23, 5:30 - 7 pm
(More info to come via email and
Sunday bulletin)



Special 5th Sunday Worship Service



August 30, 10 am

featuring

Steve Holland

Steve and his family live in Lawrenceburg, TN. He will be leading in worship, then we will move to the Fellowship Hall for a Covered Dish Dinner.

Don't Miss this Special Time of Music,
Worship and Fellowship!

(There will be NO evening activities)



Family

Connection

****Friday, August 21st, 6:30 pm.** It's our annual cookout and water fun night!! Join us for Burgers and dogs and various water themed activities. Bring your camp chairs because the party is outside! Sign up for food and a water slide shift on the bulletin board in the lobby. Questions? Contact Julie Hull (615.476.9522 or juliehull@live.com). Family Connection at FBC is a group of young(ish) families who come together for fellowship and fun. We purpose to love, support and pray for each other. Come join us!



Lifeline Memory Verses 2015 August Verses

August 3-9: Romans 12:1-2, *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

August 10-16: 2 Timothy 3:16, *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*

August 17-23: Hebrews 4:16, *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

August 24-30: Matthew 25:40, *And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."*

Christmas in August! During the month of August, the **Children in Action** are collecting gifts for North American missionaries. Six missionary families - one each in Hawaii, Colorado, British Columbia, Illinois, Missouri and Utah have requested gift cards to use for purchasing items they need for their ministry centers and to help their communities. Please purchase a gift card from Lowe's, Home Depot or WalMart in any amount and place it in the **Christmas in August box in the lobby**. The Children In Action will be writing letters and mailing the gift cards at the end of the month. **Thank You!**



Sunday, August 9th, BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT 5:30 - 7 pm. We will have a good time with hamburgers and hot dogs with all the cookout fixins, as well as some fun backyard games.

Future Growth Funding
\$150,395.24 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
\$377,862.72 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

