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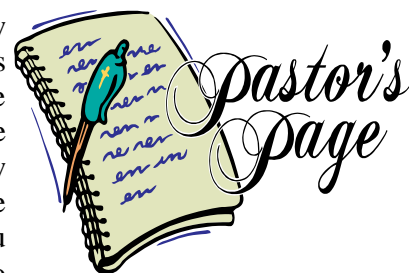
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As we enter the month of September our new Sunday School teachers will begin their duties. It has been said that the Sunday School stands as the creative center from which all of the organizations of the church are fed and strengthened. As begin our new church year, we need to remind ourselves of the importance of coming to Sunday School. If you haven't been attending Sunday School, I ask you to consider joining a class.



When you read the New Testament you discover that the church is here for a reason. God has a purpose and plan for the church in general, but also for our church in particular. What is our mission as a body of believers? I believe that we have three tasks to perform as a body of believers. We are to evangelize the sinner, edify the saint, and exalt the Savior. That is our purpose and mission in capsule form. The Sunday School is the primary organization that helps us to accomplish those tasks.

For example, evangelizing the sinner. Did you know that you are more likely to win a person to Christ through Sunday School more than any other program or ministry? In Sunday School they hear the stories of Christ and the early church. They are taught about the grace of God and the need of a person to accept Christ as Lord and Savior of their life.

Edifying the saints simply means that, as a church, we have the task of building up believers. It is in Sunday School that we learn the basic truths about God and His Word. The Word of God tells us what is right and what is not right. It tells us how to get right and how to stay right. As we study the Word we become Christians who are mature, balanced, complete, and ready to serve God.

Sunday School Also helps us exalt the Savior. Usually we think of exalting the savior as a part of worship. But where does a person first learn how to concentrate on spiritual truths and express his love for God? It is in the small groups of Sunday School classes that children, youth, and adults are taught the "how to's" of worship.

Let's recommit ourselves to our Sunday School. It will be only as strong as we make it. We need to pray for it, join it, attend it, and work in it! Commit yourself to bringing people to Sunday School every week. Not only is it an easy thing to do, but it may change their life!

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Church Library News

September - College Days

Many of us have children (or as they like to be called, Young Adults) going away to college. Most of them can't wait to go, but it's often a time of concern for parents. We raise them to be Christians, but we know they will encounter temptation and also peer pressure they don't have at home. We also raised them to know Jesus Christ so we have to let go and let Jesus take over.

However, it's our prayers and God's love that will guide them to do the right thing. Let's all pray for our children and grandchildren, at home or away, to walk with the Lord.

Here are a few books from our Library:

Because He Loves Me by Elyse M. Fitzpatrick. This book will provide hope and a desperately needed supply of "spiritual oxygen" to many Christians who have lost sight of what they have and who they are in Christ, and are struggling to live a life they can never live apart from Him.

The Power of a Promise Kept by Gregg Lewis. In these pages are true stories of a few individuals - men just like you - who put their promise keeping into action every day and have found hope, encouragement, and healing. Their struggles are the same as yours. And their victories can be ours as well. Be a man willing raise the standard, and you, too, will experience the Power of a Promise Kept.

When God Whispers Your Name by Max Lucado. He knows your name. In fact, your name is written on the hand of God (Isa. 49:16). Quite a thought, isn't it? Your name on God's hand, your name on God's lips...It may be difficult for you to believe that God knows your name, but He does. Listen and you can hear the Father whispering your name, erasing your doubts, your sorrow, your despair. You can hope again

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

September Birthdays

- 3 Kathy Miller
- 4 Brogan Scott
- 5 Tyler Robinson
- 6 Linda Hagerty
Vannie Rice
- 8 Quint Hall
- 9 Diane Whisnant
- 11 Betty Bailey
Zoey Fischer
- 13 Frank Lipka
- 16 Rose Moore
- 17 Amy Easton
David Rice
Katelyn Roland
- 18 Lauren Gentry
- 19 Misti Gentry
- 20 Harlan Groves
- 24 Jerry White
Vivian Bowen
Adam Vaughn
Hilleri Groves
- 25 David Warren
- 28 Edna Durham
Ann Smith
- 29 Jan LaRose
Gabriel McCoy
- 30 Wayne Bailey

*Happy Birthday
to You!*



From the Church Office

Access the church Directory and member information in record time! Log on to "Member to Member" from our web site OR download the free ACS Church Life app to your smart phone!

I'm sure some of you are asking why the church secretary is pushing all this online and digital STUFF at us...

Like it or not, this 'stuff' is the world we live in. In a recent training session I attended, we were reminded that young adults (and some of us older ones, too!) do EVERYTHING from their smart phones or tablets. Literally, everything! We communicate, make doctor appointments, pay bills, deposit funds to our bank accounts...I can check the mechanical status of my car (oil life, tire pressure), lock/unlock and even start up my car while inside the office - all from my iPhone! Young adults do not write checks. In fact, our account representative at First Farmers' told me this week that new account holders do not even order checks!

So, the church is working to adapt to the new ways of communicating and giving - thus, the Church Life App. This is a FREE app for your phone.

*Search your app store for "ACS Church Life" (Google Play for Android or Apple App Store for iPhone). Once you have the app installed, you **log in** simply using the same user name and password you use to sign in to **Member to Member** on the church web site. If you have difficulty with either the web site or the app, call or stop by the church office during the week and I will do my best to get you up and running.*

Some great features of the App...

- You can make a contribution to the church
- Look up phone numbers, addresses, and emails for our church family
- Send a text or call a member while viewing their information in the app.
- Pull up directions and a map for home visits.

Give the app a try...it is a great time saver!

Coming soon...photos for the directory. We want to put a face with the names...we can do that, but I will need YOUR help...Stay tuned.

Blessings...

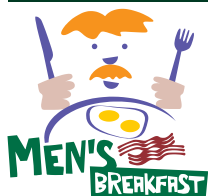
Paula, Ministry Assistant

SEPTEMBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	4	5 	
6 Deacons' Meeting	7  LABOR DAY <i>Office Closed</i>	8	9 10:15 Cracker Barrel Fellowship 6:30pm Business Mtg.	10 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	11 	12 8 am Men's Breakfast
13	14 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	15 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	16	17 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	18	19 8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast
Week of Prayer for Golden State Mission Offering - September 13-20 Church GOAL: \$850.00						
5:30 pm AWANA - Regular Meeting	October Newsletter Articles due in office		6:30pm Prayer Mtg.	Light in the Smokies-FAITH Rider Mission Trip		
20 Youth Parents' Mtg. following Morning Worship Service 5:30 pm AWANA - Regular Meeting	21 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	22 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	23  6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	24 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	25 	26
27 4 PM Trustees' Mtg. 5:30 pm AWANA - Crazy Hair Night	28 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	29 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	30 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.			
<div><div><div>Schedule of Services: <u>Sunday</u> Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School - 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:30 pm Discipleship Training - 5:00 pm AWANA - 5:30 - 7:00 pm (Sept.-May) Worship & Youth Svc. - 6:00 pm</div><div><u>Wednesday</u> 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</div><div></div></div></div>						

The Church in Action



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, September 12,
8:00 am

All men & boys invited
(Fellowship Hall)



Lifeline Memory Verses 2015
September Verses

Aug. 31-Sept. 6: Matthew 5:16, *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*
September 7-13: Isaiah 40:30-31, *Even the youth shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.*

September 14-20: Lamentations 3:22-23, *Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.*

September 21-27: Psalm 27:1, *The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?*

September 28-Oct. 4: Matthew 11:28-30, *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.*

Ladies' Breakfast
Saturday, September 19,
8:30 am
In the Fellowship Hall—bring
a breakfast dish to share
Speaker: Amy Howland



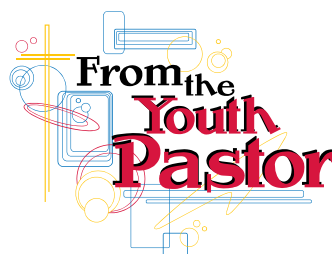
Ladies' Breakfast



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, September 9
10:15 a.m.

Everyone is welcome!
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

AWANA
Sundays, 5:30 - 7 pm
 Ages preschool thru Adult
 More Adult helpers are needed.
 Please see Brent Johnson
 to volunteer
Register online - [Awana Registration Here!](#)



Calling all parents of
7th - 12th grade
students.

I am extremely excited to start another school year with all my students and add a few more that are moving up this year. I want

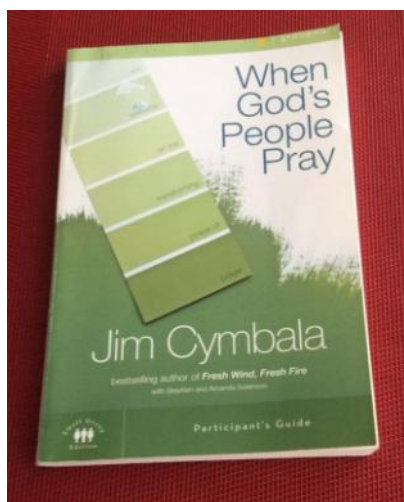
to start with a parent meeting to help get some information out about some of the activities and events we have lined up for the upcoming year. It is very important that you make plans to be at the meeting. In my experience youth aren't the best at letting their parents know all the announcements I make in the youth service.

Now I know that no one likes meetings, me included. That is why I am going to provide **FREE LUNCH!** That's right on Sunday, September 20th after the morning worship service, make your way downstairs to the fellowship hall for a good lunch and some fellowship as we talk about what this year holds for our youth and what you can do to help your student grow in their relationship with the Lord.

I love you all and can't wait to see you on September 20th for our meeting.

Josh Howland

Ladies' Bible Study



Led by Linda Bland and
Vivian Bowen

Beginning Sept. 14 & 15
Mondays @ 6:00 pm
Tuesdays at 10:00 am
In the Fellowship Hall

Join us as we view the teaching of Jim Cymbala as he helps us understand, personalize, and apply powerful, life-changing truths of the power of prayer.

Order your study guide from LifeWay, Amazon, or ChristianBook.com. **OR** contact Linda Bland (931-486-2456) or Vivian Bowen (931-486-9008) for more information.

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