

Happenings

a newsletter sent with love from
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DISCIPLE 2: Into the Word, Into the World

DISCIPLE Bible Study is back! This 32-week series focuses on the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts. INTO THE WORD, INTO THE WORLD encourages persons to open themselves to hearing what God has to say to them through the Bible and to be guided into service in the world by Scripture and their study of it. Leaders: Billie Long with assistance from Rev. Clem. Meets on Wednesday afternoons at 3:30 PM beginning September 22nd.

Bad Girls of the Bible

A new group for women, led by Rev. Clem, will begin September 16 at 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays. We will use the bestselling books by Liz Curtis Higgs to explore the ancient stories of some infamous women in scriptural history and experience the grace, compassion and hope of God whose sovereign power can work with even the most nefarious of us. All women are invited to join us for laughter, fellowship, Bible study, and prayer.

Short-Term DISCIPLE Bible Study

Interested in an introductory Bible study group? DISCIPLE now offers a 6-week course designed to give an overview of the Bible. A group will begin in October. Please let the church office know if you are interested. Rev. Clem will lead this group and all are welcome.

The Vine is Moving to Our Neighborhood

One of the many local ministries our church supports is The Vine, a pastoral counseling center located in various places throughout Huntsville and Madison. Support from our church and others provides counseling services on a sliding scale fee so that individuals and families can benefit from the services. The good news for us at Holmes Street is that The Vine is relocating and combining their offices for one central location in a downtown building owned by Church of the Nativity. If you would like to help with contributions for furnishings or with painting or preparing rooms at a work day in October, please let Rev. Clem know. Volunteers will be appreciated!

Pledge Sunday will be topped off by a good old fashion potluck picnic...

Bring your potluck dish and/or dessert and a smile for a good old fashioned time. You may even consider bringing a lawn chair, fishing pole and/or a softball glove.

We will eat, play games, fish, and sing good old fashioned hymns. All the fun will be located at the Dean Farm in Woodville on Sunday, September 12 at 2:30 PM. The meal will be served at 5:00 PM. Directions are on page 3 of this newsletter. Let's have a big celebration, join the fun.



Flu Shots

September 15th
4:00 until 5:30 PM
Founder's Hall
*Bring your
Medicare Card*

Pneumonia shots will be available for those who have not had one in the last five years.

Wednesday Supper News

Beginning Wednesday, September 8th Holmes Street will offer a mid-week meal from 5:15pm -6:00 pm. Cost is \$6.00 for adults (6th grade and older), \$3.00 for children in K5-5th grades, and free for preschoolers (\$25.00 maximum per family). Let the church give you and your family a "kitchen break" during the middle of a hectic week! Standing reservations as well as weekly reservations are now being accepted. Call the church office at anytime to sign up.

Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world? We invite you to join us this Sunday, September 12 in Founder's Hall at 10 AM following Next Step to explore **Crazy Love**. Leaders: Kathy Morris and Tina White.

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crazy love



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HAPPENINGS FOR:

WEDNESDAY - September 8

5:15 PM - Supper Served
6:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY - September 9

5:30 PM - Praise Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY - September 12

9:00 AM - Next Step
9:40 AM - Sunday School
Confirmation Class, also
10:55 AM - Morning Worship
2:30 PM - Church Picnic begins
5:00 PM - Supper served at Picnic

MONDAY - September 13

6:00 PM - Handbell rehearsal

TUESDAY - September 14

9:30 AM - Bible Study
10:30 AM - Opportunities for Service
11:00 AM - Meals on Wheels

WEDNESDAY - September 15

4:00 PM - Flu Shots until 5:30 PM
5:15 PM - Supper Served until 6:00 PM
6:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY - September 16

1:00 PM - Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM - Praise Band Rehearsal

SATURDAY - September 18

8:00 AM - ABC/Exodus Class Breakfast

REMEMBER -

The church office is closed on Fridays. Call a staff member at home if you have a need.



Don't miss the picnic!!!

THE SUNDAY REPORT

ATTENDANCE:

10:55 AM Morning Worship	120
Next Step Service	93

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Children	10
Youth	19
Adults	87
Total	116

VISITORS:

Phillip & Sarah Henson Huntsville

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Art Crawford Huntsville

OFFERINGS:

On the Budget	\$8,927.50
Major Maintenance	100.00
Food Pantry	40.00
Building Fund	1,817.50
Needed Monthly for Budget	\$37,572.00
Offerings on Budget this month	\$8,927.50

MEMORIALS:

In memory of Wilburn Patterson, Bobbie Patterson and James Collins:

Lanelle Collins	Building Fund
In memory of Bobbie Patterson:	
M/M Buck Latham	Building Fund
M/M Ray Hembree	Building Fund
M/M Ed Snow	

Tuesday Bible Study Tackles Daniel!

Beginning Tuesday, September 7th the Tuesday Morning Bible Study will focus on the book of Daniel in the Old Testament. This study will be held in Founder's Hall from 9:30 - 10:30 each Tuesday. Coffee and fellowship precede the study each week. Everyone is invited to join this exciting and challenging study. EJ

Hasn't it been nice and cool in the sanctuary!

The congregation is thankful for that but almost \$7,668.05 is still owed on the new unit. Your contributions will be appreciated.

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR

Openings for 2010:

September no openings
October 17
November - no openings
December - no openings

Altar arrangements are \$45. Call the church office if you would like to fill one of these dates. Thanks, Ann

NOTARY SERVICE

is available in the church office at no charge to church members.

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Check out the pics of the week!

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Sunday
Children's
Volunteers:

September 12, 2010

Nursery: Steve & B. Rogers

Snack Supper: Church PicNic at
Dean's Farm



One more Sunday of special activities before TEAM returns on September 19th. This Sunday, the 12th, is the church's big Picnic at the Dean's farm in Jackson County. We won't have TEAM, but I hope you and your family will come to the picnic, which starts at 2:30 PM. There will be lots of games, food, and fun for all ages. See you at the picnic and back at TEAM on the 19th. Eddie

YOUTH NEWS

Hey Everyone! It was great to see such a large Group in Sunday School this past Sunday. We will be meeting this Wednesday night at 6:00 pm at the Thomas' house at 295 River Cove Road and on September 15th we will be meeting at Debbie and Greg Riddle's house. We are still looking for volunteers to host our Wednesday night fun, so let us know if you want to host it at your house. Don't forget that this Sunday, September 12th is the Church Picnic at the Dean's farm and it should be a lot of fun. We won't be having UMYF Sunday night but hope that everyone will come to picnic and hang out with all of our church family. (If for some reason, you need a ride this Sunday, let John know). We'll be setting a deadline in the next couple of weeks for the Chris Tomlin concert, so if you want to go, let us know ASAP.

We hope everyone has a safe week!

Kim

CELL PHONE UPDATE!!

Continue to bring old cell phones to the church for re-cycling. I will also continue to take any scrap gold you have and give an update on our earnings. B. Blount

Pennies for Piggy!

Remember
pick up your Bible reading calendars for September in the church office and keep feeding the piggy! Keith



**JOIN
THE
FUN!**



Choir Rehearsals/
Christmas Cantata
Join us on Wednesdays
at 6:00 PM
in the Choir Room.

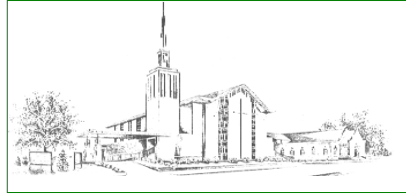
"Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new and right
spirit
within me."
Psalm 51:10

DIRECTIONS TO THE CHURCH PICNIC SEPTEMBER 12TH

From Huntsville: Take Hwy 72 East toward Scottsboro to Hwy 35. Turn left onto Hwy 35 to Woodville. Go approximately 1 ½ mile to a blinking yellow light, turn left onto Jackson County Road 8. At the railroad tracks, follow the road to the right (90° Turn). Follow County Road 8 up the mountain and turn left onto Jackson County Hwy 215 (there will be a two-story grey house right before the turn. This is the first paved road to the left after you get to the top of the mountain.) Go 1 mile, and you will pass a two-story white house on the right; Dean Family Farm is the next house on the right. (It is a small yellow house with two big trees in the front yard.). Look for sign or balloons on the mailbox. In case you want to give the GPS a workout, the address is 1160 County Rd. 215 Woodville. But, if you get lost, call Lacey Dean: 256-655-0247
Dennis Dean: 256-698-4254

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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY *by Rev. Kelly Clem*



Why Give to the Church?

"Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, 'How are we robbing you?' In your tithes and offerings! ... Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing." (Malachi 3:8-10)

We are starting a series called, "Why Church?" in which we will be thinking together about various values we hold because we are part of the church. This week's value is "money".

In the last of our Dave Ramsey series, "Life. Money. Hope" which we showed at the 9:00 service, he talked about visiting a castle near Edinburgh, Scotland where he met the steward of the castle, Andrew. Andrew is not the owner, and he's not royalty or nobility but he has quite an important job. He is the one who looks after and cares for the castle, and makes sure that it is being used well. He is in charge of making sure the castle is taken care of for the owners. His title is "steward". Dave's experience was like that which Randy Moody also shared with us on Sunday: as a new Christian, he kept hearing about stewardship and tithing and didn't understand what they meant. The church uses the word "steward" a lot (yes, particularly at the time of the pledge and building campaign) and it's still a good word, although outside of the church it is rarely used. In the setting in which the King James Bible was translated into English, a "steward" was commonly understood. You and I are stewards, or caretakers, of God's property. We're not owners, we're not nobility; rather, we are asset managers. That perspective changes our whole perspective on the way we value our life.

So back to Randy's question and Dave's question: Why does God want us to give? Dave's response was this: *"Because God is trying to make us Christ-like and Christ is a giver."* I think that he hit the nail right on the head with that one. It's not because **God** needs our money; it's not because **the church** needs our money; it's because God is trying to **transform us** to be like Christ. We are **changed** and shaped by our giving. We become joyful givers as exemplified by Jesus.

This Sunday we will joyfully make our pledges to the church budget as well as to the building program. I hope to see you smiling and celebrating your decision to be a giver in every Christlike way. See you in church on Sunday!

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