



Our Church Family

Bobby Talley remains in Baptist Memphis rm. 3378... **Don Duggin** is in Methodist Central ICU with fluid around his heart and lungs... **Brenda Fowler** had cataract surgery Monday... **Gene Giles**, father of **Terri Ponders**, is nearing the end of his chemo treatments... **Clint Hopper**, grandson of **James & Shirley Foshee**, is being treated at Vanderbilt Hospital due to an infection after his cornea transplant... **Susan Brownfield's** sister, **Betsy Myers**, has been put under hospice care...

SYMPATHY

To **Larry Mehr** whose uncle, **Charles Conley** of Bells, TN passed away last week. The funeral was Wednesday.

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Ben & Lisa Eddlemon** on the birth of **Brylee Kate** on July 7th. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 3/4 in. long. **Jimmy & Vickie Eddlemon** and **Steve & Dawn Jourdan** are the proud grandparents.

To **Ronnie & Donna Stafford** on the birth of a grandson. **Nicholas Dante Pasqualini** was born to **Justin & Andrea** on July 8th in Chicago. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 19 in. long.

BABY SHOWER

For **Amanda Massey** on Sunday, July 19, in the lobby from 3:30 - 4:30. She is registered at Target. **It's a boy!**

HOPE WORKS

Needs: shampoo, toothpaste, paper towels, soap and laundry detergent. There is a box in the lobby marked Hope Works.

ANGEL FOOD

Pick up orders this Saturday 10:00-noon in FLC.

JULY WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

July 15th — **Robin Cannon** will be speaking in place of **David Anguish** who has been hospitalized recently. **Robin** will have a timely message.

CLOTHING DRIVE

We are now collecting gently used, clean clothing of all sizes for the clothing drive. All clothes are to be placed on the stage in the family life center. We are also in need of volunteers to help sort the clothes. Contact **Kim Billingsley** or **Laurie Hammer** to volunteer.

LADS TO LEADERS

Our Lads to Leaders would like to encourage every member at Goodman Oaks to read or listen through the New Testament before the end of this year. We have set up a bulletin board beside classroom 22 for folks to sign up. Please go by and sign your name and use the stars above the bulletin board to mark your progress. If you have any questions, please see **Chuck Litzkow** or **Bryant Cashion**.

HEBREWS ALL STARS

Please congratulate this week's All Stars: **Jerrica Wright**, **Timmy Willis**, **Tabitha Willis**, **Jake Williams**, **Kayley Underwood**, **Jonathan Underwood**, **Rene' Smith**, **Bekah Smith**, **Ale Smith**, **Cooper Robertson**, **Tori Pruet**, **Taylor Pruet**, **Sonthana Litzkow**, **Annie Green**, **Marissa Gidcomb**, **Kendal Gidcomb**, **Brady Craig**, **Courtney Cottrell**, **Robert Cashion**, **Sean Bobo**, **Kristen Bobo** and **Sadie Alexander**.

HOLE IN ONE

For all you golfers: one of our longtime members **Ruth Bryant** made a Hole In One at Cherokee Valley's 7th hole last week!

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

July 12, 2009

Sunday Bible Class	493
Sunday Morning Worship	777
Offering	\$ 24,973

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SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday:

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship, Study and Service - 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday: "Encouragement Class" - 10 a.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Around The Oaks

with Steve Reeves



IT TAKES A GREAT COMMITMENT TO BUILD A GREAT CHURCH

Great churches are no accident. They are not created nor are they maintained without great commitment on the part of their members. Although preaching, programming and planning are important, they will never be effective without a committed and sacrificial spirit on the part of each member in the local church. Paul expressed this thought in these words found in Ephesians 4:15-16. "but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what **every joint** supplies, according to the effective working by which **every part does its share**, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." Of what type of commitment do we speak?

There must be a great commitment to truth. Too many churches today have developed a reckless attitude toward the teaching of scripture. In some congregations the Bible is no longer viewed as the inspired word of God and consequently does not occupy a prominent role in the teaching of Bible classes or in the pulpit. Members are not challenged to read and study the scriptures for themselves as the noble Bereans did in Acts 17:11.

There must be a great commitment to attendance. When a church has fewer than fifty percent of its membership returning for Sunday evening or Wednesday evening services there is a serious and sinister problem of a spiritual nature at work. Churches may try to "beef up" or "change" formats and formulas all they want but the crux of the matter remains the heart of the individual Christian. Why would one who is truly a dedicated follower of the Lord Jesus want to be somewhere other than with fellow Christians studying scripture and worshipping whenever the opportunity presents itself? Charles Hodge has written, "Here and there weekending is killing the church. Brethren are out of town two or three times a month. Forget evening services, special meetings and having time to serve as elders, deacons, teachers and designated servants." It takes a firm commitment to be faithful in our attendance if we are truly going to assist in building up the local church.

Great churches are comprised of those who have a great commitment to the great commission. Individuals who take the Lord's command to "preach (teach) the gospel to every person" (Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15) seriously. Great churches do not have to beg for teachers. On the contrary, there should always be those waiting in reserve to step in and fill a position when needed.

Hard truths and realities? Perhaps. I am convinced, however, by personal experience, observation and above all Biblical instruction that they are correct and much needed in our day.

~ Steve Reeves

Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

BIBLE CAMP

Camp starts this Sunday! The vans will leave at 1pm. If you are taking your child to camp, registration is from 2-3pm. You may pick your child up Friday night when we have parent's night.

SCHOOL SUPPLY STORE

Here is What we Have:

Elementary

- Scissors- 27
- Markers- 58 boxes
- Crayons- 128 boxes
- Colored Pencils- 77 packages
- #2 Pencils- 31 packages
- Glue Sticks- 74
- Glue Bottles- 7
- Notebook Paper
- (Wide Ruled)- 293 packages
- Folders w/ or w/out brads- 16

Middle/High School

- Pens and Pencils- 196 packages
- Notebook Paper
- Spiral Notebooks
- High School-College ruled- 224
- Middle School-Wide ruled- 280
- Folders with brads- 13
- Colored Pencils
- Markers

The School Supply Store is Monday, Aug. 3 from 5-9pm. We would love to be able to serve 1000. As you can see from above, we are far from being able to do that. School supplies are now out in the stores. If you see any good buys, please help us out and bring the supplies to the large table (secret sister table) near the nursery. We also need helpers for the day of so please sign up at the table. This is a great opportunity to serve those in our community.

Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

Back-to-School Lock Out

On August 7 we will have a back-to-school lock out. We will be playing paintball, skating, going to putt putt, having a scavenger hunt, eating at IHOP, playing kickball and more. The cost is \$30 for the entire evening of fun. You will need extra money for the meal at IHOP. If you plan to participate, please make sure to sign up on the youth board so we can get a count. It's going to be a blast!

Summer Bible Studies

On Thursdays we meet for Bible studies from 6-8. The girls will meet at Victoria Franklin's house and the guys will meet at Lonnie Tant's Italia. The atmosphere is laid back and fun as we dig into the truth of God's word and let Him transform our lives into His image. This is a great place to spend your Thursday evening!

Redbirds Game

July 28 for the families of youth group members. Cost is \$7 and is due July 26.

\$30 Fashion Show

The \$30 Fashion show is coming up August 1. Groups will be given \$30 and asked to put together 3 outfits. There will be 3 hours to shop and accessorize. It's going to be a blast! We need help to transport and guide the groups. If you are interested in helping, see Jeff or Victoria.

Upcoming Activities

- Bible Camp—July 19-25
- Water Wars—July 27
- Redbirds—July 28
- Volleyball tournament—July 30
- \$30 Fashion Show—August 1