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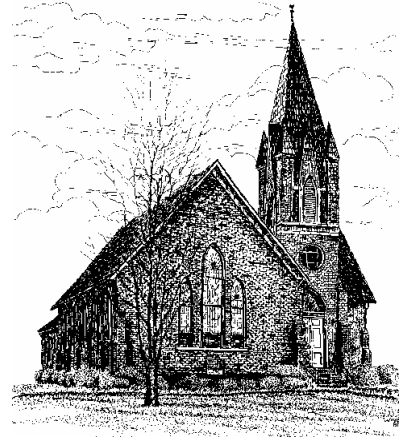
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am – 1:30pm (Closed Fridays)



June 30, 2009

From the Pastor

My attention was drawn recently to one of those offbeat news items that we see sometimes. This one dealt with a mistake made by an umpire. It seems that this umpire ejected the entire crowd at a high school game because he felt that they were unruly. The police were called, the crowd was ushered out of the stands and the game resumed. The home team won 12-11 to the silent cheers of the empty stands. The superintendent of schools for this school district in Iowa said that he saw no signs of unruliness and thought that the ump had overreacted. The police officer who handled crowd control seems to have had the same feeling. There were no arrests and the officer saw no unruliness. I don't know, but I have a feeling that the umpire may have made a mistake. Of course, the home town superintendent and the home town police officer may also have been a little biased.

You've got to admit, though, it's a unique idea! Think about how it could be carried a little further: a teacher whose class was not learning could expel the entire class. A pastor whose congregation was not cooperating could excommunicate the entire congregation. A mayor, or governor, or president could... OK, maybe this wouldn't be such a great way to handle things. Still, there are some temptations. After the election in Iran a few weeks ago, it seemed that the rulers there might be considering firing the old nation and getting a new one. I've always been blessed to pastor congregations where most of the people wanted to work together and learn and grow and make a difference, but I have known a few pastors whose situations were not so fortunate. I've told about my friend years ago who told me, "I keep throwing ideas and dreams out there, and the congregation keeps ducking." I think that if he could have ejected the whole congregation and started fresh he might still be in the active ministry.

Remember the story of the man who was bitten by a rabid animal? It seems that when he found out that the animal was rabid he pulled out a piece of paper and began writing. Assuming that he thought that the bite was fatal, his doctor told him that he didn't need to start writing his will, that he'd be OK. "That's not my will," he told the doctor. "That's the people I'm going to bite!" Maybe instead of working on a list of people, we'd be better off to think about getting rid of some attitudes, some customs and some habits that keep us from being the people we were created to be! Maybe what I need to do (I can only speak for myself, you'll have to answer for yourself) is to conduct an inventory and see what qualities and habits I have that I would do well to "eject." As you know, the Faith Explorers Class has been enjoying studying Bishop William Willimon's [Sinning Like a Christian: A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins](#). As I've prepared for the study I've found myself being convicted again and again of pride, envy, anger, sloth... (And I'm not the sort of person who reads the doctor's column in the paper and gets every disease that is described!) If only it was as easy to raise our thumbs and shout "You're outta there!" and get rid of things as it is to eject a fan or fans (or coach or player) from a baseball game!

Maybe *ejection* is not the answer. Maybe we need an *injection*. Maybe we need an injection of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives. Maybe we need an injection of love—as perfect love casts out fear and changes our hearts and lives so that we are remade in the image of Jesus. Read Mark 6:1-13 and see how Jesus was "ejected" from Nazareth and how he prepared his followers to "inject" the good news into the lives of those whom they met. Maybe there's a model here for us.

God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Sunday, July 7th, 2009
Scriptures: II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Mark 6:1-13
Sermon: "The Gift of Greatness"

SUNDAY – July 5

Worship Service.....	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Flower Ministry:	Morning Circle
Lay Reader:	Linda Goss
Nursery Infants:	Steve & Leann Mellon
Toddler Church:	Meg & Jason Munn
Children's Church:	April & Mike Smith
Acolyte:	Rush Johnston

MONDAY 6

NESEI Necklace Project.....	9:30 a.m.
Children Ages 3-9/Monkey Joe's	9:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 8

Adults – Lunch & Movie Meet at the church 11:00 a.m.

THURSDAY 9

Children, Youth & Families/Tubing.....
 Meet at the church 10:00 a.m.

SATURDAY 11

Barbeque Supper sponsored by the Sudan Team..... 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY – July 12

Worship Service.....	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Mission Team-Sudan lunch	12:00 p.m.
Mission Team meeting following lunch	

USHERS FOR JULY: *Johnny McCoy, Melvin McKeown, Julian Dickerson, Ronnie Cowart, Tommy Dickson, John Bailey.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP/JULY: Jack Benfield Class

TRUSTEES/JULY: Buzz Johnsey & Mary Jane Shuler

ALTAR GUILD/JULY: Mary Butler & Melanie Myers

WELCOME VISITORS/JULY: Bible Study Class

VISITOR CARDS/JULY:

Sunday School Attendance June 28:	95
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) June 28:	45
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) June 28:	130
Operating Fund received on June 28.....	\$6,251.25
Operating Fund received up to June 28	\$148,679.81
Budget goal up to June 28 (\$6,500 x 26).....	\$169,000.00

MEMORIALS

To the Operating Fund in memory of Voight Hipp by the Donnie Shuler Family; Mildred Kalb & Richard Kalb.

To the Mississippi/Katrina Fund in memory of DeAnna Greiner by the Donnie Shuler Family.

HONORARIUM

In honor of Nettie Mae Bolin's 90th birthday to the Sudan Fund by the Donnie Shuler Family.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Nettie Mae Bolin, Patsy Freeman, Julian Dickerson, Lydia Smiley, Havern & Helen Brindle, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Louise Smith, Bob Johnsey, Clark Warren, Bebe Benfield, Marion Fischer, Betty Smith; with Wes Lancaster hospitalized at Spartanburg Regional Hospital, and Mildred Kalb hospitalized at Carolinas Medical Center.

Also, we remember Grayson Carroll, niece of Ken Cushman; Emily Brown, mother of Kathy Brown; Angie Moss, daughter of Helen Pridmore; Gene Farris, father of Bubba Farris; Rick Glenn, friend of John Eite; Agnes Love, mother-in-law of Matt Feemster; Dot Caldwell, Anne Hipp's sister; Karen Duncan, one of the members of our Mississippi/Katrina Team; Kinsley James, daughter of Skip James, a friend of Evelyn Johnsey; Essie Thompson, grandmother of April Smith; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; Lacey Robinson, friend of Ann Bailes; and Mackenzie Decuir.

The Kindergarten, Elementary I, II, III and Elementary IV, V classes would like to thank our parents and friends for their help in raising money for our Heifer International Project. We were able to purchase a llama, a sheep, rabbits, ducks, and chickens. These will help support families for a long time. Thank you again!

SUMMER SNACKS AT PATH: Please remember our PATH clients when grocery shopping – popcorn, pudding packs, crackers, trail mix, etc!! The PATH Team

NESEI Necklace Workday

If you can measure, cut with scissors, crochet a chain, **OR** tie a knot, the Sudan Team needs your help to make the NESEI Necklaces that they will be selling at Summerfest. **If you like glue guns, we have some different work for you this session.** We will meet at 9:30 A.M. in the conference room on Monday morning, July 6th for about an hour. If you wish to crochet, please bring a size G or H hook. If you want to measure and cut, bring a pair of scissors and yardstick. If you have a glue gun, bring it but we will have some. If you can't come Monday, but are interested, please call Marian Garner at 329-8841 or Suzanne Jones at 684-6173 so that we can be in touch with you when we schedule another work session. Money from Sudan projects will go toward education supplies and scholarships for the NESEI School.

Attention Beginning Knitters

If you would like to learn to knit, keep August in mind. Specific dates will be published in a few weeks. See you then.

SINCE THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER until July 28, please watch the weekly Sunday bulletins for current announcements and read the activities booklet for details of July events. Also, refer to the July calendar which was included in last week's newsletter.



ALICE'S CORNER

- Our Summer activities are going GREAT. We are having lots of fun, sharing in fellowship, and being disciples of Christ each day. Come join us! Check the bulletin each Sunday or the Summer Activities booklet for details.
- Time is drawing near to our "Under Construction – Habitat for Humanity" Vacation Bible School to be held July 13-17. A fun week for ages 2-6th grade. Please get your registration form in as soon as possible plus those of friends who will be attending.

Barbeque Fund Raiser For Girls' Education in Sudan

The barbeque is being held on Saturday, July 11th at 6:30 PM. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a good meal and hear Diane Birungi of Yei, Sudan, and Anita Henderlight of Knoxville, Tennessee. Both are employees of the New Sudan Education Initiative or NESEI. They have first hand knowledge of life in postwar Sudan and in the challenges facing girls' education in that culture. **Just this past week, we learned the story of a Sudanese girl named Mary. Mary walks 20 miles each day to and from school.** It is not easy for her and her journey does not take her to a good school. This story is not the exception for girls in Sudan. It is the norm. We hope funds from the barbeque will enable several girls to go to boarding school where they can learn in a safe environment. Please plan to attend and bring a friend with you. Tickets may be purchased on Sunday, July 5th, on weekdays from the church office or by calling Suzanne Jones at 684-6173, Marian Garner at 329-8841 or Bill Huffstetler at 684-6958. Thank you for your support.

The Sudan Team.