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GOD'S CALL TO VOTE... Be a God-Honoring Patriot



Romans 13 clearly argues the case that all Christians are obligated to submit and participate in government to honor God and for the good of all people. Part of our responsibility according to God's Word is to vote in a God honoring way. That process begins with the idea that we must first register to vote so that we can vote. If you are not a registered voter please make it a priority to register. Voter registration forms are available at the Kiosk for your convenience. Simply fill out the form and mail it in. Then on November 4, 2008 make sure to seek God's will, examine the candidates and issues to determine how they align with your biblical values and then cast your vote as an act of worship. I pray you will be a part of this awesome privilege of voting we have in America. It is God-given therefore it should be God-honoring. Do your part and answer God's calling to vote.






Way to Go Broadman!!!

Broadman ranked in the top 100 in the nation. Yes you read that correctly in the nation. Praise the Lord!!!

Recently our church was recognized by LifeWay (www.lifeway.com) as being one of the most effective VBS ministry's in America. Broadman's VBS was in the top 100 churches in America among churches who have 100 or less in Sunday School on average. WOW!!! I am humbled and honored...as we all should be for the Glory of God.

Broadman has always done a great job at VBS and we have always had great success. This is a huge pat on the back from God in my opinion for doing VBS with excellence year in and year out, every year. This award is not just an affir-



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**OCTOBER
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Special Points of Interest

- *Children's Hosp. Thanks You*
- *The Bell*
- *Idontcelebrate*
- *Surpassing Grace*
- *Broadman Help Pages*
- *Acme Cashback*
- *Christian Symbols*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY...

THE STUDY OF END TIMES AND BEYOND...

If you have ever had questions about life after death, what will Heaven be like, what will I look like in Heaven, what are the signs of the second coming, will I be resurrected, what is the rapture, what will the tribulations of revelation be like, what will Judgment Day be like, what role does redemption and restoration play in the End Times, and much more this study is for you.

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PASTOR'S CORNER CON'T... TOOLS FOR PARENTS...

HUMOR CORNER...

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mation to those of us who served this year, but to all who have served. I am grateful for the heritage of this church, all the ups and downs and in betweens. Those experiences have made us who we are today. I am thankful for all those who labored for the Lord when this church was much smaller to ensure this church always had a VBS ministry that was done with excellence for Christ.

I want everyone to know that this is really a big deal. Although it is a man-made recognition I believe it is really a huge affirmation from God. We already knew we did VBS well, but to be recognized in the top 100 in the nation is a great motivation to continue to press on in the ministry the Lord calls us to do.

I hope this encourages you...knowing that God has blessed our congregation. Let's always remember that everything we do is all about God. He gets the glory. Every child, every family, and this community witnessed the outpouring of God's Spirit upon this place in 2007 and this past year's VBS was even greater...2008 was a huge God thing like almost nothing I have witnessed in my life. I still don't know where all the people came from!!! But I would assume that we will be recognized again for our accomplishments in the Lord in 2009.

Thank you Lord Jesus and thank you people of God at Broadman for serving Him,

-Pastor Chris

EQUIPPING TOOLS... PARENTING

Congregation did you know you can go to Teen Life Ministries

(www.teenlifeministries.com) and access some great ministry tools. The ministry tools I want to encourage everyone to start using is Teen Life Ministry so that we can build stronger, healthier families in our church, community, and world. I encourage every parent, grandparent and teen to take advantage of the Church's annual subscription. Simply go to the website above and use the user name of: Broadman and the password: broadman2.

While on the home page you will find all kinds of articles. Look for the one entitled "Parenting". Take some time to look through all that is available. This website can help your family have devotions, spend quality time together, give advice for a troubled teen, how to discipline, and much more. Please, parents and teens, take advantage of this awesome tool. The Church is called to "Equip the saints for ministry." This is how we are equipping you. Please take the time to check this out and use it for the glory of God.

**A WOMAN'S PRAYER...**

Dear Lord:

So far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or self-indulgent. I have not whined, cursed or eaten any chocolate.

However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes and I will need a lot more help after that.

MOM'S DICTIONARY...

FAMILY PLANNING: The art of spacing your children the proper distance apart to keep you on the edge of financial disaster.

FEEDBACK: The inevitable result when your baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.

FULL NAME: What you call your child when you're mad at him.

GRANDPARENTS: The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.

INDEPENDENT: How we want our children to be as long as they do everything we say.

PUDDLE: A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.

SHOW OFF: A child who is more talented than yours.

STERILIZE: What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it.

TOP BUNK: Where you should never put a child wearing Superman pajamas.

TWO MINUTE WARNING:

When the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar grunting noises.

VERBAL: Able to whine in words.

WHODUNIT: None of the kids that live in your house.

WEEKEND: When Dad gets to play golf while Mom catches up on the laundry, cleans the house, runs errands, etc.

CHOCOLATE...

Chocolate is derived from cocoa beans.

A bean is a vegetable.

Sugar is derived from either sugar CANE or sugar BEETS.

Both are plants, which places them in the vegetable category.

Thus, chocolate is a vegetable.

To go one step further, chocolate candy bars also contain milk, which is dairy. So candy bars are a health food.

Chocolate-covered raisins, cherries, orange slices and strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want.

If you've got melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly.

The problem:

How to get 2 pounds of chocolate home from the store in a hot car.

The solution:

Eat it in the parking lot.



NEW TO THE FAMILY AND MORE...

RECIPE OF THE MONTH...

NEW TO THE FAMILY OF GOD...

Ashley Fry - A native of Waynesburg in southern Stark County, Ashley is a product of Sandy Valley High. She has a three year old son, Tyler, is a housekeeper at an assisted living facility and likes to shop. An exciting upcoming event for Ashley --- she is engaged to be married.

GOD & THE SCIENTIST...

God is sitting in Heaven when a scientist says to Him, "Lord, we don't need you anymore. Science has finally figured out a way to create life out of nothing. In other words, we can now do what you did in the 'beginning'." "Oh, is that so? Tell me..." replies God. "Well", says the scientist, "we can take dirt and form it into the likeness of you and breathe life into it, thus creating man." "Well, that's interesting. Show Me. " So the scientist bends down to the earth and starts to mold the soil. "Oh no, no, no..." interrupts God,

(I love this)

"Get your own dirt."

A CURE FOR SOCIAL ILLS...

More than one in every 100 U.S. adults is in prison, with the total number of prisoners now at 2.3 million. Statistically, that's more than any other nation on Earth.

America's cost for incarcerating those prisoners is now \$49 billion annually. Some states spend more on incarceration than on higher education, with taxpayers footing the bill.

Clearly, we need to stop the problem before it begins. Proverbs 22:6 (NRSV) says, "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray."

Churches and families can help by showing Christ's love to children and by correcting errant behavior immediately. Without provoking their children to anger (see Colossians 3:21), parents can lovingly guide and discipline little ones.

When we raise the next generation to obey our heavenly Father, as well as earthly authorities, social ills are bound to decline. As Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

GRILLED LEMON HERB PORK CHOPS



high heat. Remove chops from bag, and transfer remaining marinade to a saucepan. Bring marinade to a boil, remove from heat, and set aside.

Lightly oil the grill grate. Grill pork chops for 5 to 7 minutes per side, basting frequently with boiled marinade, until done.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 6 (4 ounce) boneless pork loin chops

DIRECTIONS

In a large resealable bag, combine lemon juice, oil, garlic, salt, oregano, and pepper. Place chops in bag, seal, and refrigerate 2 hours or overnight. Turn bag frequently to distribute marinade.

Preheat an outdoor grill for



<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Grilled-Lemon-Herb-Pork-Chops/Detail.aspx>

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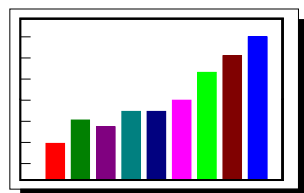
QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government -- lest it come to dominate our lives and interests."

- Patrick Henry

TRACK OUR ATTENDANCE...

Aug 24.....	195
Aug 31.....	162
Sep 7.....	161
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Sep 21.....	175



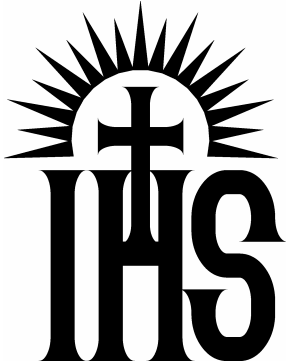
COLUMBUS DAY, OCT 13TH...



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & MORE...

OCTOBER

• **Christian Symbols +**

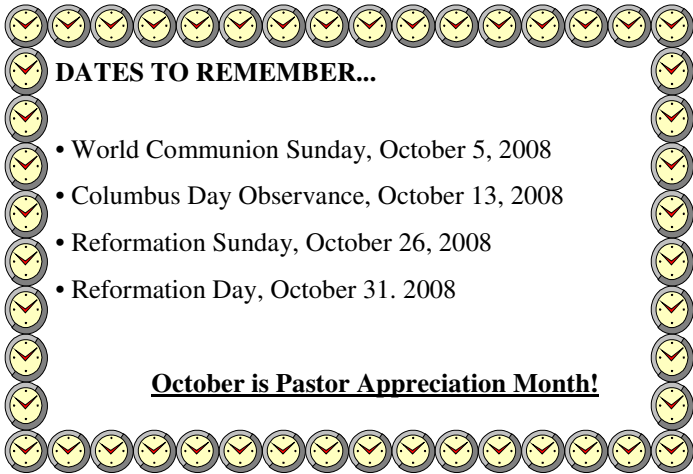


IHS

This sacred monogram originally appeared as "IHC," the first three letters of "IHCOYC," the Greek word for Jesus. Over time the Greek "C" was replaced by the Latin "S" to become "IHS." There are many interpretations given to the letters "IHS," including the Latin "Iesus Hominum Salvator" (Jesus, Savior of Men) and the English "I (Christ) Have Suffered."

BIRTHDAYS

- 10/1 KARL WORTMAN
- 10/4 SANDRA LALLEY
- 10/5 MARIE BOURN
- 10/5 SHANNON DIERINGER
- 10/5 R.L. FITZPATRICK
- 10/5 REBECCA FRIEND
- 10/5 JOYCE LAPE
- 10/6 FREDA DICKINSON
- 10/6 DYLAN RIGHTER
- 10/7 AMANDA SHORB
- 10/8 JERRY RICHARDSON
- 10/9 CLAUDIA HAYES
- 10/12 PAT EASTERWOOD
- 10/13 PASQUALINA GRIGGS
- 10/15 BILL MOORE
- 10/15 BRIAN NICKLE
- 10/17 MEGHAN DIAS
- 10/19 RANDY LYNN CAFFELLE
- 10/22 SANDRA NICKLE
- 10/23 RON LOWE
- 10/25 GERALD BOURN
- 10/26 KAYLEIGH JAROSZ
- 10/26 CONNIE MILLER
- 10/26 ALIVIA PATTERSON
- 10/26 ROSIE TOWNSEND
- 10/27 GARY EVANS
- 10/27 KERRY GEIB
- 10/27 CAMERON NAGHAVI
- 10/30 LOGAN GIEB
- 10/29 RANDY GROETZ
- 10/30 BELLA WAGNER



DATES TO REMEMBER...

- World Communion Sunday, October 5, 2008
- Columbus Day Observance, October 13, 2008
- Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2008
- Reformation Day, October 31, 2008

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 10/8 DAVE & CHERYL HUDSPATH
- 10/18 JERRY & JEANNE RICHARDSON
- 10/19 WAYNE & MELIA NICHOLS
- 10/23 GERALD & CANDI BOURN
- 10/29 DEAN & SUE BARKER



WEDNESDAY STUDY...

CASHBACK...

GFS...

BIBLE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY...

“The Study of End Times and Beyond.”

If you have ever had questions about life after death, what will Heaven be like, what will I look like in Heaven, what are the signs of the second coming, will I be resurrected, what is the rapture, what will the tribulations of revelation be like, what will Judgment Day be like, what role does redemption and restoration play in the End Times, and much more this study is for you.

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ESCHATOLOGY: a branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or of humankind

ACME CASHBACK PROGRAM...

September 28, 2008 is the kick-off for the 2008-2009 Acme Cashback Program. Receipts dated between September 28, 2008 and February 21, 2009 with the community cash back amount at the bottom will be eligible for a 5% rebate for the church. The funds received from this program go towards events such as the annual church picnic. Receipts can be dropped off in the collection box located on the table outside the sanctuary. If you have any questions, see Brad Mouser. Thank you for your participation.



GORDON FOOD SERVICES:...

“A Great Way To Give Back To The Lord!”

Are you a part of the GFS “Fun Funds” program for our church? Did you know you can buy some great food and products at a great price and give back to the Lord? Well you can! Find out more at the church information kiosk in the sanctuary.



Bible Quiz



In chapter 15 of First Corinthians, St. Paul wrote of several appearances of the resurrected Lord. Christ appeared to some women, to Peter and to the 12 disciples. Then Paul writes of Christ’s appearing to a large number of people. How large was that crowd?

- A. more than 50
- B. more than 100
- C. more than 500
- D. more than 5,000

Answer: (See 1 Corinthians 15:6.) or see pg 8

JOIN US FOR SUPPER

Every Wednesday

Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15 pm

- October 1: Sloppy Joes & Tater Tots
- October 8: Hot Roast Beef Sandwich & Mashed Potatoes
- October 15: Biscuits & Sausage Gravy & Potatoes
- October 22: Spaghetti & Salad
- October 29: Hot Dogs

After a delicious meal stay for the WB!



HELP PAGES, ID'S, MISSION OF THE MONTH AND MORE...

T.A.S.S.E.L. SUNDAYS

Teens After Service Serving Elegant Lunch

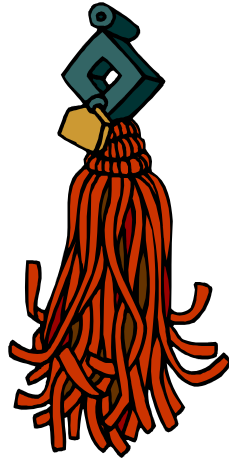
Love Donations Accepted!

Profits from these lunches will be used to defray the cost of youth activities.

Sign up at the Kiosk & Support Our Youth!!

Upcoming TASSELS:

Sunday, October 19th
Sunday, November 11th



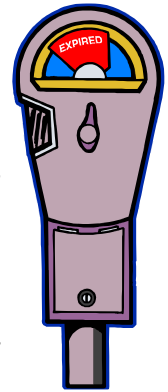
PARKING METER:

Paving the way for our future ...

Great job Broadman! I am so proud of you. We have joined God in paving the way for our future and it is becoming a reality right before our eyes.

I also want to thank all of you who have made pledges and who are giving regularly to the parking lot fund above and beyond your tithe. It is important that we remain focused on fulfilling our pledges. Turn this parking lot into a spiritual challenge from the Lord. Will we be found faithful to giving beyond what we normally give? Will we continue to give to the budget so the ministries of this church will thrive? Not many of us could have imagined all that God has done over the past five years. But most of us know that our God is a big, big God and all He wants us to do is join Him at His work. I believe we have been doing that in a huge way.

So as we pave forward always remember the great things the Lord has done and will continue to do!
-Pastor Chris



BROADMAN HELP PAGES...

Do you need help with yard work? Are you looking for a painter, or someone to help with projects around the house? Is your car in need of service? How about someone to walk your dog, house sit, baby sit, or clean your house? Need dental care or eye care? The Broadman Help Pages is at your service!! We have listings for all of the services listed above and then some. Just get on the Broadman web page and click help pages. It will take you directly to the listing of individuals recommended by our church members. Also, we can still use some more listings so just contact Pastor Chris, Millie Castillo, or Meila. Millie can be reached at milliecastillo1873@msn.com.

New Vendors have been added!!

Check it out at:
http://www.broadmanchurch.org/spiritual_helps/bbc_help_pages.html

BE IDENTIFIED!...

Have trouble remembering names? Problem solved! Just sign up at the kiosk for your very own Broadman magnetic name tag. It has your name and the Broadman Logo. Now everyone will know your name. Cost is \$7.00.

John Doe

MISSION OF THE MONTH...

October Mission of the Month

Operation Christmas Child is our mission of the month for October. Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.



We want to share God's love with hurting children around the world. In order to create an extraordinary gift for a child in need, all you have to do is take an ordinary shoe box and fill it with toys and other presents. These boxes will provide opportunities for local believers to tell children about

Jesus Christ. If you are interested or need more information, please visit the church kiosk. Please have your shoe box(es) ready for drop-off no later than November 16th.



COLLEGIATE MINISTRY REPORT...

**What God Has
Been Up to!...**

God is so amazing. He does things that we cannot even imagine. Sometimes we just need to get out of His way and let Him do His thing. That is kind of how my involvement in Collegiate Ministry has emerged and will continue to emerge. I did not ask for it, nor did I pursue it. But as God opened the doors I followed Him faithfully on what has proven to be an exciting adventure and fruitful ministry.

For the last two seasons I have served as the team chaplain for the football team at Kent State University. This happened as God opened doors through a member of our congregation, Toby Jacobi, who was the strengthening coach for the team. I thank God that Toby thought highly enough of me to introduce me to the Head Coach, Doug Martin, who in return afforded me the opportunity to be the team chaplain. As a result I have complete access to the team and have developed many relationships with players, staff and coaches by being at practices, traveling with the team, and seeing them on campus and much more. I have had the opportunity to share the Gospel message and lead regular team devotions and pre-game devotions. I have seen several affirm their faith in Christ and many ask questions about faith. I also have had many opportunities to meet with players, staff and coaches to minister to them, pray for them, encourage them and help them grow in their faith. Additionally this ministry has led several of the play-

ers to attend worship at Broadman somewhat regularly during off-season.

In addition to being the chaplain for the football team there have been several ministry contacts. I regularly attend the Collegiate Ministry Organization (CMO) meetings on campus, have regular fellowship and ministry support from Ted Schumacher, the campus Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) director, who has welcomed me into his ministry as a partner and participant in ministry with him.

Currently, Broadman has been blessed with several students who attend Akron University that are coming to our church. They have been an answer to prayer. It is my hope that some ministry may come about as a result of their attendance at Broadman. Please join me in praying for them and the possibilities of sponsoring Collegiate Missionaries.



In the future I believe it is feasible for me to represent Cross Walk ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention at Kent State. I hope to partner with Campus Link of NAMB (North American Missions Board) which would bring several NAMB appointed collegiate missionaries to work the Kent State and Akron campuses launching out of Broadman as part of our collegiate ministry and strategic plan to reach these campuses. I also hope to have more involvement as a chaplain to the football team and

on Kent campus with the Lord's provisions.

Please note that I did not ask for this. It just happened. It is an example to all of us of what God can do. I know that this ministry is a God thing. Isaiah 6 tells us to be available and simply say to the Lord 'here I am, send me' - that is exactly what I have told the Lord about this matter, "Lord, here I am, send me." I have gone, I have obeyed His calling, and the church and my family have been very accommodating. I look forward to serving as long as the Lord leads me in this direction and I look forward to discovering what He has in store for my life and this ministry.

In conclusion, as successful as this ministry has been and as obvious as it is that God's hand has been on this ministry, this ministry cannot continue and is limited in capacity without prayer, missionaries and financial support. I hope in the future the Lord will provide the funding for this vital ministry reaching people at a lifestage that most fall away from the Lord and never return. God's hand and fruit are evident, I pray that NAMB, the State Convention, the Association and Broadman will help advance the cause of Christ through this ministry opportunity. I hope you will ask the Lord what role you can play and say "Lord, here I am, send me." If we do this, look out there is no telling what God will do!!!

-Pastor Chris

THE SURPASSING GRACE...

The word "surpass" means to exceed, to go beyond, to transcend the reach or capacity of. In his second letter to the church at Corinth, St. Paul refers to "the surpassing

EVERYONE CAN SERVE...

grace of God that he has given you" (2 Corinthians 9:14, NRSV). Paul was reminding the Corinthians of the amazing, abundant grace God had showered upon them.

When Paul wrote that letter, the church in Jerusalem was suffering intense persecution. The members were poor and struggling to be faithful under dire circumstances.

Paul knew the church at Corinth was doing fine financially and that they had a mind to help out the Jerusalem church. He wrote: "You glorify God ... by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they ... pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you" (2 Corinthians 9:13-14, NRSV).

Consider how you can share God's surpassing grace with others in need.

EVERYONE CAN SERVE...

Look for opportunities to serve; don't wait to be asked! Remember: You can serve without being a part of an "official" ministry. We all can:

- extend the word of welcome, whether or not we are official greeters;
- be listening, caring friends, whether or not we are official lay counselors;
- be ready to give reason for the hope that is in us, whether or not we are on the evangelism team;
- be enthusiastic participants and ready to give a hand, whether or not we are on the planning or cleanup committees.

IDONTCELEBRATE...

PASTOR APPRECIATION...

CHOIR NEWS...

IDONTCELEBRATE.COM....

After hearing a sermon from Pastor Chris referring to how people today say "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas" last year during Advent I was inspired to do something to promote Christmas in our culture. In response to his sermon I created a T-shirt that said "I Don't Celebrate the Holidays." I gave the T-shirt to Pastor Chris and it was worn during the last service before Christmas last year. I told Pastor Chris that next Christmas I was going to sell them. I didn't realize what that really meant and what would happen back then, but as a result "Idontcelebrate.com" was birthed with the help of Terry Sneed and Pastor Chris.

Now as the Christmas Season is fast approaching we are praying to see a huge response from our congregation, friends and family. We are asking that everyone in the Church purchase at least one item and let friends and family know about our website and ministry. We will have brochures available for you to take and give to family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. We have many different things to choose from. From shirts to Christmas cards to even dog bowls, we have something for everyone to get the message of Christmas out to our culture. This year let's not let our culture be sold out to the Holidays but may we celebrate Christmas.

God has blessed us with an alive and growing church and our space is becoming smaller and it has become necessary to add more space so we can continue to grow. That is why proceeds from "I Don't Celebrate" will go to help pay for our parking lot and also the future front building.

If you have any questions or would like to talk about what you can do to help let people know about our website, you can call (330) 554-7605 for Carla or (440) 655-9007 for Terry. Thank you for your support.

Carla Patterson



OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH...

This special time of year we celebrate our pastor and his family. Pastors are called by God to be the "Shepherd" of the flock. Pastoring is a spiritual gift given by God to oversee the spiritual growth and well-being of the congregation.

"And He personally gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the training of the saints in the work of ministry, to build up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God's Son, [growing] into a mature man with a stature measured by Christ's fullness."

Eph 4:11-13 (HCSB)

Pastoring is an awesome task and one that requires dedication, perseverance and grace. Let your pastor know how much you care by speaking to him, sending a card or email this month. He will appreciate hearing from you.

*And I will give you pastors according to mine heart,
which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.*

Jer 3:15 (KJV)

CHOIR NEWS -OCTOBER 2008...

A big thank you to all choir members for their hard work and dedication in preparing for Patriot's Sunday. It was a joy to see the words and music become planted in your hearts.

Our upcoming schedule is as follows:
OCT. 1- 8:00 REHEARSAL, OCT. 5-SING
IN SERVICE, OCT. 29-8:00 REHEARSAL.

All choir members are invited to attend the Praise Team practices October 8, 15, and 22 and the Praise Team warm up on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in order to become more familiar with the Praise Music.



Answer to bible quiz on page 5 is: C

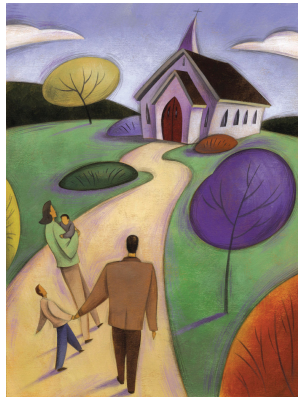
FAITHFULNESS ...

2008 Theme: Faithfulness -

"We desire to be faithful *as God is faithful.*"

Signs of Faithfulness to which we commit:

- 200 + in Worship
- 120 + in Sunday School
- 100 + on Wednesday Night
- 30 New Families
- 50 Salvations & Baptisms
- **Faithful Giving**
- Faithful Ministry Leaders
- Faithful Nursery Volunteers
- Faithful Involvement



This month it is time to focus on "Faithful Giving." At the end of 2007 we pledged, as a church, to commit to some signs of faithfulness during the year of 2007 and beyond. One of those signs was faithful giving. Faithfulness to giving is one of those things that is hard to evaluate. Our church does not have your W-2, no one is looking over your shoulder to make sure you are writing a check each week, and no one comes after you if you are not faithful. Instead, it is a private matter between you and the Lord. Even though it is private it affects the blessings of God on us as a whole. Faithful giving may be an individual spiritual responsibility, but it impacts the church and the Lord's work.

The reasons we need to be faithful to giving are numerous. First, God calls us to give to the local church to promote His purposes on earth through our tithes and offerings. Second, it is a spiritual matter. If you want to grow in the Lord then give to the Lord. I believe that a person's giving is a reflection of the heart. Not always, but in many cases this is true because our heart is where our treasure is. Third, giving God's way brings blessings to you and others. If we don't give God's way we miss out on blessings God has in store for us. Giving faithfully opens up the flood gates of heaven's blessings and God wants to pour out His blessings of His faithful people. I am not going to say you cannot be blessed if you are not faithfully giving, but I can assure you one thing, God cannot bless you to the fullness He desires if you don't. You can take that to the bank. Lastly, you cannot out give God. He has more in store for us than we could ever give. He is a God of goodness and blessings may we never forget that.

Some of you may be in a position that you cannot give faithfully. For many it will be because you have too much debt, have mismanaged your money, or perhaps blatant disobedience. Guess what? There is hope. God does not want you to live this way. That is why this January we are offering Financial Peace University. I encourage everyone regardless of their financial situation to participate in this course. It will benefit you, your family, the church and the cause for

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Christ. You will not be told to give, but taught how to give. You will learn that it is more blessed to give than to receive. You will be equipped to manage your money God's way. As a result you will lay up treasures in Heaven and be blessed...that comes with a guarantee from God.

I pray we will be found faithful to giving.

-Pastor Chris

SIDE NOTE ON FAITHFULNESS...**The Importance of Attendance**

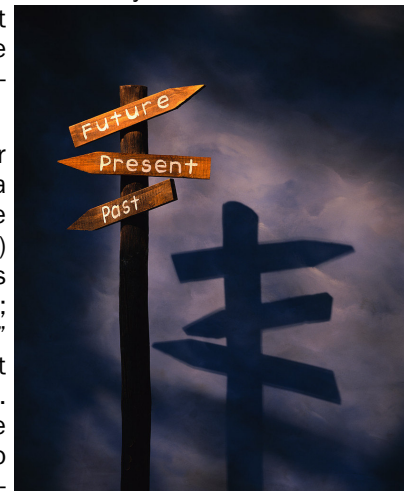
We need to be faithful to attending. We have been slipping lately. Our attendance has really plateaued. We have new faces and new people which we praise God for; however, for some we have become inconsistent in our worship attendance. I am praying for you to return to faithful attendance because I love you and because that it is for your good.

So let's make a deal...come to church every Sunday in October through December and see if the Lord doesn't bless you for your faithfulness. If I was a betting man, I bet He does!!!

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Have you ever gone the wrong way? Have you ever turned left, when you should have turned right? Have you ever just flat out been lost? We all have and for most us it is a very uncomfortable situation. Everyone wants to be going the right direction and to have the confidence of knowing they are on the right route in life. So if you have ever wondered if you are on the right route in life then the upcoming sermon series is for you.

Beginning this October we are going to take a round trip on Route 25:4 (Psalm 25:4) "Make Your ways known to me, LORD; teach me Your paths." We will discover what route God has for us. One thing is for sure you are not going to want to miss the directions. This sermon series is intended to help you navigate through your past, present and future for the Glory of God. This sermon series actually comes from a VBS we did a few years back called the "Rambling Road Trip." I hope all will attend and discover God's direction in their lives as we arrive at all of our destinations: Worship, Thankfulness, Salvation, Belief, and Obedience.



*"Make Your ways known to me, LORD;
teach me our paths."*

Psalms 25:4 (HCSB)

THE BELL ...

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To whom the Bell tolls!!! Have you heard the bell ring in your life?

THE BELL**I KNOW WHO I AM**

I am God's child (John 1:12)

I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)

I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)

I am bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19-20)

I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)

I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)

I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt.5:13-14)

I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)

I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)

I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil.3:20)

I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)

I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor.5:17-21)

I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)

I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)

I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom.8:35-39)

I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor.1:21-22)

I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8: 28)

I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)

I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)

I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)

I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 1 6). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)

I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)

I am God's co-worker (1 Cor.. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)

I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil 1: 5)

I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col.1:14).I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I belong to God

Do you know

who you are?

Keep ringing the bell!!!!

“May the LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26

SPECIAL THANKS FROM CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL...

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Scripture of the Month

Worship Schedule

9:00am Prayer in Sanctuary

9:30am Coffee & Fellowship

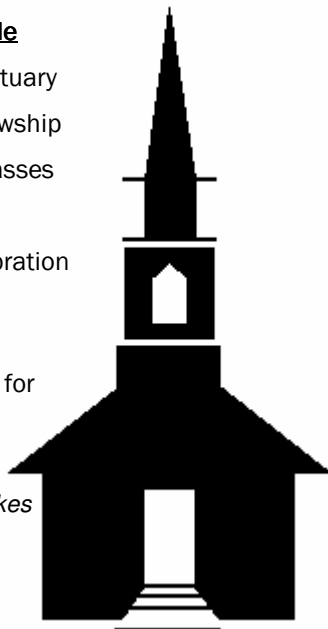
9:45am Life Impact classes
for all ages

11:00am Morning Celebration
Service

Wednesdays

6:30pm WB Something for
everyone

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a Difference!*



Jer 3:15 (KJV)

And I will give you pastors according to mine heart,
which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

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