

LOOKING BEYOND

from Southern Heights Christian Church

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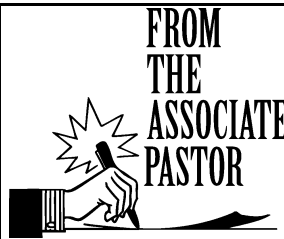
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By now all of you are aware of the success of this year's VBS program. The efforts made for this intense week of fellowship and study reinforce the great variety of gifts that are needed in the work of the Kingdom. A week of VBS reminds of how ALL gifts are used for the "good of the church" (1 Cor.12:7). Many people used their God-given abilities and energy to prepare lessons, music, food, crafts, transportation and a host of other services. We have had many other successful VBS programs through the years and we are always grateful for the generous spirit of service and giving that is displayed when needs arise. We never want to forget the heritage of faith and sacrifice that has preceded us in the past. May God continue to bless us with a multitude of servant hearts.

Since Father's Day has just passed, we want to be thankful for the faith and love we receive from our families. Those special days of remembrance remind us how precious those relationships really are. Because our time on earth is short, we want to make every effort to keep those connections healthy and vibrant. It is often easy to allow a thoughtless word or action to betray the love we intend to show. A harsh statement, an impatient reaction or a poor decision can have long-term ramifications. If we have hurt someone (even unintentionally) or have a breach in a relationship with one of our children or if there is an area of unforgiveness that is nagging at your soul or if you have allowed circumstances to so control you that you have been distracted and distant from those who are most important to you, then **DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!**

Continue to give God the glory for His continual love and grace and may we do the same with those we live with and with those we come in contact with every day! Terry



One night a wife found her husband standing over their newborn baby's crib. Silently she watched him. As he stood looking down at the sleeping infant, she saw on his face a mixture of emotions: disbelief, doubt, delight, amazement, enchantment, skepticism. He would stand back, shake his head and say, "Amazing," while smiling from ear to ear.

Touched by his unusual display and the deep emotions it aroused, her eyes glistened as she slipped her arms around him. "A penny for your thoughts," she whispered in his ear.

"Isn't it amazing!" he replied. "When you take the time and really look close, how can anyone make a crib like that for only \$45.99!"

There is no debate that men and women are different. Men, we just think differently and this is something that we should not look at as a short coming. God created us each special and we should give Him all the glory for that this month as we celebrate fatherhood.

Father's Day just doesn't seem to have a very high priority compared to other holidays, does it?

Fathers, I can say without a doubt that being a good father & a good husband is the most challenging responsibility we can ever face. On my goal list, number one is being the best husband and father that I can. If you're like most men - even those who may have had a poor or harmful experience with their own father - you still want to be a good father to your children. So I want to encourage you through this short article to be the kind of man that your boys want to become and the kind of man that you would want your daughter to marry.

In Christ, Joe



How do you measure success in your life?

By Kristen Tucker

Our VBS was the best ever this year. Why? I believe it is because God was asked to come join us in every aspect of it, from the beginning stages of planning to the final thank you note being written. We made a conscious effort to include Him in every part. Any child or volunteer that was a part of VBS felt the presence of Jesus throughout the week, and I think that equals success! I believe we all grew spiritually during VBS week and many seeds were planted in the hearts of the many children who attended. Continue to be in prayer that we can bring the Go Fish guys to Lebanon, as this concert promises to be a life-changing event. Let's show our kids that we care about their spiritual lives by not missing this opportunity. The success of pulling this off depends on community support. Pray for God's guidance in how you can help and then talk to Tonia Baker.

As the students in Bright Beginnings' first pre-k class were tested at Kindergarten screening, the academics they acquired this year were made very evident. Several Esther Elementary employees called me to comment on how high our students scored. Success? Yes. However, more importantly to me was the fact that those 20 children left Bright Beginnings knowing how to answer questions like: What do you do when a friend is sick? (You pray for them.) What is the 10th Commandment? (Don't want what other people have, be happy with what you have.) Success? Absolutely!

The world measures success by money and power, but God looks in our hearts. I could never win a contest involving anything musical, but I can be a successful singer in God's eyes if I am singing praises to, for, and about Him. In the Go Fish version of the song the B-I-B-L-E, they sing, "it's how God speaks to me". Success should be measured by how well we listen to Him. Have you had a conversation with Him lately? God has already spoken the words that will bring us the only kind of success that should matter, we just have to make the effort to read and reflect on them.

May you have a successful summer of growing in the Lord!



CAMP HELP NEEDED

Bananas and brownies are needed as donations to the church camp for 125 campers/staff. The kitchen workers will take them on July 20th, so donations will need to be brought to SHCC on the 19th.

Kitchen helpers (3-4) are also needed to help on July 20th, arriving by 8:30 am. Watch for a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center.



PRIMETIMERS will need to check the chapel bulletin board and watch the bulletin for information on July's event.



MEN'S MEETING...

will not be held in July, but will resume in August, so watch for more information in the next newsletter.

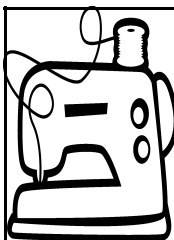
Evangelism Accountability

You are invited to an encouragement/accountability meeting at 7 pm on July 16th. Sharing Christ with others, getting ideas how to do so, and giving/receiving encouragement to keep telling others about Jesus...all are purposes of this gathering.



GASCONADE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP

Registration forms are on the Welcome Center for First Chance Camp(July 2/3), Sr. High Week (July 12-18), and Intermediate Week (July 19-24).



THE SEWING MINISTRY will meet not meet in July or August, but will resume September 3rd.

We would like to make our first shipment of the children's clothing for Africa this fall when MASTER Provisions picks up our truck load of clothes. **If you have dresses or shorts to sew, please have them completed this fall** to include with the shipment. More packets for sewing will be available this fall. Thanks for your help.



THE ELDERS MEETING is planned for 6:30 on July 13th.



ELEMENTARY KIDS' LOCK-IN & TRIP TO BIG SURF

Elementary kids and their families are invited to Big Surf on Sunday, July 12th. Each person needs to

bring a sack lunch to the fellowship hall to eat right after worship, along with \$14 and money for snacks. When we return home that evening, the elementary students will stay for a lock-in, including supper and lots of fun for the night.

Kids should be picked up between 7 and 8 am Monday.



FREEDOM CELEBRATION

July 12th, we will celebrate the fact that we live in a country where we are still free to worship our Lord openly. The evening will begin at 6:00 with special music, congregational singing and much more! All VBS kids will want to be sure and be there to sing

along on a couple of "Go Fish Guys" songs. Following this special service, we will head to the Fellowship Hall for homemade ice cream and desserts! You may sign up at the Welcome Center to provide us with some tasty ice cream. Everyone else may bring a favorite dessert. Let's get together for an evening of worship and fellowship. We serve an awesome God, and we should be excited about giving Him the praise and glory for allowing us the freedoms we are so fortunate to have!



PRAYING WOMEN NEEDED

Women, we'll meet together at 6:30 pm Tuesday, July 14th, to learn about the upcoming "Arise! Cry Out!" gathering and to hear about the updates in our Moms In Touch International organization. All women are invited to join us!



A baby shower will be held at 2 pm July 26th for Hicham and Kendra (Davison) Hajjami. They are expecting a boy around July 4th and are registered at Target and Wal-Mart.

Financial Report May 31-June 21, 2009

Total Designated Offerings:	\$1,625
Total General Fund Offering:	\$22,259
Total General Fund Budget Needs:	\$26,560
Average Attendance:	238

SERVING SCHEDULE for JULY 2009

SS Secretary:

Debbie Alwardt

Communion Prep:

Robin Johnson

Greeters:

Dave & Dorothy Shoemaker

SERVERS:

*Mark Shoemaker

*Rick Willis

Mike Alwardt

Sam Dane

SERVERS:

Ed Van Abbema

Brent Poe

Nick Gaston

Brad Segebarth

USHERS:


*Doug Stoll

Richard Archer

Andy Core

Terry Milton

<p>July 5 Instrumentalists: Janice Shoemaker Arlene Hoffman Communion Meditation: Sam Dane Comm. to Shut-Ins: Mark Shoemaker Dallas Vernon Alt-Dave Grant Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Martha Williams 10:00 am Michelle Evans Dianna Brown Mary Beth Gilby Mikenon Wade Bus Driver: Mike Alwardt</p>	<p>July 12 Instrumentalists: Denise Shoemaker Martha Williams Communion Meditation: Mike Alwardt Comm. to Shut-Ins: Kenneth Vest Jay Webb Alt-Melvin Hoffman Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Lisa Addis 10:00 a.m. Stacy Segebarth Zack Fincher Pat Vernon Lisa Addis Bus Driver: Richard Archer</p>	<p>July 19 Instrumentalists: Danielle Shoemaker Janice Shoemaker Communion Meditation: Brad Segebarth Comm. to Shut-Ins: Sam Dane Brent Davison Alt-Fred McCarter Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Jada Mathis 10:00 a.m. Sarah Burks Kim Gaston Cheri Wilson Lindsay Darnell Bus Driver: Mike Alwardt</p>	<p>July 26 Instrumentalists: Arlene Hoffman Danielle Shoemaker Communion Meditation: Mark Shoemaker Comm. to Shut-Ins: Randy Gilby Norm Wood Alt-Mark Shoemaker Nursery: 9:00 a.m. Becky Rhoads 10:00 a.m. Barb McCullough Mary Stoll Deb Milton Kathy Peregoy Bus Driver: Richard Archer</p>
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Brent Poe Bobbie Chambers</i>	2 1st Chance Camp (grades 2 & 3 this fall) <i>Sammie Barclay Keeley Riggs Dorothy Shoemaker</i>	3	4  <i>Teresa Allen Warren Hoffman D.D. Irish Amber Johnson</i>
5 <i>Michael Addis Jordan Addis Jeff Baker</i>	6	7 Softball game at 6:30 pm <i>Larry & Maggie Hill (2002)</i>	8 <i>Helen Ramey</i>	9 <i>Chris & Deborah Grace (1988) Mark & Denise Shoemaker (1982)</i>	10 <i>Zane Pruitt</i>	11 Destination Unknown for Teens at 9 am
12 Elementary Kids' Lock-in and Big Surf	13 Elders' Mtg at 6:30 pm	14 MITI update meeting at 6:30	15	16	17	18 Bright Be- ginnings Board Meeting 9 am
High School Week of Camp (9-12 graders including those just graduated)						
	<i>Pat Dane</i>	<i>Zachery Johnson Jay & Rosalie Webb (2005)</i>		<i>Jimmy Myers</i>	<i>Ruby Myers</i>	<i>Mikenon Wade</i>
19	20 Workers & food needed for Camp	21	22	23 Shoemaker/ McElvaney Re- hearsal	24 Brooke Shoemaker & Levi McElvaney Wedding 7 pm	25 Leave for Nationwide Youth Roundup
Intermediate Week of Camp (grades 6 & 7 this fall)						
<i>Warren & Jimmie Hoffman (1952)</i>	<i>Gina Poe</i>	<i>Sue Wade</i>	<i>Donna Harrill Tamra Rodgers Trevor Addis</i>		<i>Addison Segebarth</i>	<i>Caleb Alwardt Walter & Bertha Shugar 1959</i>
26 Hajjami Baby Shower at 2 pm	27	28	29	30	31	
Nationwide Youth Roundup in Colorado						
	<i>Steven Bennett</i>	<i>Derek Shoemaker</i>				



Arise! Cry Out! ...at SHCC

**November 14,
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Join women around the world on November 14, for Arise! Cry Out!, a worldwide day of extraordinary prayer for children and schools.

This generation is in desperate need of our Loving Father. Will you join us in praying for the children of our community and those around the world? Our church is excited to be a local host site for this powerful, life-changing time of prayer.

Imagine women in hundreds of locations throughout the United States and in countries around the world praying in one heart for God to bring repentance, restoration and revival to the children in our own communities and those around the world. Imagine the impact our prayers could have throughout our schools, throughout our communities, throughout our world and throughout the generations.

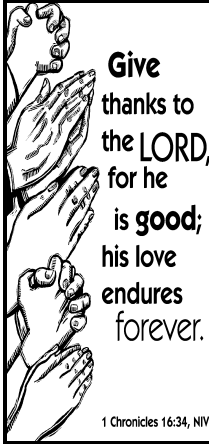
Make plans now to attend, and register at www.MomsInTouch.org.

Celebrating 25 years of praying for children and schools, Moms In Touch International is hosting this historic prayer event inviting women around the world to Arise! Cry Out! for the generations. This time of prayer will be facilitated by a professional DVD, created from the Live Event in San Diego on October 9 and 10.

Fern Nichols, the founder and president of Moms In Touch International, will inspire women to pray purposefully and passionately for our children. Pastor Miles McPherson (of Miles Ahead Ministries and pastor of the 3,500-seat Rock Church in San Diego), along with the worship team Crimson Bridge, will encourage us in our time of crying out to the Lord for the transformation of this generation to truly know and love our Lord Jesus Christ.

Women, you don't want to miss this powerful time of praying corporately and in small groups for our children and schools. All women, from teens on up, are invited to attend. (Praying out loud is voluntary.)

To register and for more information, visit the Moms In Touch International website at www.MomsInTouch.org



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV

THANKS!

The June Missions yard/bake sale proceeds of \$1299 will help build a playground for an orphanage in Ukraine. The total raised, to date, is \$5,625, and this should be sufficient for approximately 100 children. Thanks to each one who helped supply yard sale items or baked goods to sell, or who worked in set-up or clean-up or helped in any other way!



Congratulations to newlyweds Michael and Audrey (Cox) Hall, who were married May 23 and also chose to honor God in their marriage by giving their lives to Christ. They were immersed May 31st, becoming brothers and sisters with God's family. They live at 2800 Kasen and their home phone is 991-3155.

We also welcome Kay Martin, who gave her life to Christ and was baptized June 20th. She lives at 601 Woody and may be reached at 588-9161.

DEREK SHOEMAKER'S temporary address before going overseas in early August is: CPL Shoemaker

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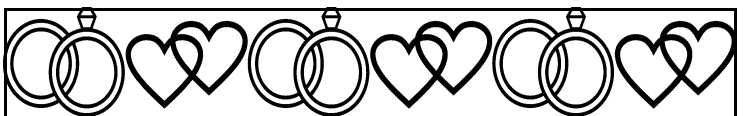
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CHECK OUT SYSTEM

We're happy to loan items from SHCC, and we ask that you check out each item through the church office due to the multiple uses for the building and furnishings. Thank you for helping us with the coordination of this service.



*Mark and Denise Shoemaker
and*

*Julie and Deanie Munholland
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children*

*Brooke LeAnn Shoemaker
and Levi Aaron McElvaney
on Friday, the twenty-fourth of July*

*Two thousand and nine
at six thirty in the evening*

*Southern Heights Christian Church
2080 South Jefferson
Lebanon, Missouri*

*In continuation of celebration, Levi and Brooke invite you
to a reception following the ceremony at the Lebanon
Mills Center in Lebanon, MO.*



ORPHANS FROM LATVIA

Brad and Stacy Segebarth will host Daniella and Agnese for the next 5 weeks and are excited to share Jesus with them. If you would like to learn more about an opportunity such as this, please contact Stacy at 588-6265.