

From the Pastor's Heart

Our in-home, Sunday night Bible studies will begin in just a few weeks. You have six homes to choose from. Hopefully, the location of one of these homes will be convenient for you. After securing the folks willing to serve as hosts for the Bible studies, I noticed something interesting that happened quite by accident. The homes where the studies will be taking place perfectly represents the wide age span of the different generations in our church family! Take a look at the names. There are hosts in their 20's, 30's, 40's, etc. representing every decade of life!

Of course, you may choose to go to any of the hosts' homes regardless of your age or their age. In fact, I think it would be healthy for every group to have a smattering of all ages present! It would be helpful for us to hear someone who is coming at life from a different perspective and from a different stage. I believe that the 25 year-old has much to learn from the 75 year-old, and that the 75 year-old can learn something from the 25 year-old. We are the body of Christ and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Sunday School and worship this Sunday.

Don



Children's Ministry

If you are interested in volunteering to help in our children's extended session ministry, please be sure to let Raina know or sign up on one of the sign up sheets in the education building. Sign up sheets are located near each classroom door. You are encouraged to volunteer if you have or bring children who use extended session. We are also grateful for the help of those who just love our children!!! Nursery, Toddler, Pre K, and Sunday evening worship service classes are offered and in need of cheerful, happy, loving helpers. Please consider volunteering!

Raina: cell 952-2001 or home 783-0144

The Informer will not be published next week

Evelyn will be out of the office Wednesday-Friday, September 21-23, for cataract surgery. Hence, The Informer will not be published next Thursday, September 22. Thank you for your patience, your understanding ... and your prayers.

Servants 09-18-2011

(If you are unable to attend, please ask someone to serve in your place.)

Children's Moment: Donna Raschke

Deacons: Blake Milner ~ Bill Conner

Ushers: Johnny Curry ~ Dana Billingsley

Greeters: Amos and Peggy Barker

Extended Session

Nursery AM: Eddie and Cathy McDaniel

Toddlers: Blake and Sherry Milner

Pre-K: Blake and Lynn Smith

Nursery PM: Raina Smith



Hawkinsville Harvest Festival

Downtown Hawkinsville
Next Saturday, September 24
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Fun and food for the entire family!

SUNDAY
Library 9:30-10:00 AM
Sunday School 10:35 AM
9:45 AM AM Worship
10:35 AM Library
5:30-6:00 PM PM Worship
6:00 PM

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Donald L. McClung, DMin, Pastor
Carson Britz, Music and Youth Minister
Raina Smith,
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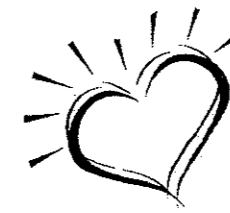
WEDNESDAY
Library 10:00AM-12:00
4:00-6:00 PM
Prayer Meeting
Youth Bible Study
GAS and "W.O.V." 6:30 PM
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM

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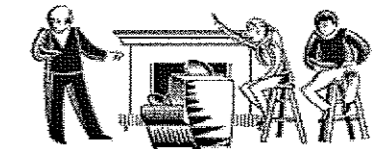
Deacons Meeting

This Sunday, September 18 ~ 7:00 PM
Conference Room



"Young-at-Heart"

Next Friday, September 23
11:30 AM ~ The Steak House
Special Guest Speaker
Don't miss it!



Home Bible Study

Our in-home Bible studies will begin in October. Presently we have six homes that will be hosting our Sunday night Bible studies on October 9, 16, and 23. The studies are taken from the *Serendipity Study Bible*. The theme of the Bible studies is "Coming Home: Pilgrims on Their Way Back." You may sign up for the in-home Bible studies beginning this Sunday. Presently we have 6 homes who will be hosting the study: Carson and Jennifer Britt, Blake and Sherry Milner, Blake and Lynn Smith, Don and Carol Ann McClung, Wayne and Betty West, and Berta Mae Wright. Over 40 people have signed up already, and you may do so by calling the church office at 892-9076.

October 9
The Call of Love Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)

October 16
Hide and Seek Adam and Eve: The First Prodigals (Genesis 3:1-24)

October 23
Straying From God Jonah Takes a Cruise (Jonah 1:1-17)

Miss Tiffany Herman
Mrs. Brandice Dupree
 Mike and Linda Goslin
 Jean Ballard
Mr. James Whelchel
Mr. Johnny Sigmon
 Mike and Linda Goslin
 Annette Johnson
Mrs. Bernice Crowe
Mrs. Mae Anderson
Mr. Tom Ed Woods
 Mike and Linda Goslin

09-11-2011



Financial Report September 11, 2011

<u>Budget Receipts</u>		<u>Designated Receipts</u>	
Budget Needs for 1 week	\$ 7,542.60	Building Fund	\$ 306.70
Budget Received 09-11-11	\$ 4,294.16	Roof Fund	\$ 2,270.00
Beginning Bal 01-01-11	\$ 8,291.03	Food Service	\$ 34.80
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$212,175.02	Chapel	\$ 205.20
Budget Expenditures YTD	\$210,670.95	TOTAL	\$ 2,816.70
General Fund Balance	\$ 9,795.10		
as of 09-12-2011			

Building Fund Update

At the end of August 2011, a payment of \$8,717.23 was made. Of this figure \$4,843.71 was applied to the principal and \$3,873.52 was paid in interest, leaving a balance of \$687,666.24.

Menu September 21, 2011

Please make your reservations by noon on Monday.

This week's meal is sponsored by

The Social Committee

Fried Chicken
Macaroni and Cheese
Turnip Greens ~ Potato Salad
Dessert
Iced Tea ~ Iced Water



News from Carson

It's that time of year when we begin to see some major changes taking place. The temperatures are finally cooling and pretty soon leaves will begin to fall. And in just a few short months the trees will be bare as winter will be here. It's funny how life seems to change just about as quickly as the seasons. In today's world technology seems to change weekly making it nearly impossible to stay up to date on anything. The latest trends in fashion, architecture, and music also seem to change with the seasons. Even sports evolve with the times. Change is all around us and sometimes we embrace change. Sometimes we resist.

In my life change has not always come easy. Moving to a rural community from a fairly large city was not easy. Even graduating college was a struggle because for the first time in my life I was on my own. I was expected to provide for myself and eventually help provide for my own family. Most of you have faced more significant changes than I have, and I imagine you have handled them with more grace as well.

As we think about these changes let us remember that change is not always for the good neither is it always for the bad, but change is almost always stressful. The second thing to remember is that despite all of the things that change in life we must remember that there is but one constant: our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the constant that we can all count on when nothing seems to be in its place. Paul reminds us in the book of Hebrews, "God is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Let us hold onto the hope that is Jesus Christ as we continue to change with life.

I'll see you all on Sunday!

Carson

PS: Don't forget about our 5th Quarter coming up on September the 30th. What can you do to help?

Check out these dates!



September 28
FBC Fall Festival

October 26

"Trunk 'R' Treat" *Trunk or Treat*



Inventory of Keys

Many thanks to those of you who have responded to our deacon body's request regarding inventory of our church keys. If you have been issued a key to any part of the church facilities and have not responded, please call the church office at 892-9076 and let us know which keys you have in your possession. Thanks for your help!



Pulaski-Bleckley Annual Meeting

October 13, 2011 ~ Ruth Baptist Church
 Registration at 4:30 PM
 First Session 5:00 PM

Visit Our CHURCH LIBRARY

Wednesdays
 10:00 am ~ 12:00 noon
 and 4:00 PM ~ 5:30 PM

