September

Sept 23-24 Save the date! Ladies Retreat at Silver Maple Camp

WESTVIEW BOYS HOME WORK TRIP

The dates for this year's work trip to Westview Boys Home will be Sunday, Sept. 25—Saturday, Oct. 1 - more details to follow; please see Wes with any questions! Please make plans now to attend.

A LITTLE HUMOR

Little Johnny was one of those holy terrors. His dad was surprised when Johnny's mother suggested that they buy him a bike for his birthday. "Do you really believe that'll help improve his behavior?" he asked. "Well, no," she admitted, "but it will spread it over a wider area."

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother across the country. "Is there anything breakable in the box?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

At Sunday school they were teaching how God created everything including human beings. Little Johnny, a kindergartener, seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later that week his mother noticed him lying on his bed as though we here ill. She said, "Johnny, what's the matter?" He responded with "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife!"

A merry heart doeth good. —Proverbs 17:22

SUMMER SUGGESTED BLESSING BOX ITEMS

Boxed dinners, mac & cheese

Grains/beans/pasta

Bagged side item mixes (mashed potatoes, rice, noodles)

Cereal/oatmeal

Baking items (box mixes/staples)

Nut butter

Toiletries (shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, etc.)- **NO** bar soap please

Donation tubs are in the foyer and west hallway. May God continue to bless our efforts as we reach out to those in our community!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

July

July 31—Kaylee Hines

August

August 07—Linda Wartick August 14—Jordyn Clark August 21—Kaitlin Francisco August 28—Ashley Colwell

If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney!

FROM THE MIND OF OTHERS

Churches throughout the country are discovering one startling fact the spiritual landscape has changed. For the first time in the history of the country, no longer are people interested in God. In fact, many question whether God even exists; if there are really places called heaven and hell; and the vast majority have no idea what sin is. This condition creates a major issue for churches, because what once worked for evangelism, now is virtually ineffective. The challenge now becomes a major question. Do we change our approach and become what we must, in order to reach the lost, or do we continue to do business as usual, and let fate takes its ultimate course? For those who plan to sit and attempt to wait out the storm, they may be in for a rude awakening. Unfortunately, many who adopt this course of action, find themselves permanently locking their doors and selling their buildings, all-the-while struggling to accept their reality. However, there is another group who has been nicknamed the "Scrappy Church." They have been given this name because they refuse to give up, and are committed to struggle, fight to survive, and do whatever is necessary to remain viable and effective in their community. They are scrappy in their attitude. One of the common traits of scrappy churches is they all have a greater sense of purpose and see their work as the work of the Holy Spirit - with them merely as caretakers of their community. They don't bail out when the tide turns, as they witness more leaving than coming. They remain hopeful and steadfast that another soul could enter the building seeking salvation at any time, so they work, watch, and wait as they seek direction from God. Our plight is not much different than the two aforementioned groups. We have a choice whether we choose to be like the first group who throws in the towel and gives up, or we can choose to be a "Scrappy Church" whose will and desire in serving God has no quit in them. I am convinced we are a "Scrappy" group, and our refusal to give up and "pack it in" will be rewarded by our Lord. There are still many souls to be saved, so let us do all we can, to continue to reach the lost, and be Jesus to those looking for the cross. Blessings, Lamar Black

BLESSING BOX TESTIMONY

Here is a testimony about the impact the Blessing Box has had on an anonymous church member...

As I went into the church building recently I noticed the Blessing Box door was left open. I assumed someone used it so I latched it. When I came out about an hour later I saw two young people coming up to the Blessing Box to take some stuff. I though, "I wish I had restocked it!" So I went around the block and came back. I loaded the Blessing Box with some of my favorites and I latched it and left again. It felt so good to load that box knowing that someone will be blessed by it. Then I realized...I HAD BEEN BLESSED TOO! It is appropriately named. The Blessing goes both way!

Praise God for the good works He is doing through this new outreach to our community!

Prayer List: Peyton Smith, Russell Day, Wayne & Marilyn Bartlow, Jill DeJarnett, Julie DeSoignie, Scott Percival, Tom Kirkwood, Kylie Lock, Darlene Larson, Tammy Pontious, Eliza Conwell, Helen Norris, Max (Lonnie's great-grandson), Tim Evans, Dorothy Crisler, Kendall Brundage, Duane & Cathy McKinney, Larry Helton

GETTING WHAT WE DESERVE

We often grumble because we don't get what we want. Instead, we should be thankful that we don't get what we deserve. The Bible tells us that "the wages of sin is death..." (Rm. 6:23). Since "all have sinned" (Rm. 3:23), we ought to be especially grateful that, in Christ, we do not get what we truly deserve.

While modern man is trying to redefine sin and restructure God's commandments, the Bible clearly says that "sin is the transgression of the law" (1 Jn. 3:4). Sin is not determined by popular opinion, but by the word of God. God rebukes those in Isaiah's day who called "evil good, and good evil" (Is. 5:20). Today, many have been afflicted with the same twisted sense of morality. We need to get serious about discovering what the Bible teaches about sin rather than trying to make the Bible say what we think it ought to say.

Being delivered from the penalty of sin involves knowing and obeying the truth. Jesus said that "the truth shall make you free" (Jn. 8:32). The truth, as it is embodied in Christ and His word, can set us free from the penalty of sin. However, we must accept it by faith. Paul tells us that we are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8). Faith is the means by which grace is appropriated. Biblical faith is known by its obedience (Jas. 2:18). Consequently, ours must be a faith that works through love (Gal. 5:6).

Grace is a beautiful concept. It is not cheap. Neither should it be taken for granted. Instead, it must be accepted by means of an active faith. Grace and gratitude are inseparably connected in as much as only those who have been sufficiently impressed with the grace of God will respond with overflowing expressions of thankfulness and love.

Rather than grumbling or complaining about life's difficulties or hardships, focus instead on the grace of God as it is extended to us through Jesus Christ. In Christ, we can always be grateful that we do not get what we truly deserve!

—Glen Elliott—

JUST AN ORDINARY MEMBER

Just an ordinary member of the church I heard her say.
But you'd always find her present, even on a rainy day.
She had a warm handclasp for the stranger in the aisle,
And a friend who was in trouble found sunshine in her smile.
When the sermon helped her, she told the preacher so;
And when she needed help, she let the elders know.
She always gave so freely and tried to do her share,
In all the ordinary tasks for which some have no care.
Her talents were not many, but her love for God was true.
Her prayers were not in public, but she prayed for me and you.
An "ordinary member" did you say? I think I would say,
She was an "extra ordinary" in a humble sort of way.

—Selected



Speaker: Sean Clothier

THOSE WHO SERVE					
SUNDAY, 10:30 AM	<u>July 31</u>	<u>Aug 07</u>	<u>Aug 14</u>	<u>Aug 21</u>	
Opening Prayer	M. Kline	E. Newberry	D. Pierce	N. Bradbury	
Song Leader	K. Dodds	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris	
Communion Talk					
<u>& Prayer</u>	D. Pierce	K. Dodds	N. Bradbury	T. Norris	
Contribution Prayer,	L. Turney	A. Hines	A. Hines	A. Hines	
	C. Francisco		P. Dodds	P. Dodds	
Collection & Count	C. Francisco	P. Dodds	P. Dodds	P. Dodds	
<u>Ushers</u>	A. Hines	J. Rayl	J. Rayl	J. Rayl	
	D. Carroll	D. Clark	D. Clark	D. Clark	
Closing Prayer	E. Newberry	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris	
Deacon in Charge	W. Pierce	A. Shields	A. Shields	A. Shields	
<u>ATTENDANCE</u>					
SUNDAY—July 2	4				
Bible Class				92	
WEDNESDAY—July 20					
Auditorium—20	Teens-	-0			
Bible Hour—0	Total—	-20			

ELDERS Rex Harris Ed Newberry	Marvin Kline Tom Norris	SCHEDULE OF SERVICE Sunday Bible Classes9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m.
DEACONS Nathan Bradbury Aaron Hines David Pierce Alan Shields	Kevin Dodds Leroy Lewis Wade Pierce	Wednesday Bible Class7:00 p.m. Bible Class7:00 p.m.
MINISTER Wes LeFlore		



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Song #144 "O Worship the King"

Song #797 "Lord, We Come Before Thee Now"

Prayer

Song #381 "Years, I Spent in Vanity"

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Song #608 "He Gave Me a Song"

Lesson

Song #911 "Bring Christ Your Broken Life"

Prayer

Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children's Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the Fellowship Room for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.