

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 28, 2009

- 9:15 AM Coffee and Donuts / Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School - **Regular Classes**
- 10:55 AM Morning Worship and Appalachia Commissioning Service
- 2:00 PM Decorate for Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study / Matt's House

Monday, June 29, 2009

- 9:00 AM Vacation Bible School (VBS)
- 12:00 PM Appalachia Meeting
- 2:00 PM Wales Meeting

Tuesday, June 30, 2009

- 9:00 AM VBS
- 12:00 PM Youth to Lunch

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

- 9:00 AM VBS
- 12:00 PM VBS Participants (Grades 2-5) Swim Party
- 12:00 PM Wednesday Lunch [Johnny Price] / Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 2, 2009

- 9:00 AM VBS
- 12:00 PM VBS Participants (K5-1st Grade) Lunch Party
- 12:00 PM Appalachia Meeting

Friday, July 3, 2009

- 9:00 AM VBS
- 12:00 PM Family Lunch

Saturday, July 4, 2009

- 7:00 AM Leave for Appalachia Mission Trip

Sunday, July 5, 2009

- 9:15 AM Coffee and Donuts / Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School—**Regular Classes**
- 10:55 AM Morning Worship

Monday, July 6, 2009

- Church Office Closed for Holiday
- 7:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast, Bill Milling, Ldr. / Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM SHARP

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

- Newsletter Mailed
- 9:00 AM SHARP
- 12:00 PM Wednesday Lunch [Johnny Price] / Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 11, 2009

- Return from Appalachia Mission Trip (around lunch)

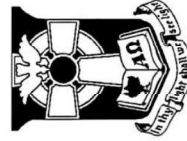
FACTS AND FIGURES

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR JUNE:

JUNE 7	215
JUNE 14	215
JUNE 21	210

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741 CLEVELAND STREET
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THE LORD'S DAY
JUNE 28, 2009

Coffee and Donuts in Fellowship Hall

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School—Regular Classes

9:45 a.m.

The Session meets for Prayer

10:45 a.m.

Morning Worship

10:55 a.m.

Greeters:

Jenks and Carol Petty - June

Head Usher:

Scott Duerk

Ushers:

Kim Morgan, Nat Stewart, John Wharton

Web address: www.greenvillearp.com

THE GREENVILLE A.R.P. NEWSLETTER

June 24, 2009

A Message from Matt Miller, Pastor

"Is That a Visitor Over There?"

Two weeks ago I finally decided to do what I had too long postponed – I strapped my bike to the back of my car on a Tuesday evening and drove down to the Donaldson Center, where around 500 cyclists were converging for an evening of organized group rides. It had been about five years since I'd ridden with a sizable group, so I was feeling proud of myself for showing up, but a little nervous too.

At six o'clock I joined wheels with the second of nine groups going out into the countryside. Mine was composed of about seventy-five men and women ranging in age from 20 to 60. For over an hour and a half we rolled through the beautiful countryside, wheel-to-wheel, shoulder-to-shoulder, snaking through the turns, pushing our limits up the hills, and stopping every now and again to make sure everyone was still together. It was everything I hoped it would be, except for one thing. Not one person said hello. I'm ashamed to admit it, but it was a lonely experience to ride with an unwelcoming bunch!

On my way home I began to wonder ... do visitors feel this way coming to a church? How many people out there, having finally drummed up the courage to attend a service for the first time in years, show up, worship shoulder-to-shoulder with strangers for an hour, only to leave feeling ... invisible? In many churches it happens every Sunday.

You know what makes the biggest impression on visitors? Beyond the service itself, it's the warmth of the people. "Let your gentleness be known to all men" (Gal. 4:5). It's the unprogrammable welcome by those members who take notice that make a visitor feel 'a connection' ... and come back. And if, upon returning, a few people remember his or her name, then you've *really* shown that you care.

A few weeks ago I was talking with a woman in another church who said when she first attended, she wasn't overly impressed. In fact, she'd decided not to come back until an elderly lady grabbed her by the arm after the benediction ... and invited her to lunch! Guess what? Two months later she joined that church!

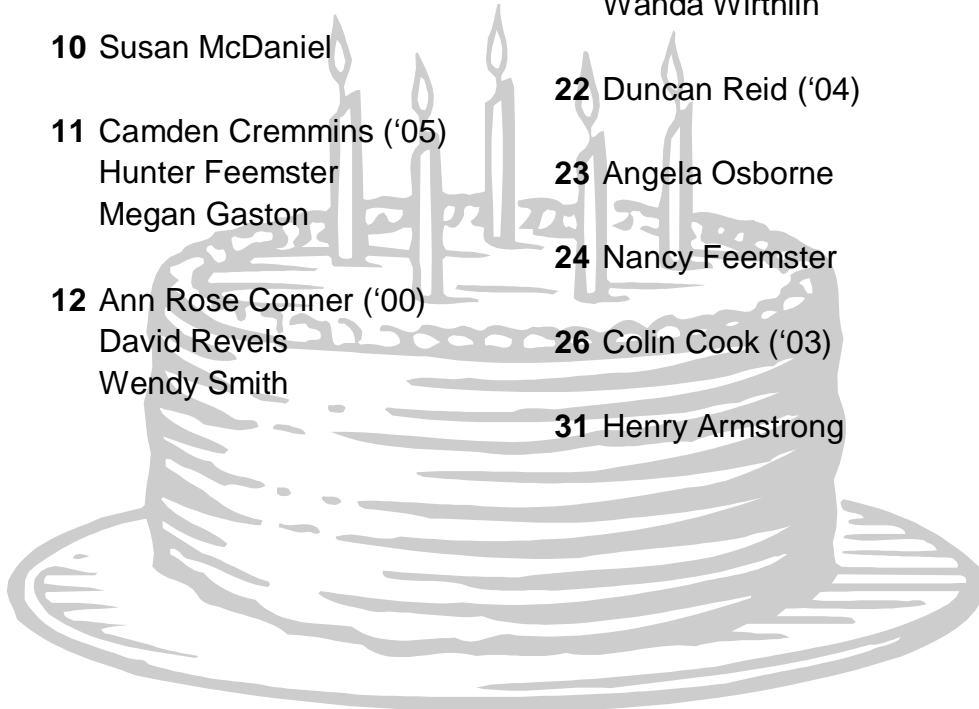
When it comes to visitors, we've all got a part to play, and I must say that *many of you are playing your part very well!* But I would challenge you – yes, you! – to make sure that no one ever comes to our church without being warmly welcomed (after all, being 'good Presbyterians', don't we believe they're visiting us by 'Divine appointment?'). May our visitors never feel lonely leaving our sanctuary.

So if you find yourself asking, "Is that a visitor over there?" make an effort to answer that question first-hand. And be sure to greet them by name when you see them the next time. Or why not go the next step, and invite them to lunch? You may be instrumental in their decision to return, and eventually call Greenville ARP their "church home" too.

REMINDER—SS CLASSES MEET IN THEIR REGULAR CLASSROOMS JUNE 28 AND JULY 5!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

July Birthdays

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| 2 Tracie Lilly
Bradley Robinson | 13 Jim Farish
Linda Perry |
| 3 Bill Crosby
Gwynn DuBose
Robbie Ellis
Dean McDonald | 14 Nell Ranew |
| 4 Mack Hunt | 15 John Neely Gaston |
| 6 Scott Bagwell
Sabrina Ferguson
Pat McDonald | 16 Sam Evans ('02)
Sam Hiller ('99)
Wes Page
Beverly Terlizzi |
| 7 Dock Rose | 17 John Wharton, Jr. |
| 8 Lisa Frampton
McCarley Lewis | 18 Cathy Brady
Jack Cottingham |
| 9 Bryant Aughtry
Adrianna Lynch ('02)
Steve Newman
Ted Rogers | 19 Marie Robinson |
| 10 Susan McDaniel | 20 Tommy Brady
Jenks Petty |
| 11 Camden Cremmins ('05)
Hunter Feemster
Megan Gaston | 21 Elizabeth Coleman
Wanda Wirthlin |
| 12 Ann Rose Conner ('00)
David Revels
Wendy Smith | 22 Duncan Reid ('04) |
| | 23 Angela Osborne |
| | 24 Nancy Feemster |
| | 26 Colin Cook ('03) |
| | 31 Henry Armstrong |



PASTORAL CARE

Neill Bickerstaff, Wayne Brady, Sylvia Crosby, Kathryn Crotts, Mack Nickles, Tom Perry, Jenks Petty, Louise Raby, Todd Thompson, Sarah Wirthlin

Newlyweds

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gutbrod (Mike and Katie {Terlizzi}) (05/24)
Mr. and Mrs. Davey Morgan (Marissa Mankin) (05/30)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTE! THE JULY 8 NEWSLETTER WILL BE MAILED ON WEDNESDAY MORNING! ALL ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY END OF THE DAY ON FRIDAY, JULY 3. Please notify Cheryl in the office of event information for July 12—25.

CHURCH PRINTS BY TESSA TAYLOR ARE READY to be picked up in the office for those who ordered them. The cost is \$30. Proceeds will go to the Wales Mission Trip. There are several extra prints if anyone else wants one.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHES AND PROGRAMS continue this week with Johnny Price! Meal cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children.

Sunday School meets in your regular classroom this week (June 28) and next (July 5). Electives resume July 12.

FLOWER CALENDAR AVAILABLE DATES - Upcoming open dates for flowers are August 16, and Oct., 11, 18, and 25.

THE 2009 FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE, July 20-23, at the Bonclarken Conference Center. Deadline is July 1.

Greenville Literacy Association is currently looking for tutors to help other adults improve their reading, writing, or math skills; or, to teach English as a second language. All training will be provided. Call Greenville Literacy at 467-3456 for information.

SERVANTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009

COFFEE AND SNACKS:(Circle 6) Cynthia Cooke
ELDERS AT SIDE DOOR: McDonald / ELDER / WIFE GREETER (JUNE): Jenks & Carol Petty
FRIENDSHIP CULTIVATION: (Circle 4) Elizabeth Coleman
NURSERY - INFANT & TODDLER (SS & WORSHIP):
NURSERY - INFANT & TODDLER (WORSHIP ONLY): Connie Decker
NURSERY - K2 & K3 (SS & WORSHIP): Sarah Duerk
SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICER ROTATION: Dan Eller
USHER—HEAD: Scott Duerk
USHERS: Kim Morgan, Nat Stewart, John Wharton

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009

COFFEE AND SNACKS: (Circle 4) Sara Jane Bostick
ELDERS AT SIDE DOOR: Reavis / Junker
ELDER / WIFE GREETER (JULY): Jesse & Dot Ray
FRIENDSHIP CULTIVATION: Jean Gaston
NURSERY - INFANT & TODDLER (SS): Betty Adair
NURSERY - INFANT & TODDLER (WORSHIP): Ann Nickles
NURSERY - INFANT & TODDLER (WORSHIP ONLY): Ann Parkinson
NURSERY - K2 & K3 (SS & WORSHIP): Julie Harbin
SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICER ROTATION: David Vick
USHER—HEAD: Skipper Grigsby
USHERS: Luke Grigsby, Leslie Milling, Ted Roper

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2009

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST LEADER: Bill Milling

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE!

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES THIS WEEK
JUNE 28 AND JULY 5



K2—K5 (KINDERGARTEN ROOM) ~ ~ GRADES 1-5 (BEREAN CLASS)

JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAYS—JULY 12, 19, AND 26

Vacation Bible School

June 29—July 3 ... 9:00 a.m.—Noon

VBS is seeking monetary donations to help with the purchase of snacks. Please mark your donations "VBS SNACKS" in the memo section of your check. Any questions please contact Tonya Shoffner 232-6868 or tonyashoffner@charter.net.

HELPERS NEEDED: Craft assistants, decorators and guides

ITEMS NEEDED: Please begin collecting the following items for VBS: paper towel tubes; cereal/cracker boxes; and cylinder shaped containers with lids (i.e., Pringles cans, Kool-aid powder containers). You may bring the items to the church or give them to Sarah Nickles.

DECORATORS NEEDED: Help prepare halls and walls for VBS! Gather on Sunday, June 28, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., to help decorate.

Greenville A.R.P. Student

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS & INFORMATION

APPALACHIA July 4—11	WALES July 16—27	Middle School Mission Trip July 21-24
Commissioning Service Sunday, June 28	Mission Team Meeting Monday, June 29, at 2:00 p.m.	Calvary Home for Children
Mission Team Meeting Monday, June 29, at noon	Commissioning Service Sunday, July 12	More Info to come!

YOUTH SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, 6:00—8:00 p.m.

June 28 Matt Miller's Home
July 12 Andrews' Farm House
July 26 TBA
August 9 Garison's Home

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