

*Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens.
May your glory shine over all the earth.
Psalm 108:5*

JUNE

2014

SERVING THIS MONTH

ELDERS

Mick Arnold, Jack Dale

ELDER ALTERNATES

Allen Anderson, George Walden

DEACONS/USHERS

Jared Robinson (D/U), Jim Sisk (D/U),
Adam Barker (D), John Kim (D)
*(An usher needs to be responsible for
locking foyer door after service starts.)*

JUNIOR DEACON

Ethan Henkel

DEACONESSES/Jr DEACONESSES

Katherine Felix, Gina Robinson

*If you cannot serve during your scheduled
month, please contact another server
to see about switching with you.*

*If you know of a shut-in desiring
communion be taken to them, please
call Jean Brannon at 276-669-7311.*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S A BABY SHOWER BRUNCH AND YOU'RE INVITED

For: Baby Jonah and his parents, Jessica & Jeremy Stacy



Saturday, June 14, 2014
11:30 am • Bethany Hall

Jessica is registered at Target and Babies R Us

NEW MEMBERS

A big welcome to Casey & April Barnes and Dave & Wendy Vaught
who joined our church membership on May 18, 2014.

LADIES TUESDAY TIME-OUT

Tuesday, June 10th • 6:30 pm • Library

Also, coming soon . . . another Barter Theatre trip
to see My Fair Lady. Details to be announced soon.



AGAPE CHRISTIAN MISSION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 13th • 12:30 pm • See Pastor Herb for details



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EV'S ECHO



WHAT DO YOU TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER?

We have just given honor to Memorial Day . . . a time set aside to remember those who have, and do served our country. We are blessed to live in the United States of America.

I get so caught up in the moment and find myself not giving one thought to the many, many reasons to give honor where honor is due. As I pause to recall memorable times in my life, as well as people I hold in high esteem, I hope you will do the same.

First, and above all, I honor Father God who in His plan was willing to give His son to give me love beyond what I can imagine, love willing to die and take my sins to the cross, love willing to carry my burdens, love to lift me when the weights of the world take me down.

I honor the Pastors who preached God's word and helped me understand the importance of living a Godly life. Thank you Bro. and Sis. Crawley who dedicated me to the Lord, thank you to Bro. and Sis. Dewitt, to Bro. and Sis. Hill, to Bro. and Sis. Davis, to Bro. and Sis. Grant for pouring into my life things of greatest worth. Oh, by the way, in our day it was common in my church heritage to call the adults "Brother" and "Sister" acknowledging they were our brothers and sisters in Christ.

I honor the Sunday school teachers who faithfully served in a little church where there weren't beautiful Sunday school rooms, no big screen TVs to show music videos—just willing people who taught me about Jesus.

I honor my parents for always encouraging my spiritual life and showing me going to God's house should be priority. They made sure I could attend any and all things that were going on.

My list could go on and on as I know yours could too! There is a scripture that says:

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you (John 14:26)."

So, if you are like me and your "forgetter" works better than your "rememberer," we have someone who will help us remember that which is the most important of all.



SUN., JUNE 8TH • 6PM

FAMILIES W/CHILDREN CONNECT
+ KIDS CONNECT

Todd & Crystal's House
221 Haley Walk, Bristol, TN

EMPTY NESTERS CONNECT

Herb & Evelyn's Condo
116B Robinson Walk, Bristol, TN

SAT., JUNE 14TH • 8:30AM

MEN'S CONNECT BREAKFAST

Church Library

SUN., JUNE 22ND • 6PM

CONNECT IN HARMONY

Fellowshipping while Jammin',
Singing, and Worshipping
at the church

AGENCY D3 NEEDS YOU!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 23-27 • 5:40-8:00 pm
Ages 3 thru Jr High

Meals served to all students each night from 5:40-6:00

Volunteers still needed!!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Come join us for ice cream and birthday cake!
Wed., June 18th • 6:30 pm
(celebrating the birthdays of Pastor Herb & Evelyn)



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DOUBLE RAINBOW IN BRISTOL
MAY 16TH • 7:40 PM
PHOTO BY JUDY JOHNSON

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FCC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children’s Church No evening services.	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children’s Church Family & Kids CONNECT Empty Nesters CONNECT 6:00 pm	9 1:00-4:00 – Food Pantry 7:00 – Board Meeting (All church members are invited to attend board meetings)	10 6:30 – Ladies Time-Out Library	11 7:00 – Midweek Services Adults / Children	12	13 Meals on Wheels We deliver smiles™ 10:00 – Meals on Wheels	14 8:30 – Men’s Breakfast 11:30 – Baby Shower for Jessica Stacy 12:30 – Agape Christian Mission Golf Tourney
15 9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children’s Church No evening services.	16	17	18 6:30 – Ice Cream Social Bethany Hall	19 Newsletter Info Due on Margie’s Desk by today	20	21
22 9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children’s Church	23	24	25	26	27	28
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL • 5:40-8:00 PM • AGES 3 THRU JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL						
29 9:45 – Sunday School 10:50 – Worship Service 11:15 – Children’s Church No evening services.	30 Haven of Rest 7:30 pm		7:00 – Midweek Services Adults / Children			

Margie is in the church office from 8:30-12:30, Tuesday thru Thursday.

Please have items for July’s newsletter to Margie, Pastor Herb, or Judy by June 19th.

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GOD: NEVER IN A HURRY; ALWAYS ON TIME

BY RICK WARREN

"Don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed" (James 1:4b MSG).

Be patient with God and with yourself. One of life's frustrations is that God's timetable is rarely the same as ours. We are often in a hurry when God isn't. You may feel frustrated with the seemingly slow progress you're making in life.

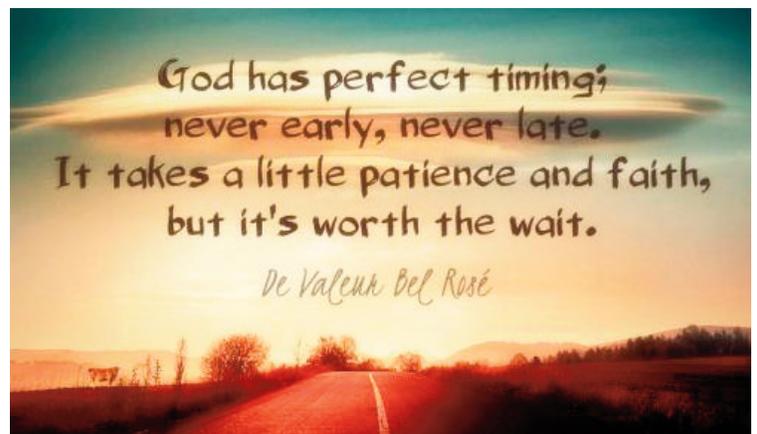
Remember that God is never in a hurry, but he is always on time. He will use your entire lifetime to prepare you for your role in eternity.

The Bible is filled with examples of how God uses a long process to develop character, especially in leaders. He took 80 years to prepare Moses, including 40 in the wilderness. For 14,600 days Moses kept waiting and wondering, "Is it time yet?" But God kept saying, "Not yet."

Contrary to popular book titles, there are no "Easy Steps to Maturity" or "Secrets of Instant Sainthood." When God wants to make a giant oak, he takes a hundred years, but when he wants to make a mushroom, he does it overnight.

Great souls are grown through struggles and storms and seasons of suffering. Be patient with the process. James advised, "Don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed" (James 1:4b MSG).

Don't get discouraged. When Habakkuk became depressed because he didn't think God was acting quickly enough, God had this to say:



"These things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!" (Habakkuk 2:3 LB)

A delay is not a denial from God!

Remember how far you've come, not just how far you have to go. You are not where you want to be, but neither are you where you used to be. Years ago people wore a popular button with the letters PBPGIN-FWMY. It stood for "Please Be Patient, God Is Not Finished With Me Yet." God isn't finished with you, either, so keep on moving forward. Even the snail reached the ark by persevering!