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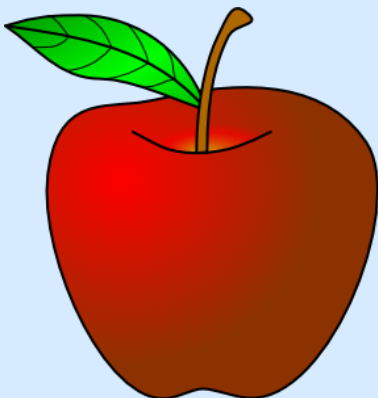
**The Church Office  
will be closed  
Monday, September  
5, in observance of  
Labor Day.**

**VBS Report**

The total enrollment for VBS this year was 297 with an average attendance of 222. There were 10 decisions for Christ and 60 prospects. The mission offering totaled \$1,895 and will be sent to the Josh Johnson family as they serve in New York City.

*"Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold."*

*Proverbs 3:13-14*



Wow! It has been hot. The weather has been unusually warm but it has not slowed things down at the church. We continue to be blessed. We had an awesome VBS; the students had a great week at Centrifuge; we also just finished a great week of Missions camp and the summer is still heating up. We have come to embrace the summer as a time of continued growth without a slump or stoppage of ministry. We have amazing volunteers who make doing life together a lot of fun.

While the shuttle program may be coming to an end, we are preparing to launch some exciting new ministries during the month of August. In the area of Bible Fellowship, we will be launching a new class for the parents of students. Another new launch will include a new collegiate class that will most likely meet sometime during the week and because the Prayground children's ministry continues to grow we want to open a Prayground II which would meet in the Prayground and would be for the parents and volunteers of school age children. I am grateful to have both Jason Spade and Ed Stevens working with our Bible Fellowship. Welcome back Jason and thank you Ed for your leadership. Later in the month of August, our Women's Ministry and Men's Ministry will be launching Bible studies that will help us to continue developing fully devoted followers of Christ. Our women will be studying the life of David on Mondays at 7 p.m. and again on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. The men will meet on Monday nights and be studying what it means to be "Courageous." They will meet at 7 p.m. starting August 29. Last but not least, we will be launching our Preschool's 25<sup>th</sup> year of operation. We have an amazing director, Georgette Bird, and she has an awesome staff. Those ladies ROCK!

As we look ahead to the fall, it is less than five months until Christmas and a whole flurry of ministry activity. Our September emphasis will focus on our Bible Fellowship ministry with a high attendance day on October 2. In October we will focus on our various ministries with a ministry fair set-up around the foyer. November will be Operation Christmas Child and December is my favorite time of the year. I am blessed beyond words. Thank you for the honor of serving as your pastor. Thanks to all the staff for your hard work. You are loved and appreciated!

Until the Whole World Hears,

**Pastor Greg**

# “Doing whatever it takes to reach one more for Christ”

## Church tidbits

### Deacon Meeting

There will be no deacon meeting in August.

### WMU

WMU will meet on August 11 at 10 a.m.

### Trunk or Treat

There will be a planning meeting for the 2011 Trunk or Treat on August 17 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping may attend.

### Senior Adults Ministry

SAM meeting day is August 18 at 10 a.m.

SAM is having an old fashioned picnic on August 30 at 10 a.m. at Fort Boreman Park.

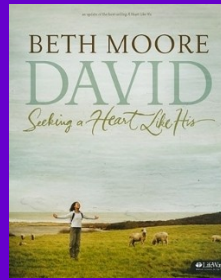
### Vacation Schedule

Rick Morgan will be on vacation from July 31-August 6.

Charlene Brannon will be on vacation August 1-5.

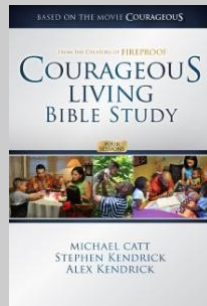
Pam Habeb will be on vacation from August 6-13. If there is a financial emergency while she is gone, please call Sharon Towner at (304) 863-6745.

## Women's Bible Study



The Women's Ministry will begin the Beth Moore Bible study "A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David." The study will be offered on both Monday nights and Tuesday mornings starting on August 29 and 30. The sign up sheet is available in the Worship Center Foyer. The member book is \$15.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



There will be a new 4-week Bible study for men beginning August 29 at 7 p.m. Jason Spade will serve as the facilitator. The study is called "Courageous Living." It is designed to help strengthen families and fathers. The study is inspired by the movie "Courageous" by Sherwood Baptist Church, who also did "Fireproof." The member book is \$7 and a sign up sheet is available in the Worship Center Foyer.

## Bible Fellowship and Discipleship

I am very excited about the discussions that been happening about the future of Bible Fellowship and Discipleship training. Together with the ministry staff here at Fairlawn we are determined to move to a format that makes Bible Fellowship the cornerstone of our growth. We will be building faith, spiritual maturity, and a heart for service into our curriculums going forward. We have begun the process of developing outreach leaders in each class and will be solidifying this in the coming months. We will be having our next meeting with the Bible Fellowship leaders on August 21 at 5:00 p.m. We will discuss plans for the coming year. We will also cover the fact that September is going to be devoted to Bible Fellowship with an emphasis from the pulpit and displays set up around the foyer area from each class. We will need volunteers from

each class to man the displays so please come to the meeting with ideas for your display and those that will help work your display/table.

Our focus and vision statement for this year is "Helping those that attend Church to begin being the Church." We all know that the need for people to become plugged in to church and to the people of the church is essential. We all have to decide for ourselves how we can best "be" the church. Being the church means we are invested in it and in those we are trying to reach. If we can develop that heart for service, there is absolutely no end to the things we can accomplish.

In addition to this, we will begin to offer Discipleship training during this next year on either Wednesday or Sunday evenings (input on the upcoming selection of days is

appreciated). We are going to begin to gear ourselves in the direction of growing spiritually mature believers so that they can grow others. We will also be offering the Ladies' Bible study on Monday evenings and Tuesday mornings beginning on August 29. On that same day, we will be offering a Men's Bible study on the upcoming movie Courageous that will take place on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. Please do not forget to sign up for these classes in the foyer. These studies will bless and grow us in great ways. Please be in prayer for these and the leaders. I will keep you updated on upcoming events and emphasis in the monthly newsletter from here on out. I look forward to working with all our wonderful teachers! Thank you for the ability to serve with you!

Thanks and God Bless,  
Jason Spade

## Out of Ashes Concert



Out of Ashes will give a concert on Sunday evening, August 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center.

A love offering will be taken during the concert.

## Ruble's Sternwheeler Cruise

Our annual sternwheeler cruise will be September 11 from 4 - 7 p.m. We will start boarding at 3:30 p.m. We will depart promptly at 4 p.m.

There will be a Patriotic Theme. The menu will consist of pulled pork, chicken, potato salad, coleslaw, and desserts. Bring your own drinks. Tickets will be available August 14 and will be \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for seniors and children.



## Beth Moore Simulcast

Cross Lanes Baptist Church in Cross Lanes, WV is hosting a Beth Moore Simulcast on September 10 from 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 and include lunch. With a group of 10 or more, ticket cost is \$19. Worship leader will be Travis Cottrell. Ladies will carpool from the church. Watch the bulletin for more details.

## Musical Note

A lot of growth is coming to what was known as the Music Ministry. Some changes will be very obvious, while others will need time to grow.

The major change is the name of the ministry. Our new name is the Creative Arts Ministry. Think about all the talents that we have in the church that will fall under the title of this ministry. We have way too much talent to limit ourselves to just music. We are already looking at ways of growing our drama ministry so that it isn't dependent on the choir doing a musical. Drama will be doing some things on their own independent of the choir. We will also be looking at other ministry opportunities that can help enhance our worship and helping to reach others for Christ.

We are also going to be using other musical talents that God has blessed our congregation with. In September, we will be adding the trap set (drums) to our praise team. You will notice the drums on the platform beginning in August. We will start using them in September. We already have a list of four people that are able to play, and

we will be looking at trying to expand that list in the future. Please pray for all of the musicians involved as we continue to grow. If you play an instrument, we would love to have you either join the praise team or play during the offertory. We want to be faithful to use the talents that God has blessed our church with and praise Him through these talents. If you would like to play, contact me, and we will start putting a schedule together.

We are always looking for new choir members. With our church continuing to grow, it would be great to see our choir loft full on Sunday mornings. If God has blessed you with the gift to sing, please come join us. We meet Sunday nights at 5:00 or 5:30 depending on what we are working on. We would love to have you come join our group.

Rick Morgan  
Music Director



Hey! Have you taken a little walk to the preschool Department?

Wow!!! It is beginning to look awesome. The Preschool Teachers have been hard at work preparing for the new school year. The preschool teachers have painted in the classrooms and cleaned the closets in the hallway.

The preschool staff and I want to thank our church family for taking a BIG part in the preschool. Here are some of the exciting things that will be going on in the preschool.

- \* Sunday, July 31—August 27: Step on into Preschool: The preschool will be collecting classroom items for the 2011/2012 school year.
- \* Monday, August 22: Start up meeting and the teachers will be setting up their class visits with the parents. That evening, the teachers and I will have CPR Training.
- \* Tuesday, August 23 — Friday 26: Teachers will meet with the preschoolers and their parents.
- \* Saturday, August 27: Open house from 1:00 to 2:00 for the preschoolers and their parents. We would like our church family to help welcome our preschool family for the up and coming school year.
- \* Monday, August 28: First day of preschool.

Again the preschool has been truly blessed this year. The Preschool Learning Center will have three two-year-old programs, we have three classes of three year olds and this is the first year for a five day four-year-old class. How awesome! A special thanks to the preschool teachers: Ms. Barb Foy, Ms. Sherry Osborn, Ms. Kayla Bellville, Ms. Michelle Mills, Ms. Cindy Daley, Ms. Pam Blue, Ms. Angie Evans, and Ms. Courtney Woodrum, Ms. Kristen Hart, and Ms. Conni Smith. The teachers and I would like to welcome Ms. Melissa Markley who will be teaching with Ms. Barb Foy and Ms. Betty Mathess who will be teaching with Ms. Michelle Mills. The preschool staff is a true blessing to me.

Church family, if you would like to feel like a kid again for just a little while come join us during the week. The preschoolers' love is unconditional just like Jesus's love for us.

Thank you for your love and prayers,  
Ms. Georgeanna  
and the Preschool Staff

# THE WAREHOUSE

## Student Ministry

### THOUGHTS FROM JOEL

Well, it is the last month of summer vacation. Some students are getting excited while others are not. There are all kinds of changes and new challenges facing students as the school year starts. Some are new to junior high. Those students are going to experience what it is like to be a part of the Warehouse Student Ministry for the first time too! Some are new to high school, which is sometimes like a whole new world!!! And then there are our graduates that are starting a new phase of life as college students. Some make the transitions with grace and style while others really struggle.

I would encourage parents to take some time and talk with your children about what is about to happen. Listen to their fears. Remember that they are genuine and show compassion. Listen to the things that they are looking forward to. Encourage them. Being a student pastor, I'm big on making sure students are aware of their AMAZING opportunity to be a missionary on campus. Go ahead and encourage your child to be an example of Christ to other students.

That's all I've got for now! Project Parkersburg is coming up quick and I need to get working on it!!! Thank you again for being such an awesome church body to minister with. If you feel like it, you can always bring by cans of soda, bottled water, and snacks for the youth fridge. The summer has taken its toll!!!!

Serving the Savior,  
Joel McMullan

### EVENTS

**August 8-10:** Parkersburg Project. The youth will be performing service projects in the area. We need crew leaders, cooks, and overnight helpers. Please contact Joel if you are able to help.

**August 15:** Swim party.  
Location TBA.

**August 24:** Back to school bash. Details to come.

Please keep watch in The Warehouse for details and other events.

### Helping Hands Fundraiser

The BB&T Lighthouse Project is partnering Helping Hands for a fundraiser event. It is August 13 from 2-7 p.m. in the church parking lot. They will have food, inflatables, entertainment, and fun for the whole family.

The BB&T Lighthouse Project chooses a community service effort to support in the area. They have chosen to support Helping Hands. Helping Hands is a ministry of Fairlawn that helps abused and battered children.

Please watch the bulletin for further details on this worthwhile event.

