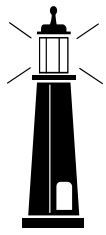




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COMMUNITY PATRIOTIC REHEARSALS

Our annual Community Patriotic Services will once again be held at Utica Baptist Church on Wells Highway in Seneca on Sunday, June 28, at 4:00 and 6:30 PM. Because of so many people coming each year and not being able to be seated, we added the second service last year, and both of them were full! Members of our adult choir and orchestra will combine with Utica in these very special times of worship. This is always an awesome time of praise and worship as we celebrate the birth of our nation! There will also be a FREE BBQ meal with all the trimmings provided after each of the services! The choir and orchestra will meet Sunday at 3:00 pm. Don't miss this special time, and bring family and friends!!

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

We know many of you are working on your memories for our Centennial History and Memories Booklet. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please be sure to get these items to
Peggy McCall or Gladys Thrift by August 1, 2009.

DEACON'S MEETING

SUNDAY - JUNE 28, 2009 - 7:00 AM

CSBC DINING ROOM

BREAKFAST TO BE PROVIDED BY STAFF

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



IT'S ALMOST HERE!
JULY 12-16 - 6:00-8:45 p.m.
Ages 3- Rising 6th Graders

SATURDAY, July 11- Set-up day and Mandatory Leadership Meet at 11:30 am

SUNDAY, July 12 - Commissioning for VBS Leadership Team in AM worship and ALL ABOARD for Boomerang Express beginning at 6:00 pm!

Sunday, July 12 - Thursday, July 16 BOOMERANG EXPRESS

TEACHERS, if you have classroom supply needs, please turn this in to Vanessa or Margaret as soon as possible. THANKS!

VBS Pre-Registration continues through Sunday AM July 12. Please sign up your children up before VBS begins. This is so helpful to us. Invite a friend and sign them up early too!

Giving Tree – If you have a purchased item to donate, please bring by Sunday, June 28. Thank you to everyone who participated in this effort. You rock!

VBS Snacks for Leaders – For several years our VBS team members have enjoyed treats during the VBS week provided by many of you. This is a special way of saying thanks for their donation of five (5) evenings and many hours of preparation. Some Sunday School classes have already signed up to donate snack items (Thank you!) but we need additional help. There will be a sign up sheet in the bulletin this Sunday. (There is also a list on the bulletin board beside the nursery.) Please consider making your "specialty" item and blessing our leaders during the VBS week.

Prayer Opportunity - If you would be willing to pray for us before and during VBS, please take a personnel list and prayer calendar with prayer suggestions and sign the list on the communion table. We count on your prayers.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER ROOF UPDATE

The Family Life Center roof job was awarded on Friday, June 12th and will begin in 3—4 weeks. The job will last about 1 1/2 Weeks. Estimated start date is 7/15/09.

The roofing material will be delivered and placed on the roof immediately on two sides. Only lifts, equipment, and some scrap will be on the yard area and these items will be blocked.

This job will not impact any church function or building use. They may have to block an entrance or area sometime when working near the entrance. All normal entrances are covered by an awning. At least three entrances will be available. The upper walkway entrance will not have to close since it has a cover. There are five entrances. Evening functions will not be impacted. We will not impact VBS.

The payment will be due when the job is completed on 7/25/09 - an estimated total cost of \$22,500 which includes the building permit & city contractors license.

Thank you for your continued support of our operating budget and building fund needs. Contributions and gifts will determine when the next scheduled project of replacing windows in the Educational Building becomes possible.

For further information, please contact the Property & Grounds Committee, Julian Davis II, Chairman.

PINEAPPLE PRINCIPAL

By: Lysa TerKeurst

With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God. Mark 10:27 (NIV)

Let's face it; a pineapple is only sweet to eat if you know how to get inside it! For years I didn't have a clue about how to cut up a pineapple. I would walk by the produce aisle looking at the fresh pineapples with such longing. I wanted what was inside it; I just didn't know how to get beneath its tough outer skin. I had visions of me slicing and dicing, dripping with sticky juice and so completely mangling the fruit that not even the dog would be tempted to partake.

But one day I watched a friend accomplish what I thought impossible. She didn't miss a beat as she sliced and diced a pineapple with ease. First she cut off the top and then the bottom. Next, she sliced the cylinder into four equal pieces. She then slid the knife along the back edge to cut off the skin and along the pointed center to cut off the hard core. Laying the long wedges down on the cutting board, she chopped them into bite size pieces and viola! Fresh cut pineapple was served. Watching her gave me courage to try it on my own. And, finally, I was able to help myself to the yummy fruit.

This might sound strange but learning to cut a pineapple became a real life lesson for me. More than just the skill of wielding the knife around a tropical fruit, I learned that I had bought into the notion that there were just some things I couldn't do. I was challenged by the thought that I might be missing out on a lot in life simply because I had talked myself into thinking it was impossible.

Mark 10:27 reminds us that with God all things are possible. When we ask for God's help, we dedicate our endeavor to Him. We admit that in our strength this would not be possible but we proclaim that God can accomplish anything through someone who is willing. We put God's courage into our heart with His truth. We retrain our minds by taking the words "*I can't*" out of our vocabulary.

What is blocking your path to a victorious life with God? Do you sometimes struggle with being a good steward of the time and money God has entrusted to you? Do you struggle making healthy choices with diet and exercise? Maybe your struggle is your temper? Whatever it is, the first major lesson can be found inside this pineapple principle....no more "*I can't*"!

Everything about our lives should proclaim, "With God all things are possible!"

Oh, and the next time you see a fresh pineapple, buy it! Cut it open and let its fruit inspire you that there is sweet victory on the other side of every conquered challenge.

Dear Lord, to say "I can't" about something is to deny your power that surely resides in me. I am a child of God which means, I am a conqueror. Help me to walk in that truth. Show me where, how, and from whom I am to get educated on this challenge in my life. Give me the courage to face it honestly and bravely. I want to taste sweet victory in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Operation NOAH Rebuild Summer Mission Trip....

Our trip to New Orleans is complete. Forty-five members of CSBC made the journey and returned home with a new understanding of just what happened four years ago during Hurricane Katrina.

Thousands of people have still not returned to the area. Thousands of homes have still not been restored and will probably have to be demolished. Even in downtown New Orleans, there are numerous buildings that may never be used again.

Gentilly Baptist Church was the staging area for our group. We slept, showered and ate using their renovated gymnasium. Flood waters rose 8 – 10 feet in this area and even today they are not back using their sanctuary. NOAH has taken over another church building that was under ten feet of water and is using that facility to house equipment and supplies as teams from all over the United States still come to work.

We were told that over 1600 homes have been "touched" by Southern Baptist through efforts like our church did last week. The rebuild effort has been extended to December 2009 in the hopes of completing projects yet to be finished.

If you have not traveled to the area you can't get a picture of just how wide spread the destruction. Pray for our continued efforts as Southern Baptists to rebuild the homes and hopefully the lives of the people who were displaced by the hurricane.

Our plans are to set aside a night this summer to bring a report about our trip. We will have beignets and coffee fellowship and see some wonderful pictures of the area and the work that we participated in.

Vacation Bible School.... Don't forget our biggest event of the summer. VBS is July 12 – 16. Our staff is almost complete. Plans are being readied. Pray for a successful week and that many children will come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior.

If you will help us with the evangelistic service and follow up, please contact me or Vanessa Conway today.

Youth News:

PHAT-SATURDAY

June 27, 2009 Lunch for Life

We will be serving the meal for the needy on this date. Please plan to participate all day for this event. We will prepare, serve, clean up and then have some fun swimming. Bring your swimsuit and a snack. Please meet in the Medivision parking lot by 11 AM. We will plan to end activities for the day by 4:00 pm.



GOLDEN FELLOWSHIP CLUB MEETING

The Golden Fellowship Club will meet on Thursday, July 2nd at the home of Mary Martin for a cookout. Members are asked to bring side dishes to go with hot dogs and hamburgers or bring a dessert and drinks. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Morgan at 638-2390.



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear College Street Baptist Church,

"Your kind expression of sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance by the family of Cecile Crapps."

Thank you so much for your love and support during the time of Mama's illness. Thank you for allowing Amanda to be with us! You'll never know how much that meant.

Lovingly,

Linda Jumper (mother of Amanda Bannister)

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Dear College Street Baptist Church,

Thank you for your sympathy during our time of loss.

The Family of Toney Wilson
(Step-son of Jerry & Donna Lee)

Music Notes

- Ray Conway, Minister of Music

MEDIA MINISTRY TEAM SCHEDULE

June 28, 2009

VIDEO POWER POINT

10:15 a. m. - Randy McManamay

NO PM Service @ CSBC - Community Patriotic Services at Utica Baptist Church, Seneca, SC

SOUND SYSTEM

10:15 a. m. - Michael Oakley, Sr. (WE)

NO PM Service @ CSBC - Community Patriotic Services at Utica Baptist Church, Seneca, SC

July 5, 2009

VIDEO POWER POINT

10:15 a.m. - Mike Bonham

NO 6:30 P.M. SERVICE - JULY 4TH

SOUND SYSTEM

10:15 a.m. - Ricky Cook

NO 6:30 P.M. SERVICE - JULY 4TH

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

1. Sunday, June 28 -

8:30 AM - Praise and Worship rehearsal

9:00 AM - Brass Ensemble rehearsal

10:05 AM - Adult Choir rehearsal

10:15 AM - Praise and Worship - Brad Poore leads

3:00 PM - Patriotic Choir and Orchestra at Utica

4:00 and 6:30 PM - Community Patriotic Services at Utica Baptist Church, Seneca, SC

2. Wednesday, July 1 -

7:15 PM - Adult Choir rehearsal

8:30 PM - PraiseTeam rehearsal

3. Sunday, July 5 -

8:30 AM - Praise and Worship

10:05 AM - Adult Choir rehearses

10:15 AM - Praise and Worship

4. Wednesday, July 8 -

7:15 PM - Adult Choir

8:30 PM - WorshipTeam rehearsal

SPECIAL MUSIC MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

I went to see my orthopedic doctor a few weeks ago, and he confirmed what I really already knew - "it's time. ." (to replace my other hip). I will be having a total left hip replacement on Tuesday, June 30th. I want to thank you for being my special family and supporting me and my family during this time.

Hopefully, I will recover as quickly as I did in 2005 from the right hip replacement. I need and appreciate your prayers so much. I will work hard to rehabilitate, and hope to be back in 4-6 weeks. Please support our music ministry during these weeks, and especially Buddy Byars, as he will be leading the choir and congregation in my absence. There will also be others who will pick up the baton during this time. Thanks to all of you, and please know how very much I love you all!! You truly are a Family of God!

In HIM,

Ray

John 16:33