

## Welcome Back, Trae!

Today Trae Bailey begins his duties as our Summer Youth Intern. Trae lived here as a youngster when his father Floyd was our minister. He is currently a student at Virginia Tech having completed his second year. He serves in the ROTC Corp of Cadets. When Trae graduates, he will serve in our Armed Forces to fulfill his responsibilities that come with receiving a scholarship through the ROTC program. His current desire is to serve as a chaplain.

Trae is an energetic young man who is eager and excited to be working with our youth this summer. Under the oversight of Mike Durham and the Elders, Trae has submitted a program of events and activities that are designed to help our young people grow and mature in their Christian service as well as strengthen their friendships and have fun together. He will be serving as a counselor at VCC and will accompany them on the Senior Week Horizons trip. He is also one of our VBS skit coordinators as well, so one can see he is in for a busy summer.

What can West Side do to help Trae make this summer one of the best ever for our youth?

**1) Pray for our youth program.** Asking our Heavenly Father to bless our young people is something each of us can do. We know that He hears our prayers and that much good can come from our seeking his blessings and guidance upon these precious young souls (James 5:16).

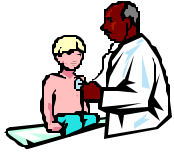
**2) Commit to attending every youth event possible.** Yes, we each have hectic schedules and vacation plans during the summer but what could be more beneficial than having our young people getting together to study God's word and to enjoy Christian fellowship? Be sure to include the events on the youth calendar when making your weekly/monthly plans. Trae and Mike will have lots of opportunities to participate in activities that will encourage our kids to grow spiritually and see what a great time Christians can have together.

**3) Encourage our children to invite their friends.** "Friendship evangelism" is a powerful tool we have to teach others about the Bible. It allows the trust that we build in our friendship with others to be a comfortable starting point to discuss spiritual matters. Let's challenge our children to bring their friends to be part of our youth activities. Our teens have always done a good job of doing this; let's keep that going!

Take time to get to know Trae and encourage him in his efforts. We are looking forward to a terrific summer and are thankful to have Trae with us until the first weekend in August.

The Elders

**Sick** Collin Gregory had a medical procedure on Friday to help with his back.



Dorothy Grimsley, Charlie Puckett's sister, is in RMH.

Charles Watkins, Mark Brooks brother-in-law, had back surgery on Thursday.

Oliver & Mariam Majors have been sick at home.

Continue to remember in prayer: **Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz, Betty Jenkins, Jim Dorsett, Lynn & Mary Anderson, Crawford & Martha Keith, , Martha Keplinger, JD Lawson.**

Happy Birthday this week to:

Andy Duran—6/2  
Crawford Keith—6/2  
Shree Lowe—6/3  
Charlene Guard—6/5  
Eric Earnhart—6/8



Happy Anniversary this week to:  
Charmaine & Randy Bush—6/6

**JUNE ITEMS FOR THE**

**STAFFORDS:** Ink pens and Poppy seeds. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!



**MILITARY**

Kyle Nester— in Iraq  
Erich Felps—in Iraq  
Chris Coleman—in Iraq



**VBS**

**Water World at West Side**

June 28—9:30 AM

Please check the board and see where your name is located. If you are on the list and will not be able to fulfill your position please let Greg or Jo Ann know today!

Also we are need of a few more monitors and helpers with costumes and small props.

SKIT LEADERS: Don't forget to email Squeaky your list of large props and your list of smaller props can be sent to Velda!!

**Meeting for all skit leaders and coordinators on Wednesday evening!!**

*Welcome New Members*

Steve & Connie Harrah and Ben & Michele Nickel have placed membership with us. Please add the following information to your directories:

Address: 5109 Sugar Loaf Mountain Road  
Roanoke, VA 24018  
Steve & Connie's Phone - 776-2953  
Ben's cell - 915-6286  
Michele's cell - 915-6125

Thoughts to ponder:

\*The reason why few people are agreeable in conversation is because each thinks more of what he intends to say than of what others are saying, and seldom listens but when he desires to speak.

\*The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink without fear of drowning and deep enough for a theologian to swim in without ever touching the bottom.

# F Y I For Your Information

Thanks to all those who came out to the Gilpins on Friday for BBQ!



## NEW TEACHING QUARTER

The Summer teaching quarter begins today. Lessons from Camp will be taught in the Adult Fellowship Class with Jerry Anderson and others. Eddy & Eric will be teaching the OT studies in the auditorium class.

## BACHELOR POUNDING

There will be a Bachelor Pounding for Trae Bailey on June 1. All items can be placed in basket located in the foyer. Include easy to prepare foods or Kroger/Walmart gift cards!

## IN-HOUSE SUMMER SERIES

Our annual summer series will begin this Wednesday evening with Tom Duff.

## VBS MEETING

There will be a VBS meeting on Wednesday after services for **all** skit leaders and **all** coordinators. Make sure you are there!!

## EDP MEETING

There will be an elders, deacons, preacher meeting on June 8 at 4:00 in the fellowship hall.

## WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

There will be a School's (almost) Out and Summer Is Here BBQ Wednesday Fellowship on June 11 at 5:45. Sign up on the board and pay your \$5 at the door!

## STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The student accomplishment forms are located in the foyer. Please make sure you get one for each child and return to the office by June 15.



## Teens

June dates

June 1—Trae Pounding

June 15—21—VCC

June 28—VBS

June 29—Young Men conduct services

## WOW

The WOW GROUP will meet on TUESDAY, June 10 at 10:30 AM.

Please sign up on the WOW board for the video Auto-biographies being done by Richard Simms.

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## VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CAMP

14 days until Virginia Christian Camp.

Camp Dates—June 15-21.

Applications are in the foyer—please return to Curtis Graves ASAP.



Kitchen item needed from West Side—16 oz. squeezable bottles of grape jelly. See Velda!

List of craft items needed: 19 pair of cheap canvas gloves, plastic table cloths and paper towels. See Melissa or JoAnn.



June 2008

**Announcements** Fred Altizer  
**Song Leader (AM)** Charlie Gwaltney  
**Opening Prayer (AM)**  
6/1 Charles Maness  
6/8 Wayne Dixon  
6/15 Jeff Durham  
6/22 Tom Richardson  
6/29 Richard Simms  
**Preside at Communion** David Brown  
**Serve Table** Jeff Reed Adam House  
Glenn Gabbard Mike Durham

**Closing Prayer**  
6/1 Eric Earnhart  
6/8 Jim Cooke  
6/15 Crawford Keith  
6/22 Bobby Martin  
6/29 Jim Bush

**Song Leader (PM)** Eric Earnhart  
**Opening Prayer (PM)**  
6/1 Squeaky Valentine  
6/8 Josh Whitlow  
6/15 Don Pettit  
6/22 Roger Mays  
6/29 Jim Harrington  
**Scripture Reader** Sam Valentine

**Closing Prayer (PM)**  
6/1 Jerry Anderson  
6/8 Tom Rogers  
6/15 Gene Benefield  
6/22 Greg Edwards  
6/29 Youth

**Serve Table (PM)**  
Caleb Guard Luke Guard

**Song Leader (Wed)** David Brown  
**Prayer (Wed)**  
6/4 Adam House  
6/11 Caleb Guard  
6/18 Bob Garby  
6/25 John Black

**Open/Close Bldg** Bob Garby  
**Greeters** J. & R. Durham Garby  
**Nursery Attend** Hazel Maness Linda Maness  
**Ushers** Curtis Oakes Danny Guard  
**Handouts** Ryan Simms Sam Valentine  
John Black Herb Baker

**Alternates**  
**Prepare communion** Jackie Dixon Audrey Gabbard  
**Cards & Pencils** Sydney Durham Olivia Valentine

**Last weeks attendance 5/25&28/08**  
Bible Class—144 Worship Service—164  
Sunday Eve.—133 Wednesday Eve.—144  
Contribution—\$4644

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## “Let Us Return Into Egypt”

The book of Numbers shows how God directed His people from Mt. Sinai to the plains of Moab. It begins in the second month of the second year of Israel’s departure from Egypt and ends with the eleventh month of the fortieth year. The outstanding yet sad feature of the book is Israel’s failure to serve God acceptably.

Numbers 14 is a picture of faithlessness and utter defeat, and the dire consequences which follow disobedience. Following the fearful report of the ten unfaithful spies (Num. 13), the dejection of the remainder of the nation is obvious. They cried out with the desire of having either died in Egypt earlier, or presently in the wilderness (Num. 4:1, 2). The statement is then made that “they said to one another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt” (Num. 14:4). Further investigation reveals just how motivated they were in their scheme.

Nehemiah 9 records where several of the Levites offered a prayer to God (vss. 4, 5). In that prayer there was a rehearsal of the blessings of God as well as a brief history of Israel. Among the things mentioned at that time (some 1500 years after the exodus from Egypt) was this occasion recorded in Numbers 14. These men stated of their forefathers, “in their rebellion [they] appointed a captain to return to their bondage” (Neh. 9:17). So, even though we are not told who that captain was, we know they went so far as to appoint one.

Further, in Stephen’s fiery discourse and defense before the high priest he, too, spoke of this very occasion in Numbers 14. He stated that their forefathers would not obey God, but rather “thrust Him from them, and in their hearts turned back again into Egypt” (Acts 7:39). Thus we know that, even though they did not actually return to Egypt as they had planned to do, they had done so in their minds and with their hearts. Their disposition brought about their demise.

The lesson for us is plain. We, too, can turn from God in our hearts and thus fail to reach the promised land. Jesus said to the church at Smyrna, “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life” (Rev. 2:10). We must remain loyal to Him throughout the journey. Where are you in your heart?

-Eddy