

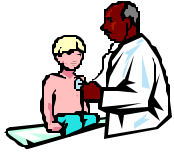
## Celebrating with our Graduates

Six of our young people will be graduating from area high schools this week. Celebrating such an achievement is certainly appropriate, as we wish to encourage them as they make an important transition in their lives. Occasions such as graduation should cause each of us to reflect upon the characteristics that enable one to reach such a milestone, and also ponder what challenges and opportunities that lay ahead. Let's consider some valuable guidelines to help our graduates maneuver along this newest stretch of life's highway.

- 1) **Set spiritual goals.** Most graduates have in mind a career path they would like to seek. They set goals for getting a college degree, learning a trade, etc. to provide for themselves physically. In like mind, set specific spiritual goals you hope to achieve, such as: go on a mission trip, conduct a certain number of Bible studies, marry a Christian mate, become an elder/deacon or their spouse. Paul said in Phil. 3:14 "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."
- 2) **Keep your priorities right.** The quest to "get ahead" in this world often leads young people to justify missing worship or Bible study so they can "work a little extra". Maybe one thinks they "deserve" to skip Wed. night to go to a movie as a "reward" for their hard work. Keep Christ and His church as the focus of your time and energy; everything else will work out just fine. Jesus says "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33)
- 3) **Make good choices.** Being on your own brings about many choices: friends, activities, entertainment. Making wise choices in these areas can have a huge positive *or* negative impact on one's spiritual life. Dealing with peer pressure doesn't end when they hand you the diploma; it simply takes a different form. Joshua made clear his choice in Josh. 24:15, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

We say to our graduates, "Well done". May God richly bless each of you as you continue on life's journey. May you always choose the "narrow gate" that will grant you much happiness in this life but will also lead you to an eternal reward in Heaven one day.

**Sick** David McFalls had a procedure on Friday.



Jim Dorsett hopes to go home tomorrow.

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

Sympathy is extended to Ben Nikkel in the death of his grandfather last week in Oklahoma.

Happy Birthday this week to:



Eric Earnhart—6/8  
Austin Whitlow—6/9  
Bob Garby—6/9  
Peggy Paxton—6/12  
Sarah Cook—6/13  
Ed Argabright—6/15

**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

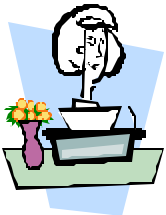
Erich Felps—in Iraq

Chris Coleman—in Iraq



**New Office Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9-2



Office@westsidecofc-salem.com or  
jo12164@yahoo.com

**VBS**

**Water World at West Side**

June 28—9:30 AM

We are still in need of a few more monitors and helpers with costumes and small props.

**Registration forms and flyers are located in the foyer!! Pick one up today and return to the office by 6/18.**

**Drinks needed:** Please help out by donating canned drinks and juice boxes. Please place in kitchen!

**Attention all actors:**

Check this section for practice schedules!!

The Wedding Feast (Jim & Rosemary) - Sunday evening after services

The Plagues & The Crossing of the Red Sea (Reed/Durham/Bailey) - Wednesday after services

Dress Rehearsal will be Thursday, June 26 at 7:00.  
**ALL PERSONS MUST BE THERE!!**

**VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN CAMP**

7 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.

Thanks to all of you who have already donated items—it is greatly appreciated!!

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## For Your Information

**Attention adults:** You are invited to the "Lessons from Camp" class on Sunday. The lesson will be "Lust of the Flesh". There will be a new lesson each week.

### EDP MEETING

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

### TEEN/PARENTS MEETING

Trae and Mike would like to meet with all teens and their parents in the fellowship hall tonight after services.

### 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!

### IN-HOUSE SUMMER SERIES

Be here this Wednesday to hear Barry White!

Here's a list of other speakers for this summer: Charlie Gwaltney, Jeremy White, Squeaky Valentine, Jerry Anderson, Richards Simms, Luke Guard, Wayne Dixon, Fred Altizer, Steve Hall, Jim Cooke, Tom Richardson, Eric Earnhart, Don Pettit, Jeff Durham and Mark Brooks. Make your plans now to be here to encourage these men!

### MEN'S BREAKFAST

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, June 14 at 8:00 AM at Famous Anthony's.

### 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.

Team Leaders: Send me your team events for the summer!! - Jo

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## Teens

June dates

June 12—TNT Cookout—7-9 PM

June 15—21—VCC

June 23—Summer Youth Devo—7-8:30 PM

June 28—VBS

June 29—Young Men conduct services

Dear brothers and sisters, I just want to give a big **THANK YOU** to all of the members of the West Side church for providing me with such a loving reception. The "pounding" wasn't too brutal, but it felt like Christmas when I finally got back to the house on Poplar and was able to go through all of the food and gifts. You folks really know how to make a guy feel welcome. Mike and I have a fun God-serving summer planned out for the young people and it is going to take the work of the entire congregation to make it a great success. Parents, grandparents and friends alike, we need your prayers and volunteer hours. With your help and the continuing shepherding of the elders, the youth of West Side will grow in love for one another and in the knowledge of our Lord during the summer of 2008! Please let me know how I can be of any service at any time for each and every one of you.

Your Servant in Christ,

Trae Bailey

Youth Intern Summer 2008

## 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.

June 2008

## “Marriage Tourism”

**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 6/1&4/08

Bible Class—178 Worship Service—190

Sunday Eve.—147 Wednesday Eve.—167

Contribution—\$6995

As you are well aware, on May 16 the California Supreme Court struck down the state's ban on homosexual marriage. In 2000, a voter referendum banned same-sex marriage, but the state's governor (Arnold Schwarzenegger) vetoed the bill. Then, last month, the state's supreme court took it

upon themselves to thwart the will of the people and declare same-sex marriage legal.

Since that ruling, attorneys general from at least 11 different states have filed appeals urging the California court to suspend its ruling until the matter can be placed on the ballot in November and voted on (again!) by the people. The fear is that once everything is in place from the court's latest ruling and “marriages” begin to take place in California (scheduled for June 17), “couples” from across the country will flock to the state to have their unions legitimized, returning to their home states expecting their unions to be respected by law. The attorneys general are calling this “marriage tourism.”

In addition to the states attorneys general filing their appeals, several pro-family groups have likewise filed appeals and grievances. The deadline for the court to respond to these appeals is June 16; but don't hold your breath until this court rules in opposition to homosexual activism!

The Bible states: “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people” (Prov. 14:34). And, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God” (Ps. 9:17). Passages such as Leviticus 18:22, 20:13, Deuteronomy 23:17, Romans 1:24-32 and others reveal how God feels about the sin of homosexuality. Tragic indeed are the depths to which this country has fallen regarding this matter. As one man stated, “California sets the tone, and this will have a huge effect across the nation.” Sadly, he just may be right about that. As Christians, we need to pray for our country and vote for those who uphold moral principles. The Biblical and historical definition of marriage being between a man and woman may well hang in the balance. This country cannot afford to let California, its supreme court or its homosexual activists set the tone for the nation. We had better wake up!

-Eddy

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