

Reflections at Graduation

This coming week, two of our young people, **Luke Guard** and **Chelsea High**, will graduate from Salem High School. High school graduation is a significant transition in their lives. Occa-

sions such as graduation should cause one to reflect upon the characteristics that enabled one to reach such a milestone, and also ponder what challenges and opportunities lay ahead. Let's consider some valuable guidelines to help our graduates maneuver along this newest stretch of life's highway.

1) Establish 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, challenge yourself with 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) Maintain your priorities. 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 the best 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, "Congratulations". May God richly bless both 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. – The Elders

Early Release

As you have likely heard, Paris Hilton has been released from jail. After serving only three days of an original 45-day sentence for probation violation in conjunction with an alcohol-related reckless driving charge, she was released from the detention center on Thursday at 2:00 a.m. She was initially sentenced to 36 months' probation, an alcohol education class and \$1500 fine for her arrest on drunken driving charges in September 2006. This most recent sentence was for violating that probation by being arrested again for drunken driving and driving with a suspended license.

Her worldwide fame garnered her much attention in this case, with many sympathizers decrying injustices done her because of her celebrity status. That 45 days was already being curtailed to 23 days in prospect of her "good behavior" while incarcerated. The judge in this latest case (Michael T. Sauer) was quoted as saying, "she will not be allowed any work release, furloughs, use of an alternative jail or electronic monitoring in lieu of jail." So much for that ruling. Now, she has been made to serve only three days, having been sent home with an electronic monitoring ankle bracelet and orders to be confined to her house. "Medical" is the reason being given for her quick exodus from county lockup. Sources told "Entertainment Tonight" that she had "developed a rash." According to "People" magazine, "she cries all day, looks unwashed, has no makeup and her hair is tangled." So what! That's what punishment is supposed to be all about! It is no wonder our society is in its current shape. Crimes have little punishment and many criminals become either the victims or are made to be celebrities. There is little respect for the laws because the system has done and is doing so little to earn respect.

However, contrary to man's systems, there is coming a "sentencing day" that will be honored, a decision rendered that will be respected and a Judge that will not be swayed in His decision (II Cor. 5:10). That Judge will not be deterred by celebrity status, "medical reasons" or popular opinion. He will judge the deeds of every man according to his life (Eccl. 12:14; Mt. 16:27). Many are under the delusion that there will be no such day. Others likely feel that, like our own system, there will be loopholes, shortened sentences and dismissed cases in that judgment. But, unlike the princess Paris, they will find that there will be no early release. Are you ready for God's great judgment day?

-Eddy

Teens

Congratulations to **Chelsea High** for winning the 300M hurdles at the State Track Meet. She was also named Salem Times Athlete of the Week for the fifth time. See her write up from the Salem Times located on the Youth Board!!!

June/July dates for Teens:

June 12—Teen Bible Study 7:30 (Fellowship Hall)

June 14—Pump It Up 8:30-10 pm

June 15—ThunderValley—7:00

June 17-23, 2007 VCC

June 25—Summer Youth Devo at West Side

July 1-6, 2007 Horizons Senior Week

July 8-13, 2007 Horizons Junior Week

Rejoice

Bradford Durham was baptized last Monday evening by his father. Let's welcome him into the family. Also Emily Gray asked for our prayers on her behalf.

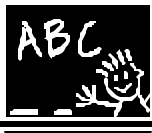


Primary Class Teachers

All primary teachers, workroom workers, and ALL ELDERS: We will have a **very** important meeting on Sunday, June 24 at 4:00 PM to discuss the Primary Bible Class Survey Feedback. **Please be sure to bring your copy of the feedback to the meeting.** You will receive this survey feedback from me at church on either June 6 or June 10. Be sure to review all the feedback (for all classes and your class). We must have teamwork from everyone to improve our primary program to make it the best ever. At the meeting, please be prepared to discuss as a whole group and possibly in small groups. **GET FIRED UP!!**

Student Accomplishments

Next week we will be inserting our yearly Student Accomplishments into our bulletin. Forms are in the foyer by the bulletin basket. Pick one up and turn into the office by June 13.



West Side's Older Workers

The regular WOW meeting in June will be in the fellowship hall on June 12 at 10 AM. This will be a combined pancake brunch with Dale Ridge congregation.

Anyone interested in helping with the brunch be at the building Tuesday between 9 -9:30AM.

Team Events

Team1—Will be having s cookout on June 30 at 4:00 at the Duff's home. Bring a lawn chair, appetite and a dessert. Sign up sheet will be posted.

Team2—Will be coordinating our Quarterly Fellowship Meal on June 24.

Virginia Christian Camp



VCC will begin NEXT SUNDAY. It is a great week for all kids!! Several members of our congregation will be there as part of the staff.

Velda Gearhart still needs to have the following items donated for the dining hall: small plastic bottles of Ketchup. Also needed is 2 male assistant counselors and 1 female assistant counselor. If you'd like to make a monetary donation see Jerry, Velda, Melissa or Jo Ann. Thanks in advance!!

Directory Updates

Marguerite Charles—e-mail: mfc222@peoplepc.com

Melissa Marshall—e-mail: rxdocmgm@comcast.net

Sandra Wood—e-mail: Camillion.1@aol.com

Teresa Sartain: 107 Carlton Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075

SICK

Glenna Richardson is in LGH.

Several of the Angelotti family, **Sandy Garby's** relations, have been sick with various ailments.

Evelyn White is scheduled for neck surgery on June 29 at UVA.

Remember the following in prayer: **Luetta Gregory, Larry Phillips, Betty Jenkins, Mary Valentine, Jeanny Gilpin, Sandra Wood, Curtis Oakes.**

Happy Birthday this week to:

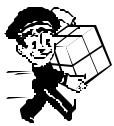
Peggy Paxton—6/12

Ed Argabright—6/15

John Black—6/16

Wayne Dixon—6/17

Mitzi Pettit—6/17



MAY & JUNE ITEMS FOR STAFFORDS:

Tic-Tacs (Cy's fav is green) and low fat microwave popcorn. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!!



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be on August 4, 2007. The skit leaders have their scripts and are anxious to get started. I have taken the liberty of assigning acting roles to those who participated last year. The assignments are posted in the hallway. If you would like to be an actor but have not received an assignment, you may sign up at the bottom of the sheet or see me. I appreciate everyone's willingness to be a part of making this another successful year. I certainly hope that everyone can commit to the duties I have assigned, but if you are unable to, please let me know and I will be glad to find a replacement. Thank you for your cooperation

—greg Edwards

VISITATIONS

Any of the men who would like to go with an elder or associate minister during their weekly visitation schedule, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway by Wednesday, 6/13. This would be done on a rotating basis as schedules will allow.

DISCOVERY MAGAZINE

If you have already renewed your child's subscription of *Discovery Magazine*, please let Jeff know so you do not receive 2 copies.

YOUTH INTERN

Grat Tucker has lots of things planned for our Youth. Please check the Teen section of the bulletin and the Youth Board for upcoming events!!

WEST SIDE SUMMER SERIES

West Side Summer Series will be "in-house" this year. Several men of our own congregation will be presenting lessons on Wednesday evenings this summer. This week will be Charlie Maness and Adam House.

HOUSE TO HOUSE LABELING

H2H labeling will be June 10 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Our **Quarterly Fellowship Meal** will be on June 24. Team 2 will be in charge of set up and clean up.

HOMECOMING/40TH ANNIVERSARY

West Side Church of Christ will celebrate our **40th Anniversary/Homecoming** on September 9, 2007. Jeff Durham is looking for volunteers to form a committee.

REGISTRATION FORMS

Please pick up your registration forms for VCC, Horizons, CTS and the Bus Trip. They are located in the foyer.

June 2007

Announcements	Mike Durham
Song Leader (AM)	Eric Earnhart
Opening Prayer (AM)	
6/3	Richard Simms
6/10	Jeff Durham
6/17	Tom Duff
6/24	Jerry Anderson
Preside at Communion	Tom Richardson
Serve Table	Josh Whitlow Roger Mays AC Janney John Black
Closing Prayer	
6/3	Wayne Dixon
6/10	Charlie Gwaltney
6/17	Jim Harrington
6/24	Claude Crowe
Song Leader (PM)	David Brown
Opening Prayer (PM)	
6/3	Paul Mays
6/10	Tom Rogers
6/17	Fred Altizer
6/24	Charlie Maness
Scripture Reader	Shawn Simms
Closing Prayer (PM)	
6/3	Collin Gregory
6/10	Bobby Martin
6/17	Barry White
6/24	Greg Edwards
Serve Table (PM)	Greg Edwards Luke Guard
Song Leader (Wed)	Adam House
Prayer (Wed)	
6/6	Bob Garby
6/13	Gene Benefield
6/20	Charlie Puckett
6/27	George Mellon

Open/Close Bldg	Danny Guard
Greeters	Altizers McFalls
Nursery Attend	Marsha Cooke Becky Cooke
Ushers	Norris Gearhart Danny Guard
Handouts	Squeaky & Sam Valentine Herb Baker
Alternates	Mark Brooks
Prepare comm.	Jo Ann Edwards Nancy Benefield
Cards & Pencils	Jimmy Harrington Dylan Tyler

Last weeks attendance 6/3&6/07
 Bible Class— 148 Worship Service—192
 Eve. Worship—104 Wed. Service—126
 Contribution—\$7318