

## **Commending our Youth**

We welcome back our Youth Group from their week at Horizons. They have already had a busy start to their summer with VCC, the James River trip, a Lock-in, youth devotionals, and various other events. We believe these activities serve to encourage and strengthen our teens to be their best as servants in His Kingdom.

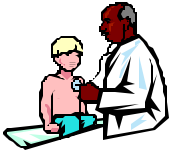
We have been blessed with some fine young men as our Summer Youth Interns: Grat Tucker, Trae Bailey, and this summer Luke Guard. Luke has demonstrated his leadership qualities by executing his responsibilities in a most efficient manner. He has needed very little help in carrying out his duties, but is not shy to ask Mike or whomever for assistance when necessary. He has planned the kids' activities to provide a balance of fun and spiritual growth. Several of our youth have given devotional lessons; having "split" devotionals has allowed our young ladies the opportunity to speak to the girls while the boys had their own study.

Paul encouraged Timothy to "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." We want to do all we can to assist our youth in this same endeavor by giving them the tools they need to achieve these worthy goals. We appreciate all you parents who get your kids to each of these youth gatherings and encourage them to take advantage of every opportunity afforded them to grow spiritually on a daily basis.

Mike and Luke, thanks for all you are doing to challenge our youth to reach their full potential in their Christian lives! – the Elders

# Sick

Continue to remember in prayer:



Marguerite Charles, Margaret Kratz,  
Miriam Majors, Betty Jenkins, WJ Wood,  
Jonnie Charles, Jim Dorsett, E.V. Wimmer,  
Euline Gilpin.

- Bob Garby's surgery went well.
- Martha Keith has been moved to the Progressive Care Unit
- Lori Whitlow had a procedure on Friday.
- Roy Doss is in LGH
- Jonnie Charles is at the Cancer Treatment Center in Houston, TX.
- Emma Lou Heusinkveld, Yvette's grandmother, broke her ribs last week.
- Glenn Hartman's parents have been moved to rehab.
- Carolyn Drewery, friend of Nancy Benefield will have surgery at UVA on July 23.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jeff Shifflett, co worker of David Brown, who took his own life last week.

## Happy Birthday this week to :



EV Wimmer—7/15  
Don Pettit—7/18



## JULY ITEMS FOR THE STAFFORDS:



Instant plain Oatmeal, Sweet 'n Low packets. Give your items to Jeanny and she will ship them over!

## Military

Jay Martin—Afghanistan



## Upcoming Events:



## Teens

### July Events:



SYD @ Christiansburg—7/13  
Teen Devo - 7/15  
VBS—7/24&25  
TBS—7/26  
SYD @Dale Ridge—7/27  
Guy's Nite—7/30  
Girls Retreat—7 Hills—7/31

Check the Youth Board for any information you may need about upcoming events.

Luke is looking for one or more ladies to go to the 7 Hills Retreat as adult representatives and to encourage West Side girls to attend.

The Retreat is scheduled for July 31. It is an overnight retreat and Katelyn Brown is one of the speakers. Please let Luke know if you can go and there will be a sign up sheet in the high school class for those who would like to go.

## WOW

The WOW Meeting scheduled for this week has been rescheduled for July 21 at 10:30!!

New Castle Church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting July 19-21 with Greg Tidwell.

# Weekly Reminders

## For Your Information

### BABY SHOWER

There will be a Baby Shower for Amanda Brown on today at 4:00 in the fellowship hall. It's a girl and she is registered at Target and Babies 'r Us.

### 2009 SUMMER SERIES

Our annual Summer Series will feature Tim Shoulders from Seymore, TN this Wednesday. Make plans to be here to hear all of the speakers that are lined up for this summer.

### DISCOVERY CLUB MEETINGS

The Discovery Club will meet on July 19 at 4:00 in the fellowship room and on July 25 at 4:00 when they will go on a field trip to the Duck Pond at Lake Spring Park.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Friday, July 24, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm and Saturday, July 25, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. **Ages 4 through just completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade.** Volunteer recruitment is underway; volunteer sheets are being given out. If you want to volunteer, please see Jim or Charlotte Harrington. Registration forms and online registration available.

### CPR/FIRST AID CLASS

There will be a CPR/First Aid Class given by certified instructors within the next few weeks here at the building. Contact Kim or Katelyn Brown for details.

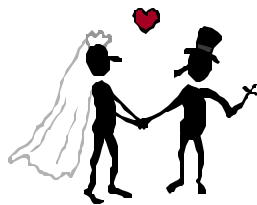
### GOSPEL BROADCASTING NETWORK

**You Can Help GBN!** A few years ago *The Gospel Broadcasting Network* had a campaign to enroll 7,000 individuals to assist their efforts in the amount of \$25 per month. Since then, they have succeeded in enrolling only 2,256 in this program. Also since that time they have added coverage to millions of additional homes at an ever-increasing cost. The need is greater than ever. You can become a part of the 7000. If you can assist in this effort please contact GBN at: P.O. Box 23604, Chattanooga, TN 37422, or email at [info@gbntv.org](mailto:info@gbntv.org), or telephone (866) 525-4677. The website is: [www.gbntv.org](http://www.gbntv.org).

### PRIMARY TEACHERS MEETINGS

Mark your calendar for the following dates for Teachers Meetings all starting at 4:30: Sept. 20, Nov. 15, Jan. 17, and Mar. 21.

Trae Bailey and Kassie Kittrell  
will be joined in marriage on  
Saturday August 1, 2009 at  
6:30 in the evening at  
Claytor Lake State Park.

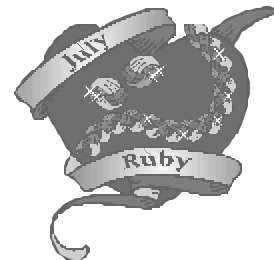


### Prayer list:

Marguerite Charles  
Lyn Anderson  
Martha Keith  
Miriam Majors  
Betty Jenkins  
WJ Wood  
Margaret Kratz  
Jonnie Charles  
Jim Dorsett  
Bob Garby  
Euline Gilpin  
Patty Gwaltney  
E.V. Wimmer  
Sandra Wood  
Lori Whitlow  
Roy Doss  
Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Hartman Sr.  
Carolyn Drewery  
Emma Lou Heusinkveld

### Activities:

CTS—7/11-17  
Baby Shower—7/12  
Youth Devo—7/13  
Teen Devo—7/15



July 2009

## “Don’t Hate”

<b>Announcements</b>	Roger Mays
<b>Song Leader (AM)</b>	David Brown
<b>Opening Prayer (AM)</b>	
7/5	Luke Guard
7/12	Don Pettit
7/19	Wayne Dixon
7/26	Barry White
<b>Preside at Communion</b>	Jim Harrington
<b>Serve Table</b>	Josh Whitlow George Mellon Mitch Jearls Glenn Hartman
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	
7/5	John Black
7/12	Eric Earnhart
7/19	Mike Durham
7/26	Charlie Puckett
<b>Song Leader (PM)</b>	Adam House
<b>Opening Prayer (PM)</b>	
7/5	Charlie Gwaltney
7/12	Paul Mays
7/19	Jeff Durham
7/26	Jeremy White
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Cameron Brown
<b>Closing Prayer (PM)</b>	
7/5	Tom Rogers
7/12	Collin Gregory
7/19	Ben Nikkel
7/26	Herb Baker
<b>Serve Table (PM)</b>	Ethan Rogers & Ben Munsey
<b>Song Leader (Wed)</b>	Luke Guard
<b>Prayer (Wed)</b>	
7/8	Marc Laplante
7/15	Tom Richardson
7/22	Jeff Durham
7/29	Don Pettit
<b>Open/Close Bldg Greeters</b>	Jim Harrington Peverall/Gabbard
<b>Nursery Attend</b>	Gloria White Jean Argabright
<b>Ushers</b>	Danny Guard Jim Bush
<b>Handouts</b>	Mark Brooks Garrett Durham

<b>Alternates</b>	Lyn Shrader
<b>Prepare communion</b>	Tammy Reed Cha Guard
<b>Cards &amp; Pencils</b>	Jimmy Harrington Dylan Tyler

### Last weeks attendance 7/5&8/09

Bible Class—119      Worship Service—152  
Sunday Eve.—123      Wednesday Eve.—137  
Contribution—\$7809

Perhaps you have seen signs or bumper stickers with the above words. The saying seems innocent enough and expresses a sentiment with which Christians can agree. Or, can we? This verbiage is a politically-charged phrase that speaks volumes when understood in its context. It is used primarily regarding those who would oppose the homosexual agenda. The movement seeks to embed into modern minds that anyone who speaks out in opposition to homosexuality is filled with hatred. The postmodern mindset rejects any allusion to anything being wrong- except, of course, saying that something is wrong. One who renders such a verdict is quickly labeled as hateful, vengeful and unfit to have a say. And, it would seem that our government is in full agreement. On April 30, 2009, “Members of the U.S. House today approved a plan to create a federal ‘hate crimes’ plan that will provide special protections to homosexuals and others with alternative sexual choices, but leave Christian ministers and pastors open to prosecution should their teachings be linked to any subsequent offense, by anyone, against a ‘gay.’ The vote was 249-175, and came despite intense Republican opposition to the creation of the privileged class” (from WorldNet-Daily).

The Bible speaks out against wickedness and judges it to be sinful. The Psalmist said, “Ye that love the Lord, hate evil” (Ps. 97:10); “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way” (Ps. 119:104); “Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way” (Ps. 119:128). Solomon stated, “The fear of the Lord is to hate evil” (Prov. 8:13). Clearly, those who follow the Lord must despise that which is sinful and evil (Eph. 4:11). Jesus said, “Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment” (Jn. 7:24). If one loves God, he also hates wickedness. He loves the one entangled in sin, but he has a hatred for the sin that entangles. “Don’t hate” is a statement that certainly should be followed when speaking of individuals; but love demands a hatred of sinful practices like homosexuality. And, regardless of the government’s stand on it, Christians must be vocal in opposition to it (II Tim. 4:2-4).

-Eddy

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