

NEWS TO THE PEWS

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FATHER'S DAY

May 21st, 2009

Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. Exodus 20:12

JULY 4TH

EXTRAVAGANZA

July 4th, 6-9pm

Food, Fun, & Fireworks- Everyone Invited!

Featuring the Hi-Cotton Gospel Singers

Water Slides & Jumper, Eating Contests!!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 19th-24th 6-9pm nightly

Join us for an extreme trek to the E.D.G.E.!!!

Classes for ages 2-Adults

TOO MANY QUESTIONS

There are many questions that pastors are asked that are either hard to answer or are truly un-answerable. To be perfectly honest, being a pastor does not mean you will always have the right answers or any answer at all. This past month has been one of the hardest months for me in the 7 years I have served in full-time ministry. In one month's time I have faced people who are in extreme conflict, in despair and those who have faced death of a loved one...almost too much for even a pastor to handle at times. When our recent revival meetings began on May 17th, God showed us that He is still at work and desires for us to be at work. I was refreshed to see so many people make decisions for the Lord. As I look back at the month as a whole I must tell you I still have un-answered and un-resolved questions myself.

My first question is "Why do God's people always seem to consider a personal "time of testing" a bad thing? Proverbs 17 tells us that we are going to be tested to see if our motives are pure...that hearts might be refined as silver and gold for the Lord. This testing is not always to cause us harm, as we naturally assume. We ask, "Why me? What have I done to deserve what is happening to me?" I have personally asked God these questions from time to time on my spiritual walk only to see my faith grow stronger as I reflect on each trial. I recognized that God wanted to know if I was going to "tuck and run" or stay true to His direction for my life. It never fails to amaze me that in each trial two paths seem to unfold before me, the easy path that is the most appealing and the difficult path that builds my faith. One path is set by the Lord and the other path by the enemy. The lessons and love I have received from that difficult road far outweigh those from the easy path. God puts us on the difficult path many times so that we may understand we cannot make it on our own, that we desperately need Him to guide our lives, and that we are nothing without Him. With Him by our side we are invincible.

The second question I have is "Where exactly are we on God's time line?" I know that we are living in the church age, the age in which God desires His kingdom to grow and spread to all nations, but when will it end? When will God stand up from His throne and say "Enough is enough"? We have all seen and heard many things that have been disturbing to us as Christians in the last few months. The economy is in a tail spin, fathers and mothers taking the lives of their children and then taking their own lives, we are at war in several different countries and several other countries are threatening war. I have asked over and over "When will it all end?" My answer came in the book of Acts, chapter one, when Jesus answered a similar question. Jesus said "It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by His own authority." So if it is not for us to know... then what should we be doing? We should be doing what He tells us to do in verse eight. We are to be His witnesses. That means we are to tell others what we have seen and heard, we are to tell others how God has changed and transformed our lives and we must do so faithfully until He comes again. It is not for us to question the times but to realize the time for Him to come again is soon approaching. We should not worry over the circumstances but work that much harder because of the circumstances that are taking place. Rick Coram, the evangelist who spoke at our revival services, told us that every three seconds someone in America dies. "IF" - and it is a very big if- 10% of those who die are saved, that means that over 180,000 people die and go to hell each day. That alone should inspire us to be the witness God has called us to be.

I pray that I have more questions this month and that I diligently find my way through the difficult path knowing that the battles are won for those who stand with the Lord. I pray that each of you will stand *with* the Lord before you have to stand *before* the Lord.

"In His love"

Pastor Kyle

Emergency Prayer Chain (James 5:16)

| NAME | HOME # | CELL # |
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RIDGELAND PRAYER CHAIN

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| *Keith & Sherry Reynolds | 726-6895 | Sherry 258-6624 |
| Timmy & April Smith | 726-4678 | April 816-5459 |
| Freddie & Myra Malphrus | 726-3905 | Freddie 816-3206 |
| Jeff & Janet Heisel | 258-4677 | Janet 226-0091 |
| Tim & Milzi Cramer | 726-8433 | Milzi 247-3294 |
| Earl & Joyce Pope | 726-8570 | Earl 305-0082 |
| Pat & Maric Mason | 717-2159 | Maric 226-0223 |
| *Keith & Sherry Reynolds | 726-6895 | Keith- 258-4895 |

GRAYS PRAYER CHAIN

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| *Jep & Hazel Smith | 726-3185 | |
| Jamie & Tammy Davis | 726-4394 | Tammy 726-1300 |
| Annie Lou Mixson | 846-8668 | |
| Teryl & Debbie Smith | 726-5720 | Debbie 226-0007 |
| Robert & Dot Cope | 466-9656 | Dot 812-1981 |
| Chris & Ashleigh Smith | 726-6709 | Ashleigh 384-2187 |
| *Jep & Hazel Smith | 726-3185 | |

HAMPTON COUNTY PRAYER CHAIN

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|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| *Gary & Mary Ann Mixson | 726-8360 | Gary 726-2818 |
| Dan & Jackie Peoples | 625-3909 | Jackie 943-6254 |
| Terry Lynn Jarrell | 942-9316 | |
| Rodney & Teresa Harriott | 803-943-8476 | Rodney 843-422-2009 |
| Marvin & Tess Pyles | 943-0473 | Marvin 625-4607 |
| *Gary & Mary Ann Mixson | 726-8360 | Gary 726-2818 |

If an emergency arises, pick whichever prayer chain is most convenient for you or call all three! Please only call for emergencies!

"CHILDREN CHUCKLES"

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked stately up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

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A Sunday School teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "... and why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

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The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mike, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mike cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

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A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that has been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered, "I think it's Adam's birthday suit".

DEACONS OF THE WEEK FOR JUNE

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|----------|-----------------|----------------|
| June 7- | Jep Smith | (843) 726-3185 |
| June 14- | Earl Pope | (843) 726-8670 |
| June 21- | Timmy Smith | (843) 726-4678 |
| June 28- | Rodney Harriott | (803) 943-8476 |

JUNE CARETAKER: Earl Pope

LAST MONTH'S SERMON ORDERS

(Hear Our Sermons On-Line: www.pinelevelbaptistchurch.org)

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| MAY 3RD | | MAY 10TH | |
| AM - | Rev. Kyle Waddell "Revive Us, Oh Lord" (Order #178) | AM - | Rev. Kyle Waddell "When The Spirit Falls" (Order #180) |
| PM - | Rev. Kyle Waddell "A Study In Proverbs" (Order #179) | PM - | Rev. Kyle Waddell "A Study In Proverbs" (Order #181) |
| MAY 17TH | | MAY 24TH | |
| AM - | Evangelist Rick Coram | AM - | Rev. Kyle Waddell "Not My Joy" (Order #184) |
| PM - | Evangelist Rick Coram Revival May 17 th - 20 th <i>All 5 Revival Sermons Can Be Ordered by Contacting Jimmy Clemens-</i> <i>Cost is \$10 for all 5 Revival Sermons</i> | PM - | Rev. Kyle Waddell "A Study In Proverbs" (Order # 185) |
| MAY 31ST | | | |
| AM - | Rev. Kyle Waddell "No Time To Wait" (Order #186) | | |
| PM - | Rev. Kyle Waddell "A Study In Proverbs" (Order #187) | | |

LAST MONTH'S CHURCH STATISTICS

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| MAY 3RD | | MAY 10TH | |
| Preschool | 27 | Preschool | 22 |
| Children | 19 | Children | 18 |
| Youth | 27 | Youth | 27 |
| Adults | 94 | Adults | 93 |
| Homebound | 4 | Homebound | 4 |
| TOTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL | 171 | TOTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL | 164 |
| DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING | 67 | DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING | 63 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$9379.50 | TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$ 5390.10 |
| MAY 17TH | | MAY 24TH | |
| Preschool | 27 | Preschool | 21 |
| Children | 17 | Children | 18 |
| Youth | 24 | Youth | 27 |
| Adults | 95 | Adults | 87 |
| Homebound | 2 | Homebound | 6 |
| TOTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL | 165 | TOTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL | 159 |
| DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING | - | DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING | 54 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$5956.95 | TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$7824.25 |
| MAY 31ST | | MONTHLY STATUS | |
| Preschool | 20 | Budget Offering Needed | \$18,336.48 |
| Children | 21 | Budget Offering Received | \$16,974.05 |
| Youth | 26 | Regular Building Fund: | \$5636.60 |
| Adults | 90 | Building Bridges Offering | \$7278.00 |
| Homebound | 3 | Jerusalem Project Offering | \$301.00 |
| TOTAL SUNDAY SCHOOL | 160 | Misc. Designated Offering | \$4697.25 |
| DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING | 90 | TOTAL OFFERING | \$34,886.90 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$6536.10 | SUNDAY SCHOOL AVG | 164 |
| | | DISCIPLESHIP TRNG AVG | 69 |

Birthdays

- 2 - Julia Ann Bowers
- Travis Koon
- Kris Ranew
- Joyce Smith
- Jeanette Shuman
- 3- Rebecca Smith
- 4- Quillie Crosby
- Timmy Smith
- 6 - Derrick Smith
- Abbey Smith
- 7- Bobbie Jean Kinard
- Heather Smith
- Abbie DeLoach
- 8- Everett Ginn
- 10- Yvette Smith
- 11- Sharon Moody
- 12- Joseph Smith
- Tasha Smith
- 13- Amy Waddell
- Bryson Mitchell
- Stephanie Knotts
- 15- Mitzl Oram
- Brett Green
- Julia Trejo
- 17- Marlene Smith
- Danisha Harper
- 18- Annard Smith
- Tammy Davis
- 20- Melissa Smith
- 22- Dale Smith
- 23- Kate Smith
- Ryder Smith
- 24- Benny Stanley
- Jackie Peeples
- 25- Kerry Crosby
- 26- Cohen Freeman
- Natalie Amason
- Brighton Peeples
- Kirkland Blocker
- 27- Corey Smith
- 28- Dana Stanley
- 29- Teresa Harriott
- 30- Brandon Corley

Anniversaries

- 5 - David & Kathy Bridges
- 13 - Terry & Debbie Smith
- 14 - Jon & Allison Schaffer
- 15- Lamar & Christine Pope
- 17- Wayne & Cheryl Crosby
- 21 - Gary & Mary Ann Mixson

With the increase of new members and babies in the church, some anniversaries and birthdays may not be listed. If so, please contact the office so you can be added to this list.

JUNE 2009

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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| Ladies' Bible Study "Esther" 5:30pm every Sunday | 1 Men's Ballgame @ Deep Branch | 2 C.A.R.E. C Team 7pm | 3 Mission Ngt 7pm Adult Choir 7:45 Bar-B-Q Dinner 6pm | 4 Women's Ball @ PLBC vs. Deep Branch 7:30pm | 5 Youth, Children, & T-ball at Open Arms 6:30pm | 6 Youth Car Wash 9-2 @ R'land Burger King |
| 7 Deacon's Mtg-- Deacon Jep Smith's Dinner-- Grad Pics Due | 8 | 9 C.A.R.E. A Team 7pm | 10 Prayer Mtg 7pm Adult Choir 7:45 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Business Mtg-- Graduation Day-- Deacon Robert Cope's Dinner | 15 | 16 C.A.R.E. R Team 7pm | 17 Prayer Mtg 7pm Adult Choir 7:45 | 18 Senior Lunch-- Bar-B-Q Ribs | 19 Pastor at Conference | 20 |
| 21 FATHER'S DAY 1st Day of Summer!!! | 22 Watermelon Festival-- Youth Parade | 23 NO CARE TEAM | 24 Prayer Mtg 7pm Adult Choir 7:45 | 25 | 26 | 27 Watermelon Festival Parade |
| 28 | 29 | 30 C.A.R.E. E Team 7pm | | | | JULY 4th EVENT |

PINE LEVEL MISSIONS

MOMMY'S TIME OUT

If you are the mom of a small child, we invite you to attend the monthly Mommy's Time Out. This is a time when mothers can get together with other mothers to have lunch, talk and fellowship. Daycare will be provided. Invite a friend to come with you. See Robin Corley for any questions.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER BREAKFAST

We invite you to join us every Sunday morning at 8:45am for breakfast cooked by the Men's Ministry, then for our Prayer Circle at 9:30, during which we lift up spoken & unspoken prayer concerns, followed by Sunday School and Morning Worship. You will receive a blessing by being a part of this ministry. There is no better place for God's children to be than in His house on Sunday morning!

C.A.R.E. MINISTRY

We invite you to join us on any Tuesday night of the month for C.A.R.E., Christians Actively Reaching Everyone. We start with a light supper at 6:30pm, followed by C.A.R.E. at 7pm. It is only one hour per month, during which you can pray, write cards or letters, make phone calls, or go on a visit. Come and join us as we reach out to our community to show that we, as Christians, really do care! If you have any questions, please see Pastor Kyle or Amy.

MONTHLY MISSIONS NIGHT

The first Wednesday night of every month is designated as Missions Night. This is a time for WoM (Women on Missions) and the Brotherhood to meet for fellowship and to plan mission projects. We invite you to join us at 7pm and become a part of the missions work at Pine Level. See Amy Waddell or Jimmy Clemens for any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Wanted: extreme adventurers ready to trek to the E.D.G.E! Would you like to spend a whole week this summer camping on the edge, complete with extreme adventures, exciting challenges, great music, and hours of fun? Sign up for a VBS leadership role and join in an incredible week of adventure and growing in God's love at Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience & Discover God Everywhere! VBS dates are July 19th-24th. See Chrissy Pops for details & to sign up.

4th OF JULY EVENT

We are having our annual 4th of July Family Event at the ballfield beginning at 6pm. The Hi-Cotton Singers are the featured entertainment for the event. Invite your friends, bring your lawn chair or blanket, & join us as we celebrate America's freedom!

Regular Weekly Services (Psalms 27:4)

SUNDAY

8:45am.....Prayer Breakfast
10:00am.....Sunday School
11:00am.....Morning Worship
12:30pm.....The Encouraging Word 93.5FM
5:00pm.....Youth & Children's Choir Practice
5:00pm.....Interpretive Movement Practice
5:30pm.....Ladies' Bible Study
6:00pm.....Discipleship Training
7:00pm.....Evening Worship

TUESDAY

7:00pm.....C.A.R.E. Ministry

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm.....Adult Prayer Meeting
7:00pm.....Children's Mission Groups & Co-ed Youth
7:45pm.....Adult Choir Practice