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"Sharing the Light of Christ"

Vacation Bible School



*"Avalanche Ranch"
July 8th - 13th, 2007*

VBS is just around the corner and the theme this year is western. Last year's evening program went very well. I would like to change it just a bit this year. I would like to start on Sunday evening, and go through Thursday with the program on Friday. On Sunday I would like to kick-off the night with a dinner. Nothing fancy, just hot dogs and chips and such. I would love your feedback on this.

For this year's mission project the children will be stuffing bears, one to keep and one to give away. I need some ideas on where we can send these bears. Plus, a donation of \$1 will help defray the cost of this mission project. Look for special

envelopes for this project. Be watching bulletins for a list of supplies I will be needing.

Of all the things needed are VOLUNTEERS!!!! I'm looking for individuals who will lead a group of children from one station to the next; to help children with crafts; to lead children in games; and be a storyteller. Everything will be laid out for you. Please contact myself or Julie Wagoner if you are interested.

Lora Roberson, VBS Coordinator
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Newsletter

Parsonage Update



Inside the lights are up and working, the hard flooring is finished (kitchen and bathrooms), cabinetry is installed, painting is done. Soon the furnace will be installed, plumbing completed, carpet laid, etc... and the new parsonage will be complete.

Thanks to the building committee, the trustees, finance committee and Fulton Construction for all the hard work that has gone into the project.

This is a home that the church can really be proud of. It will serve future pastors and families well for a long time to come. We want our church to be an appointment that any pastor is thrilled to receive and this is a big step in that direction.

As of the 27th this is what you see when you drive by. The brickwork is not quite half done because of the rain, but it won't take long next week!

You will love it when you see it.

Sign Update

Within probably a couple of months our new sign will arrive and be installed. Thanks to all of you who have contributed in any way toward this project. We will be able to let the



community know of the activities at our church as they drive by. No longer will they have to

wonder about who we are – we will be able to tell them. Coming soon!

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Did you know?

- WNL summer break May 30th - August
- Mom's & More Summer Break May 29th - Sept.
- Mother's Day May 13th, The Children will be passing out the gifts.
- Memorial Day May 28th (Office Closed)
- This newsletter is now on the web.

Pastor Paul's Place

What You Owe Your Church

A long time ago I heard someone say that there are 3 things every person in a church owes the church: to say it up, to pay it up, and to pray it up. I have never been able to forget that. This month I want to talk about the first one.

Every person in the church owes it to their church to "say it up." To tell about the good things going on at your church. Get out the word. The church is all about "Good News." Telling about a God who comes in Jesus to make everything new. Even the things that seem impossible. It is up to us to put flesh on those words by the way we treat other people, by the way we conduct ourselves, by the way we overcome adversity.

We all know it's easier sometimes to tell what is wrong. But I challenge you: never tell what is wrong with your church or pastor in public. So much harm is done to a church by those who criticize in public. Damage that takes years to undo.

When you say negative things about another person you are really telling more about yourself than the other person.

A great example is national politics. We all know that neither political party likes the other. But usually when the criticism is leveled there is nothing positive to offer in its place. I think I understand that one group doesn't like the other group's approach to things - but for the life of me I can't figure out what the critical group would do differently. So I learn more about the critic, than the one being criticized.

Besides, to witness means to tell the Good News. Not to tell the bad news. If you are telling the bad news, you are offering nothing to the person who so badly needs to hear a good word about the Lord.

The world is desperate for the Good News we have to offer. But if we speak ill of our church, they will never come to the church. If Christians conduct themselves that way - why would those outside the church want anything to do with the church? Any church?

When good things are happening at your church, let it be known. When they aren't, be still - and pray.

Paul A.



1st - Andrew Monnett

5th - John Temple

8th - Kim Shrum

12th - Heather Gottula

Martha Jones

13th - Kelsey Wilson

14th - Lily Monnett

Nate Monnett

15th - Janessa Cole

16th - Kerman Goss

Dorothy Routt

18th - Russell Monnett

19th - Tim Everhart

22nd - Nancy Fulton

24th - Patrick Hodnett

29th - Jennifer Williams

30th - Nick Hathorn

We Have New E-Mail Addresses

Pastor Paul: pastorpaul@cloverdaleumc.net

Michelle: meverhart@cloverdaleumc.net

Julie: cumcchlddir@cloverdaleumc.net

"Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study" - Clara Long

Clarence and I will be finishing our 34 week journey to becoming Christ's Disciples. This was a very intense Bible study and stretched our time and knowledge. One thing we did learn is that there is so much more to learn. It was a challenge, but we stayed with it. We enjoyed getting together with 6 other disciples and sharing out thoughts, ideas and of course our snacks. This time was very precious to us. We are so thankful for this time together. It was very precious to us and we will miss Sunday evenings with them. Reading about our Christian heritage and the individual stories of those that have gone before us drew us closer to the Lord. God's people were just like us. Sometimes making bad choices and drawing away from the Lord, but coming back to Him and realizing how much we need the Lord each and every day.

"What Disciple Means to Me"

by Michelle Everhart

This 34 week study of the bible was challenging, enlightening, and yet, enjoyable. I learned so much of the history of God's chosen people, and how much we are like them. I was able for the first time able to read Revelations, and halfway understand the meanings behind it. Through this study, I drew closer in my walk with the Lord. The friendships that I made with the other seven disciples is something I will always cherish. I will miss our time of studying and fellowshiping together. It seems like we just started this journey together, and yet, the end is here.





Compassion International

The Children's Sunday School classes are sponsoring a child through Compassion International with their weekly offerings. The child's name is Carlos Daniel Tine Ayala. He lives in Lataounga in Ecuador. He was born on April 28, 2000. Through sponsorship, Carlos is able to attend school and to be a part of the weekly activities at the Los Corderitos Student Center. This center is established through the combined efforts of a local church in Ecuador and Compassion International. At the center, Carlos is provided any tutoring he may need, given a safe place to play and socialize, provided with health care, taught good health practices, and most important of all, he receives the gospel of Jesus through study and worship. The family of a child sponsored through Compassion will also receive instruction in health care and may receive food supplements if necessary. Each child has only one sponsor and Compassion encourages a strong relationship between the child and sponsor. Carlos's family also receives support in the form of health instruction and food supplements if necessary. Writing letters to Carlos is an important activity for our Sunday school classes. Carlos and his family need to know that he is not only supported financially but that he truly has a group of people who care about them. He needs to be encouraged in his school work and in his spiritual development. Please take time to read the letters which Carlos has sent to the children. They are posted on a bulletin board in fellowship hall. Also, please pray for Carlos and his family. He is praying for our children.



I would like to say thanks to everyone who helped make the Easter egg hunt a success. Thanks for the Easter eggs, candy and cookies. And a special thanks to Laura Monnett, Alex Swenson and Kendall Tarantino for helping me set up. It took us over an hour to set up and it only took the kids 6 minutes to find them, but their smiles were well worth it.

Thanks, Julie Wagoner

Last Wednesday Nite Live

Summer break for the WNL classes will begin on May 30th. Make sure to look for further announcements on when WNL will start up again. Look for this date to be around the end of August or the first on September.

Again the Last Wednesday Nite Live class will be on Wed. May 23rd.

Thanks Julie Wagoner

*A special
thanks to
Rita
Garrett*



Laura and I would like to thank Rita for the generous gift she gave to the children this Easter. The children absolutely loved the beanie babies. Thank you very much and God Bless you.

Julie Wagoner and Laura Monnett.

We are only a month away from completion of the new parsonage. The painters will be done by the time you read this and the flooring work will not be far behind. We will have a house that we can all be very proud of. We will have a fifteen year mortgage with a payment around \$850.00 a month. Please start praying about how you might be able to help get this mortgage paid off.

We are still short of our \$9000.00 goal for the sign. If you have not donated yet, then I would ask that you step up and help make this happen. We have decided to put stone around the sign to make it look even better. John Pattison has recruited a friend that is willing to donate his time to do the mason work. We should begin this project sometime in late May.

By the time you read this, we will have had another work day. We will have planted some new bushes and cleaned out the landscaping beds to make way for river rock. Hopefully we will have also installed new lights.

We are also going back to having someone clean the church. Getting folks to sign up to do the task has been a challenging to say the least. We ask that everyone do their part and clean up after yourself. If you have kids, then please make sure that they do the same. I would also ask that we be more mindful of trash on the church grounds. Please help keep our church looking nice. If you see trash on the way in or out of church, then please pick it up and put it in the trash. If we all police up after ourselves then we would not have these issues to begin with.

I am sure that you, like me, are ready for warmer weather. We have lots of exciting things happening and I hope that more will come. Please keep an open mind about all the projects around the church and feel free to call me if you have any questions. God Bless and have a wonderful day.

Steve Westell



May Preaching Themes

May 6 “In the Common Places”

Luke 24:13-27

In a fascinating story, a couple of early followers are heading away from Jerusalem on Resurrection morning. Jesus appears to them, but they do not realize it is Jesus until they stopped for breakfast. As he broke the bread for their meal, they suddenly realized who it was. I invite you to think about where God is appearing to you in your ordinary daily life.

May 13 “Home Improvement” Mother’s Day

John 13:31-35

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6

Jesus tells His followers to focus their life on loving Him and loving one another. Keeping that central was vital to their survival. On this special family day, I want to encourage keeping focused on the things that will help the family survive.

May 20 “It’s All About God”

John 14:23-29

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5

Here’s an amazing story about how God worked in the life of a wealthy business woman, brought her and Paul together out along a river going through town. Through their encounter, her life and her entire home were changed forever. She found out that life is all about God.

May 27 “Keeping the Fire Alive” Pentecost Sunday

John 14:15-20

Acts 2:1-8

Romans 8:14-17

Pentecost is called the Birthday of the Church. On this day we will reflect on the importance of the day and its compelling vision for the church, and challenge to the church.

Our Devoted Servants for May

First Service	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Nursery	Laura Monnett	Sherry Taylor Laura Monnett	Harve Wilson	Jessica Freund Carey McFadden
ABC’s	Donna Westell			
Ten Commandments	Jim Steele			
Greeters	Donna Terry Karon Thompson	Don & Kay Weaver	Ron & Martha Jones	Helen Holmes Kathy Duncan
Ushers	Liz & Cline Jensen	Pat Steele Billie Guerrettaz	Al & Joan Tucker	Linda & Kent Hathorn
Worship Leaders	Ron Jones	Karon Thompson	Don Weaver	Darwin Nelson

Second Service	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Nursery	Denise Harbert Holly Roberson	Laura Monnett Whitney Bond	Donna Westell Megan Schwomeyer	Mike Klindt Samantha Monnett
ABC’s	Julie Wagoner			
Ten Commandments	Karen Heavin			
Greeters	Michelle Everhart Peggy Ford	Julie Goss Jamie Cottrell	TBA	Nick Keefer Alex Swenson
Ushers	Brad & Andrea Wilson	Charlie & Debbie Long	TBA	Keith Hathorn Megan Schwomeyer
Worship Leaders	Julie Goss	Alex Swenson	Lora Roberson	Dwight Wood
Offering Counters	Julie Goss Trisha Hathorn	Cookie Hepfer Denise Harbert	Karon Thompson Jamie Cottrell	Harve Wilson Janet Wood



“A Time to Pray”

All of us have been shocked by the senseless violence at Virginia Tech University, and as the news stories unfold there seems to be an unfolding horror in our hearts over these killings. The fact that students, young people with such a bright future ahead of them, are the victims – surely that adds to our sense of grief and our sense of horror. Such violence is all too common elsewhere in the world, in places like Iraq and Darfur, but we in the United States have been shocked once again with the reality of the violence in our own society.

As pastors prepare to lead their congregations this Sunday, there are many very helpful worship resources and prayers available. As always our General Board of Discipleship has worship helps, including special prayers for this tragedy. You can find those at www.gbod.org.

Another helpful site is The Text This Week which is found at www.textweek.com It offers similar worship aids for us as we all prepare this Sunday to worship, to pray, and to make sense out of life in the midst of tragedy.

It seems that our culture and the news are bent upon either understanding or revenge. We find in our home

that it helps just to turn off that news, because the endless coverage is not helpful and it only adds to the sense of grief.

At such moments, it is not a time to “figure out what happened” or to get angry and look for quick solutions. Rather it is a time to pray. The Apostle Paul reminds us that there are times in life when words fail us and we don’t even know how to pray. At such times, he promises, the Holy Spirit helps us to pray “in ways that cannot be put into words” (Romans 8:26). This is such a time. Today and especially this Sunday in our worship services, I invite you to be silent, to pray, and to allow the Spirit to speak for us.

*from Bishop Michael J. Coyner
Indiana Area of the United Methodist Church
"Making a Difference ... in Indiana and around the world"*

Kingdom Kid’s

(Family reading)

I’d like to take this time to wish everyone a safe summer. With so many events going on and with WNL winding down for the summer, Sunday mornings may seem to be a difficult time. I hope and pray that your schedules will allow you the rest and peace that comes along with worship. But in times when it is not possible to come to church, don’t ever forget that you never lack the chance of sharing and experiencing God’s love. Take time each day to talk to him, take time out with your friends, your family, your team and share His love with them, always use your best behavior and show God’s love through you.

I’d also like to remind all the kids to be careful this summer when playing outdoors, don’t talk to strangers, don’t approach a stranger or their car even if they offer you something or say they are looking for a pet. Wear your helmets when you ride a bike, skateboarding or roller skating (just to name a few). Please don’t give into peer pressure (parents may need to explain this word to your child/children).

Always remember safety is important and so is your Spiritual well being.

May God Bless all of His precious children and keep them safe in his arms,

Love Julie Wagoner



Play date and lunch for 3yrs. old thru 2nd grade

PICNIC We will be meeting at Phyllis Brown’s house on May 19th at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The sign up sheet is in the back of the Sanctuary, along with directions to her house. 3’s, 4’s and 5’s who are not in Kindergarten must have a parent stay with them, everyone else can drop off their child/children at Phyllis’s house at 11:00 a.m. and pick them up at 1:00 p.m. But anyone is welcome to stay. If possible please have your permission slips turned in by Sunday, May 13th, if you would like to bring your child’s/children’s permission slip the day you bring your child that is fine, just please contact me before hand so we can make sure we have enough food.

Thank you, Julie Wagoner



I can not express how wonderful it is to see all of these Baptisms. To see God’s Love working in our young ones hearts is so awesome. Congratulations to Chris Gary, Makayla and Makenzie Westell, Luke Everhart and Jordan Garrett. You along with all of the kids in this church are always in my prayers.

Love, Julie Wagoner