

July/August 2016

The Shepherd's Messenger



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KNOWING JESUS AS THE
GOOD SHEPHERD & SHARING
THE RISEN CHRIST WITH ALL.

FROM
Pastor
Burt



Grace and peace to you and yours in the name of our
Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

A Father's Plea

This was printed in the May 28, 1998 Letters to the Editor page of the U.S.A. Today p12A.

"Will somebody help me save my son? My son is 2 years old and is a reflection of complete innocence. His vulnerability to this harsh, violent, ignorant and uncaring world just rips my heart apart. He knows nothing of the killing within the schools that are supposed to prepare children for the world. He knows nothing of the abuse that happens within the homes of children just his age. As he plays with his toys, he is oblivious to the tragedies that occur everyday across this country. And as he clutches his blanket, sleeping soundly, dreaming of mommy and daddy who love him, he has no idea of the complete social and moral decay of our country.

Does anyone care anymore? Will someone please, PLEASE help save my son?

Edward Moats
Belleair Beach, Florida"

This is a powerful letter expressing great fear and concern for his child. But I would suggest to you this is the concern of A LOT OF PARENTS TODAY!

Jesus said, 'Let these children alone. Don't get between them and me. These children are the kingdom's pride and joy.' Luke 18:16 The Message

Jesus clearly loved children and believed they needed to know about God's love. All we have to do is listen to the news everyday to see how needed God's love is NOW!

We need your HELP to make this ministry to children in church school a reality NOW! Please consider volunteering to help in whatever way you can to help the parents of our community. SAVE THEIR CHILDREN!

Please see anyone on the Leadership Team or Pastor Burt - ASAP!

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Burt

(See P.S. on Page 7)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our World situation
The Rothfus Family
to those at other residences...

CUBA CMH

*Henny van der Horst

WATERS OF WESTFIELD

*Dawn Durkee

Military personnel and their families...

Brandon Snyder - Afghanistan



Our continued prayers go out to ALL military personnel who are serving our country by active duty & reserve status, both in the States, and abroad. Our List of Military Names is provided by the Weekly Prayer Group for our Military men and women and our world situation.

Others to keep in prayer:

Chuck Brooks
Veronica Clayson
Virginia Clayson
Ray Climie
Braden Currier
Sid Emmons
Robert Enderle
Stephanie LaFever
Sherry McCubbin
Bruce Metler
Thomas Morris
Keith Pierce
Kerigan Pierce
Lucinda Pierce
Kevin Kranock
Royce Ross
Ann Santagelo
Erica & Todd Scheer -
(Preemie Elliott Scheer)
Leroy Sherwood
Alice Sweet
Laroy Spateholts
Buster Van Valkenburgh
Ken Wyant



2 - Michael Hupp
5 - Rita Say
11 - Linda Appleby
12 - Shelly Giczkowski
14 - Tom Eastham
16 - Katelyn Cornell
Debbie Rothfus
Daniel Rothfus
17 - Lucinda Pierce
22- Stan Scoville
23 - Jim Travis
24 - Mike LaFever
26 - Douglas Clayson, III
28 - Debra Enderle

Statistics**Needed: \$1,657**

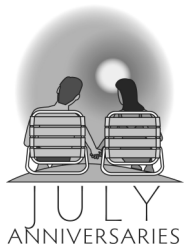
Date	Worship	SS	Offering
5/29	45	-	\$1,694.00
6/5	44	-	\$1,968.00
6/12	36	-	\$1,268.00
6/19	41	-	\$1,061.00
6/26	34	-	\$1,288.00
6/26	Rothfus		\$ 143.00

July Helping HandsUshers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Altar Guild

Cindy Dutton



3- Mary Lou & David VanValkenburg
5 - Nick & Liz Abraham
James & Marilyn Luckey
14- Douglas & Lynnette Clayson
20 - Lewis & Cheryl Holden, Jr.



If you have a need for prayer, call the prayer chain.

**Call Sandra Allen
at 968-2137
or Ruth Holden
at 968-1933**



Bessie Dillon celebrating her 97th birthday at the UMW dinner.
Congratulations Bessie!

August Helping Hands

Ushers:

Dean & Cheryl Wildrick

Altar Guild

Cindy Dutton



Do you know of someone who needs a note of cheer? Someone who might be sick, in the hospital, has a birthday, or has a loved one who has passed away?

If you do, please call **Sue Simmons at 585-968-1135**. She is the UMW's **Cheer person**. She sends out cards to those in need of some cheer, so please contact her to let her know.



17 - Brian & Tammy Hawks
18 - Richard & Lucinda Pierce
24 - Larry & Veronica Clayson
25- Peter & Mary Lou Sprague



UMW MEETING

Submitted by Shirley Poore



June 16, U M W ladies went to Randy's Fireside for dinner. Were twelve in attendance.

Everyone enjoyed the good food & good fellowship. We also celebrated Bessie's Birthday with a Cake.

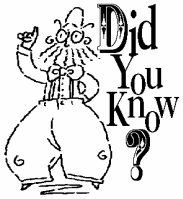
We discussed items needed, Curtains in Wesley Hall. Thela & Claire are going to look for those. In the kitchen, utensils, soup bowls, pitcher's. that are needed for dinners. Also 2 new stoves.

We received \$66.99 for Prayer & Self Denial.

In July, Cindy Dutton will be collecting for the "No Bake Sale".

Our next meeting will be September 17, at 10:00 AM. All ladies are welcome. Ruth will be calling to remind everyone.

1 - Liz Abraham
Alex Eastham
3 - Sylvia Clement
Melissa Zeh-Gross
4 - Joshua Enderle
12 - Cheryl Wildrick
Sid Wildrick-Cole
14 - Allison Eastham
Lisa Hawks
15 - Robert Rasmusson
17 - Derek Clement
21 - Dean Wildrick
24 - Darcy Eastham
Karl Giczowski
Barbara Johnston
Donna Lawton
27 - Jean Bowers
30 - Dawn Wildrick-Cole
31 - Brian Krott
Arnold Nelson
Mary Lou Van Valkenburgh

DYK:*Submitted by Dean Wildrick*

One of the joys of volunteering regularly at Mission Central is learning where items go and how they are used. One of our largest resource contributors is Giant Food Stores. They clear their shelves of holiday goods from a particular season in preparation for the next season and they generously give us their left over

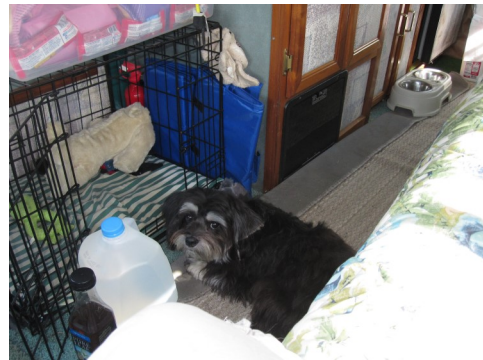
items. We are grateful for each item and happily take time to sort, box, stack on pallets, shrink wrap and store them in readiness for distribution the next year. Churches and individuals use these seasonal items in a variety of ways to benefit individuals in their churches and communities."



We would like to thank all who helped with the preparation and painting of Wesley Hall.

Thanks to all!
The Management Team

What Does Dudley Want?



From the beginning of our trip (from Cuba, NY to Silverdale, WA) Dudley was always in the way. Since our van (which has a center aisle of about 16") was packed full, it was difficult to walk from front to back without running into one dog or the other. When I was in a hurry or had items in my hands, this became more frustrating.

Dudley had a habit of walking right toward me and stopping, instead of moving to the side. When I paused, he didn't move. Sometimes he just stared at me. When I moved right, Dudley moved that direction. When I moved left, Dudley moved that direction. When I poked him with my toe and said, move, he disappeared until the next time.

What did Dudley want? After a while it made sense. The one that is so important in my life tries to get my attention. He wants to spend time with me, wants to show me his love, but I am too busy. I chase him away.

Do we treat God like that too? Are we too busy to spend time with Him? We can change. It's not too late. God will come to us again. He wants us to make time for Him.

Submitted by Cheryl Wildrick

Dudley's Great Adventure

(During first three weeks in June)

Hi. This is Dudley. I am on a Great Adventure. I didn't even know I was going. After all the preparations, my master carried me to our van, and away we went. There were good things and bad things during my adventure.

I especially liked all the new smells where other canines had been. So exciting! But I didn't care for having to ride so long (every day) in the van. Boring! Yet for me, the adventure also has been a learning experience. I learned about happy times and unhappy times.

My first unhappy time was learning about discipline. When the van would stop, I wanted to run down the steps and out, but I was told to wait until my leash was on. I learned that my master had my safety in mind, so I obeyed.

My second unhappy time was when my master locked me in the van (windows partially down), and went away. I didn't know why my master left or when my master would return. I was waiting. I was told that my master was coming back again, and I learned it was true.

My third unhappy time was the length of my adventure. It was just too long. I loved the experience but I was tired. I just wanted to go home. My master promised that it would happen. I believe my master.

My first happy time on my adventure was, having what I liked. I liked hot dogs. I liked pizza. I liked Cheetos. (I didn't have a whole lot, but I spoiled my appetite for what was good and what was healthy.) My master said something about, is what I like, good for me? Can we change what we like?

My second happy time was every time when I sat up front (in the van) next to my master. I love being close to my master. I feel happy and loved. It shows.

My third happy time was every time that I went on a walk with my master. I love walks. I love good company. Walking together builds relationships. Oh master let me walk with thee.

Wishing you great adventures with your master.

Dudley.





Adult Sunday School Studies with Cheryl

PROPHECY #8: FUTURE DAVIDIC

Abraham, father of the Jewish nation was given a prophecy from God. It said that kings would come from Abraham's offspring. (Genesis 17:6) For emphasis God added that, "kings of nations will come from (Sarah) his wife. (Genesis 17:16) This prophecy came true literally when one of Abraham's descendants (David) was crowned king of Israel. And later, his son, Solomon became king.

While David was king, God revealed to him that David's throne and kingdom would be forever. (2 Samuel 7:16) These would be passed down through generations to Christ (David's descendant) and last forever. This is obviously prophecy because the rule of David's offspring did not last forever, and because when Christ first came to earth, he did not rule his people as a king. So, we are told that Jesus (Abraham's offspring) will reign on earth (as a king with a throne) sometime in the future.

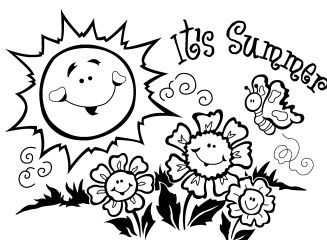
The Old Testament confirms the promise of a literal kingdom. (Psalms 89:34-36) This is to be fulfilled at the second coming of Christ. Then, evil in the world will be defeated, and Christ will rule and reign forever in a time of peace. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

The Jews will be regathered to their Promised Land... David will be resurrected... and the future Davidic Kingdom will begin. (Jeremiah 23:3) (Ezekiel 37:21-23)

The New Testament confirms the promise of a literal kingdom. When the angel Gabriel told Mary about Jesus' coming birth, he said that God would give Jesus, "the throne of his father David." Then Jesus would reign over Jacob's descendants forever. (Luke 1:30-33) The Jewish people believed in God's future kingdom on earth (Matthew 20:20-21) and Jesus' disciples were told that (in the future) they would judge the Twelve Tribes of Israel. (Luke 22:29-30.) So, there is a picture of a future kingdom with Christ ruling and reigning on earth.

Psalms (110:1) tells us that ever since Jesus ascended into heaven, he has been sitting on the throne of God, (at God's right hand.) This was at God's request. Jesus awaits his return to rule over the earth, (millennium) including his rule over the Davidic Kingdom in Israel. This will be a rule of righteousness and peace.

The Davidic Kingdom will be a literal kingdom on earth. Since God was faithful in the past, the prophecy will come true in the future.



Bugs in the Bible

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs!

Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.



Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse.
Circle them in the puzzle below.

Proverbs 6:6 _____ Exodus 16:20 _____
Psalms 78:45 _____ 1 Sam. 24:14 _____
Matt. 23:24 _____ Isaiah 50:9 _____
Judges 14:8 _____ Isaiah 59:5 _____
Acts 12:23 _____ Leviticus 11:22 _____
Leviticus 11:22 _____ Leviticus 11:22 _____
Leviticus 11:22 _____
Deuteronomy 7:20 _____



M	O	T	H	S	G	N	A	T	B	H
A	N	T	A	L	L	C	H	P	E	O
G	R	A	S	S	H	O	P	P	E	R
G	F	C	R	I	C	K	E	T	S	N
O	L	S	P	I	D	E	R	S	B	E
T	E	C	L	O	C	U	S	T	D	T
S	A	E	F	K	A	T	Y	D	I	D
G	F	L	I	E	S	W	O	R	M	S

Answer: ant, flies, gnats, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket

The Summertime

Thank you Lord for the golden sun
That warms the earth from sky of blue
The rays that brightens the summer's day
Speaks of the love that flows from you

The summertime of heat filled days
We thank you for the cooling breeze
And the shade that cools us down
Under the shadow of leaf topped trees

We seek the shelter of your wings
Your breath upon us like a cooling wind
To ease the spirit and comfort the soul
And the rest you give to us who sinned

We thank you for the sparkling sea
To dive beneath its cooling waves
And Lord we thank you for the blood
Of your Saviour Son the One who saves

The summer days we thank you for
The joys of spending sun filled hours
Along the coast or countryside
Or in the garden viewing pretty flowers

For in the heart redeemed by you
Your Saviour Son brings a better clime
Your rays of love; the sunshine of grace
And for our souls it is always summertime

Colin Moffett

P.S. (Continued from Page 1)

P.S. "A teacher's own life is matured as he or she sees themselves as God's child learning His higher ways. The disciples of old were amazed to discover not only that Christ gave children preference over adults, but also that adults had something to learn from children. One children's worker said 'Outside the word itself, no single factor has helped me grow spiritually as has work with children.'"

(Children in Bible School, Lois Le Bar Chapter 1)

STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM PIE

Sylvia Clement

8" baked pie crust
16 oz. pkg. frozen, sliced strawberries
1 (3oz) box strawberry or raspberry Jello
1 pt. vanilla ice cream, softened



Recipe
FROM THE
Cuba UMC
Cook Book

Heat berries until boiling. Add Jello and turn heat off. Add ice cream in pieces and stir until dissolved. refrigerate until thickened. Pour into baked crust. Serve with whipped cream, garnish with fresh strawberries.



July

WORSHIP
SERVICE
SUNDAY
11:00 AM

2016

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Out For the
Summer

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:30 Pray for Our nation UMW Food Pantry Collection	4	5 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am Grief Support Group 11:30 am	6	7	8	9
10 10:30 Pray for Our nation	11	12 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	13	14	15	16
17 Cuba UMC Picnic Chamberlain Park 10 am-2pm Worship in park 11 am	18	19 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	20	21	22	23
24 10:30 Pray for Our nation	25	26 Prayer Group 10 am- 11 am	27	28	29	30
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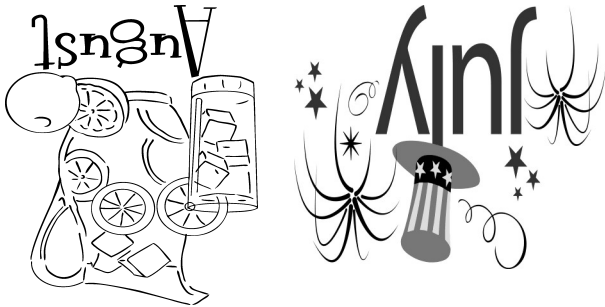
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Wednesday 1 pm - 6 pm
and by appointment

Cuba UM Church Worship/Picnic

When: Sunday, July 17, 2016
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Worship at 11:00 AM at the park

Where: Cuba Chamberlain Park

Who: You, and the whole church family

What: Bring own table service
(Plate, Cup, etc.)
Dish to pass

Meat , Dessert & Beverage to be furnished!

Sign up as to what you are bringing.
(Didn't do that once -
had 1 salad, 12 baked beans)

**Come for fun, food, good worship
games - a Good Time**

Bring a Friend!