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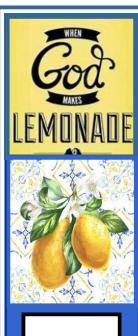
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PLEASE JOIN US FOR WORSHIP!

... and see the wonderful things happening at Flafftown Christian Church



THE VISITOR

AUGUST 2024

A NOTE FROM RODNEY

About this time a year ago my front lawn was a hot mess. Too little attention and too little water, produced too many weeds. I asked a friend who runs a lawn care business for some guidance. Ben's response made sense for the grass and for life. He told me that I spent too much time and money on the weeds. He said, "You are like the school principal only showing up when there is a problem. Your focus is on the problem – after it happens." I looked confused, so he continued, "Change your focus and continually nurture the good grass. If you nourish, it will flourish. Over time the good grass will grow and grow, leaving no room for the weeds at all."

His simple words reminded me of some wisdom I've tried to follow, especially with folks I love. It's as simple as it is complex. It's "Praise what you wanted repeated."

I see that. There is great power in praise. Regardless of the particulars. Regardless of the people involved. Regardless of the situation. Praise others for trying. Praise God for each breath. Praise the Lord for good and the bad times. Maybe if I would praise more, I would criticize and complain less. Remember that **PRAISE IS POWERFUL**.

The last Psalm reminds us of the power of praise:

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

Thanks be to God ~ Rodney



Vacation Bible School
Saturday, August 10
9:45 am - 1:30 pm
(Pre-K through 5th Grade)
Downstairs Fellowship Hall

Discovery through Bible Lessons, Crafts, Cosmic Experiments, Splash 'n Dash Games, Lunch, lots of learning and fun!

You may register your child by calling Tim at 336-692-5214, or by calling the church office at 336-924-9925.

TASTE & SEE Luncheon is BACK!!!



season of our Taste &

See Bible Study and Luncheon.

We always enjoy a great time of fellowship as we dig a little deeper into God's word.

Come WORSHIP WITH US!

August Worship

August 4 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell

August 11 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell

August 18 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell

August 25 - Rev. Tejado Hanchell



REMINDER

PCC will sponsor the students and staff at Old Richmond Elementary School again this year. A list of supplies needed will be available in the Narthex. Please bring your donations before August 9th and place them in the "PCC School Supply Wagon" in the Narthex. Then, join us on Sunday, August 11th as we welcome ORES staff and dedicate these supplies as we ask God for His blessings and protection of everyone in the upcoming school year.



AUGUST Worship Leaders

ELDERS: Lynda Bryant, Leader Betty Simpson, Back-up

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Paul Shropshire & Sue Conrad

CMF NEWS

The Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, August 20th, at 9:00 am at Mama Zoe's



Restaurant located at 2859 Reynolda Road in Winston-Salem. Men, come out and join us for a delicious breakfast and fellowship! You will be so glad you did!



CWF NEWS

The CWF will not meet during the month of August, but beginning in September, things really begin to get busy and we hope all the ladies in the church will come and join us!

September 10- Dinner and CWF Meeting at Betty Kiger's office to raise funds for Senior Services Meals on Wheels. Betty's office address is 2630 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem, NC.

September 19, 20 & 21- Chicken Pie Workshop (Set-up Thursday, September 19)

Save The Date: October 20 Crop Walk



DEACONS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS!

At our Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, July 14, we approved our new Deacons for the upcoming year. Again this year, a sign-up sheet will be located in the Narthex during the month of August so that our Deacons (and other interested persons in our congregation) can select a month they would be able to serve both as Communion **Stewards** (arriving at 10:15 to prepare communion), and also serve as Greeters (to be in the Narthex by 10:30 on Sunday mornings to welcome visitors and the members of the congregation).

A Guideline to explain the roles and duties in more detail, will be located next to the signup sheet in the Narthex for you to take home with you.

If you have any questions, you may contact Lynda Bryant, Tim Shoaf, or Tim Brown. Thank you for serving in this vital role of our Worship Ministry.

Notes from Tim

This is a story I may have shared with you in one of the Newsletters several years ago, but I think it is worth sharing again since this reflects our theme for this year's Vacation Bible School "STELLAR" --Shine Jesus Shine! The Novelist Rudyard Kipling was living part of his life on a farm in the hills of Vermont. He had no close neighbors, but one day a woman who lived across the valley had a chance to meet him. She said, "Are you the new lights across the valley yonder? You don't know what a comfort they have been to me this winter. You aren't ever going to shroud them up - or are you?" The Kiplings decided to keep their lights bright on that side of the house from then on!

The startling fact about Jesus' word in Matthew's gospel (Matthew 5:14) is that you and I are the light of the world. We so easily assign that responsibility solely to Him. But He reminds us that we are lights to someone across the valley.

The followers of Christ are in the world to be like a city, a light at night upon a hill -- fellow pilgrims along life's journey should be able to take their bearings and find their way because we are there. Of course, Christ is the Source of our light; but we determine how and where and to what extent our light will shine in the world. In our home, office, school or playground --- our witness to Christ will be offered by what we say, how we feel, how we act, and how we react. Our light is our sense of values, our patience, our forgiveness, our understanding, and our concern. Our light is the purpose for which we live and the convictions for which we stand. Our light is the hope which we carry in our hearts from hour to hour and which gives meaning to all of life. We can "shroud them up," as Kipling's neighbors feared, or we can put our light on a stand, as Jesus suggested, to be a blessing to all around and about us.

During VBS next week, we will be singing a familiar song we all remember from our childhood: "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine." May we as Christian disciples continue to always carry this little song and its big message deep in our hearts forever.

Please pray that God will touch the hearts of these dear children at VBS and we all will Shine! Grace, Tim



*Bereavement: The family of Arnold Booth (brother of Anne Bryant)

Church Family: *Doug Ramsey, Mel Blakley, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley, Mary Timmons

Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi Ronald Bryant: brother of Jack Bryant Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney and Beth Stilwell

Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer Scott Stanley: Son of Skip & Jo Stanley Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson Jov Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and Betty Clodfelter

* Depicts new prayer request

And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22 KJV



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Mrs. Martha L. Lilly Broad Creek Care Center, Room 212 801 Lemon Grass Court Hilton Head Island, SC. 29928 She is receiving calls and texts on her cell at: 336-601-4229

Would vou bless Martha by calling her or sending her a note or card? Thank you!