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DAN'S DOODLES

TO KNOW CHRIST TO GROW IN CHRISTLIKENESS
TO GO IN CHRIST'S NAME

“When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, FASTING AND PRAYING before the God of heaven.” (Nehemiah 1:4).

I hope you are enjoying our summer series through the book of Nehemiah! What a rich little book of “spiritual nuggets”! The story of the Jews return from exile to re-build Jerusalem and re-ignite temple worship is filled with very presence of God!

I understand that the governor of Texas has declared Saturday, August 6th as a “Day of Fasting and Prayer” in the state of Texas and is encouraging other governors to do the same. Considering the extreme weather conditions that our nation has faced in the past months (and especially right here in the Midwest), the governor’s declaration seems to be an appropriate measure. I hope many of us will take time that day to “skip a meal” and utilize that time to pray for our nation! As a way of encouraging us in that endeavor. I will plan to open the church sanctuary from the hours of 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 6th and you will be invited to come anytime during that time to spend 10 minutes or 2 hours in “fasting and prayer”. Devotional material and Bibles will be available for our use! Right at noon I will plan on sharing a very brief devotional word on prayer for any who are there at that time. I know it’s hot, but hey, the AC will be pumping!!!

The Psalmist declared, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord” (Ps. 33:12), so maybe it is time to not only ask God to be a blessing to us, but figure out how we might be a blessing to God!!! I hope you can join us if only for a few minutes to “call upon God” for the sake of our nation on this day!!!

Pastor Dan

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AUGUST GREETERS

*August 7- Peggy McNeary &
Sally Burke*

August 14- Sherry Austin Family

*August 21- Becky Story &
Martha Ann Keener*

*August 28 - Sallyanne Naile &
Annette Robertson*

*(If you can't greet on your Sunday,
please call Annette Robertson at
683-0742 or 683-4917)*

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wed., August 10, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

OUTREACH TEAM NEWS

Please plan on participating in the SERVE 2011 outreach ministry to be held on Saturday, September 10th right here in Charleston! We will join with United Methodist Churches from all across the state of Missouri. Several projects are being planned and you will have the opportunity to sign up for the one of your choice after the middle of August.

I have ordered 111 T-shirts and after all the workers for the day have a chance to receive theirs, others are welcome to pick up one and plan to wear the shirt on that Saturday! These are provided by the Outreach Team at no cost to the 1st 111 "takers"!!!

Please be watching for more information in the weekly bulletins or call Pastor Dan or Mr. Jim Moreton for how you can be involved!!!

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH NIGHT! We will be hanging out and doing some fun games! Even some video clips to discuss! As always, snacks are provided. July 31 at 6:30 p.m. Grades 6 – 12.

ICE CREAM 'SUNDAY'! Youth night is not just the same thing... We're starting off with making your own ice cream sundae and playing some games. A contemporary worship service with some cool rock music will follow. Come join us for a whole new approach to Youth Nights! August 7 at 6:30 p.m.

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Charleston United Methodist Church,

The 8th grade class at Charleston Middle School would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your generous donation to our end-of-year Spring Fling party. Everyone had a wonderful time, and would not have been possible without individuals and businesses like you. We truly appreciate it.

Sincerely,
CMS 8th Grade Class

Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful blue prayer shawl you sent to help comfort us with the new arrival of our baby. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and your concern. Hopefully he will be able to come home from the hospital in the next week. Your love and support is very uplifting.

Thank you!
Rita & Dale Stucky
Denver, Nikki & baby Slade Stucky

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful prayer shawl! It means so much to me. We have truly felt all the prayers.

Sincerely,
Sara Baker

VSB JUNE 20-24, 2011

Vacation Bible School took on a different flair this summer as the directors, Laura Jane Coon and Julie Burke, brought a little nostalgia into the program. They have very happy memories of their Bible School days and wanted their kids (and others!) to have the same experiences.

Bible School was held in the mornings from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m. It began with everyone meeting in the sanctuary for a great time of singing and hand clapping led by Sandy Faust at the piano and Kerry Davis putting fun and motions into the songs-both old and new. They learned to pledge the American flag, the Christian flag and the Bible. They divided into age levels and learned about Jesus healing the crippled man, how Jesus made the blind man see, how Mary and Martha showed kindness to Jesus and one of the most memorable Bible stories, Zacchaeus was a wee little man. These favorite Bible stories were presented on the age level for all children. One of the favorite crafts was tie dying. Crafts were presented by Mary T. Whitehead and Jacqueline Willoughby. Toni Graham led the different groups in Recreation from playing on the playground equipment to Noodle Tag. Snacks were serviced by Annette Robertson, Dorothy Anne Brink, Mary Jane Whitehead, Ginger Logan, Marilyn Ferrell, Faye Elliott Anna Marie French and Lucy Malugen. These consisted of cookies, fruit, lemonade and even ice cream sundaes.

There was a great turn out of young teachers who gave their time to be sure these Bible stories came alive for all the kids. Pre-Kindergarten was let by Amanda Medlock and Sarah Drake, Kindergarten teachers were Molly Morrow and Jodi Reisdorf, 1st and 2nd grade teacher was Cindy Tinsley, 3rd and 4th grade had Jessica Logan as their teacher and 5th and 6th grade was taught by Pastor Dan and Leanna Guese. Anna Riley Yoviene, Luran Vowels, Delaney Stack and Camille Brewer were youth helpers in the different age levels.

The children who got to enjoy Bible school this summer were: Pre-K: Maggie Morrow, Thompson Willoughby, Brown Logan, Landon Halford, Stewart Coon, Gabe Fitzgerald, Amelia Logan, Karsyn Graham, Houston Crawford, Ross Peters, George Griggs and Sarah Shelby Thurmond. Maggie, Brown, Stewart, Amelia and Thompson came every day.

Kindergarten: Layne Allgier, Soma Grace Hopper, Canon Kirkpatrick, Carrie McClure Story, Emory Glenn. Layne and Soma Grace came every day.

1st and 2nd Grade: Chase Tinsley, Lane Morrow, Tom Brazel, Delaney Bain, Bennett Logan, Ben Bledsoe. Lane, Chase, Bennett & Delaney came every day.

3rd and 4th Grade: Elise Ferrell, Drew Snider, Carly Holton, Abbie Ellis, Laurann Allgier, Harrison Moore, Emma Hurley, Dawson Crawford, Seth Peters, Samuel Bledson, Marshall Story. Carly and Abbie came every day.

5th and 6th Grade: Caitlyn Tinsley, Taylor Bledsoe, Dawson Snider, Emma Jones, Lillie Glenn, Will Ferrell, James Thurmond. Caitlyn, Taylor and Dawson came every day.

Vacation Bible School is a very important part of early Christian education of our children. There is more time to spend exposing them to the Bible and Christian Living. Thanks to everyone who participated in any way in VBS. Hope this gave a special meaning to your summer.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 - Cecelie Pike, Oliver French, III & Travis Williams
3 - Harrison Moore
5 - Lee Bethune & Margaret Weiss
6 - Abbie LeFevre
7 - Alfred Marshall
8 - Becky Story & Michael Jones
9 - Chad French, Jeanne Burke, Kevin White & Stefanie Self
11 - Melanie Fraga
12 - Isabella Goodin
14 - Bruce Dovin, Don Robertson, Katie Thurston & Ron Seabaugh
15 - Bethany Brown
16 - Mayme Young
17 - Catherine Malugen & Glenn Hillhouse
18 - Carson Miller & Dicky Hanor
19 - Mindi Fitzgerald & Andy Bryant
20 - Frank Goodman & Janie Pemberton
21 - Jonathon Hankinson & Caroline Wiley
22 - Spencer Fenton Huls & Laura Logan
23 - Beth Keener & Tripp Logan
24 - Ryan Ault & Sara Story
25 - Martha Ellen Black
26 - Madeline Burke, Sherry Austin & Marshall Self
27 - Pete Story, Bart Stallings & Benjamin Tucker LeFevre
28 - Caitlin Moody, Sarah M. Dovin & Katie Michael
29 - Jane Jackson & Krystal Brown
31 - Courtney Luehmann & Maggie Fox

17th ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH BARBEQUE

Our 17th Annual All-Church Barbeque will be held on Friday, September 23, 2011, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please make every effort to help when asked. Stephen & Carol Jane Burke & Lee Ann Cullison will serve as chairpersons this year.

TOUR OF HEIFER INTERNATIONAL RANCH

When a visit to Heifer International Ranch is mentioned, folks often respond, "I have always wanted to go there! This may be your opportunity! Heifer volunteers, Roger & Susan Jespersen, will be leading an educational tour to Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas and Heifer sites of interest in nearby Little Rock on September 7 – 9. The group will travel by church bus, departing from Cape Girardeau. However, participants may arrange their own transportation and meet the group at the Ranch. For more information on trip content, contact Roger Jespersen at : rjespersen13@sbcglobal.net or contact Carol Oliver at oliver@umocm.com or call 573-474-7155.

