

JUST A THOUGHT!

Thank you Senior Adults and Celebration Choir for a great Senior Adult Day. Thank you for leading in worship and for the sacrifices you have made in the past to further God's Kingdom through Mt. Harmony. Where would we be without our godly legacy and heritage? You have worked, served, sacrificed and given. BUT, as I mentioned Sunday, now is not the time to "give out," but to "gear up." Yes, I said gear up. It's not over. You are not the church of the past, you are the church of today and the church of tomorrow. The decisions you make today will impact tomorrow's generations.

Remember, we need you to:

- Stand up for Christ
- Stand firm on the Word of God
- Trust and rely on His faithfulness
- Look to God and not to self for resources
- Step out and lead in faith... to go to the place God will show us.

And don't think that you are too old to serve or it's too late to be used by God... It's never too late! Remember Abraham, 75 years old when given his assignment by God; what about Moses, 80 years old standing in front of the burning bush; Caleb, 85 years old when with God's help he took the hill. Today, we need senior adults who will claim the hill for God and with His help take the hill. We need Senior Adults to expect great things from God and to attempt great things for God. Our lives will not be judged by how we start, but by how we finish. May we all finish with purpose, passion, meaning and joy! Remember what Billy Sunday said,

"I'm against the devil. I'll kick him as long as I've got a foot, and I'll fight him as long as I've got a fist. I'll but him as long as I've got a tooth. And when I'm old and fistless and footless and toothless... I'll gum him till I go home to glory and he goes home to perdition!"

Thank you to Penny Stanley and team for putting together, arranging and staffing our booth at the 2011 Mableton Community Day. The day was a huge success with many contacts being made for the Kingdom of God and for our church. I look forward to the fruit that will be harvested from the seeds that were planted.

Thank you to Rich Williams and all who helped make the Upward spring soccer season a success. Your ministry has made a difference in the lives of boys and girls and their families. For all who helped with the end of the season Upward Celebration, thank you!

AWANA is coming! Watch your newsletters and worship folders for information. AWANA is an acronym meaning APPROVED WORKMAN ARE NOT ASHAMED (taken from 2 Timothy 2:5) I am excited about this ministry for our boys and girls. We will need workers to help, so if you are willing to serve on Wednesday nights, contact Alison Lewis or you can email me at randal@ntharmony.org. In order to implement AWANA, there will be a schedule change for Wednesday nights. We will communicate that to the church at large in July as details are determined and completed. Begin praying now for this exciting new ministry and how God would have you be an active part in it.

With all the media exposure recently concerning the end of time and the second coming of Christ, I've received a number of questions. My response to the prophecy is simply... Matthew 24 specifically verses 36, 44, and 50. Clearly Jesus says, **"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."** Jesus said it and that settles it! However, perhaps we need to utilize this recent reminder and recommit our hearts and lives to live each day as if He is returning tomorrow. Let's make it our passion and lifestyle for Him to find us about His business... building His Kingdom... leading people to Him... baptizing them and teaching them to obey His commands. One thing is for certain, His second coming is imminent!

The Facility Team continues to work and meet almost weekly to finalize the architect's drawings. As of this writing, we met yesterday (May 22) and are meeting tonight (May 23). It is a long and tedious process and I ask for your patience. I can't even begin to count the number of meetings that have been held. Truly it would be much simpler to build a brand new campus, but that is not what we feel God leading us to do. As we try to utilize current space and retro-fit existing building structures it simply takes time. Please pray for this team as we seek God's will in all that we do concerning our facilities.

Summer is upon us and typically in churches across America there is a slump in attendance and giving. But, that's the typical church. We don't have to settle for being typical we can skew the curve and be the church that has a "surge" in attendance and giving." I always encourage families to take vacations, but when you are here... when you are in town, make it your priority and passion to participate in Sunday morning Bible study, corporate worship and faithful giving.

On a personal note I'd like to say Happy Father's Day to my dad. Last year we thought that would be our last Father's Day on this side of heaven, but look at you now! What an awesome God we serve. I love you!

Newsletter space does fill up fast. So let me close by saying... I think of you... Pray for you... and Trust in God with you!

You are loved and appreciated,

Pastor Randal

PASTORAL MINISTRIES		
DEACON OF THE WEEK June 2011:		
Wendell Walker	June	5
Jack Williams	June	12
Rich Williams	June	19
Don Brown	June	26
IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES:		
June 5-8	Children's Camp	
June 13-19	Student Camp Week of Prayer	
June 19	Father's Day	
June 19-24	Student Camp	
June 26	Church wide Ice Cream Fellowship	
June 26	Sunday School Council	
July 11-15	Vacation Bible School	

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Mother's Morning Out

A Planned Program for Preschoolers

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

We provide a safe and loving Christian environment for preschoolers, ages 8 weeks - 4 year olds. We are now registering for the fall semester which begins August 16, 2011. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center and foyers.

TEAMKID

Grades 1-5

You will want your child to be a part of this fun, high-energy discipleship program that encourages children to know Jesus Christ and to grow in a relationship with Him. Bible stories, scripture memorization, missions, life application, and recreation all connect to teach life lessons. We meet every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

MISSION FRIENDS

Ages 3-5

We have exciting lessons on how even Preschoolers can be "on mission" in a lost world. We meet every Wednesday, 6:30 to 8:00 PM in Room #106.

Children's Camp

June 5-8

Woodland Christian Camp, Temple, GA

This will be an incredible camping experience in this beautiful and unique setting.. We will have Bible study, crafts, recreation, music, and worship. This camp is for boys and girls having just completed grades 3-5. Registration forms are now available in the foyers and church office. The cost is \$130.00. Please contact Stephanie Williams as soon as possible if you would like to go.

Bring a friend!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 11-15

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

age 4 - 5th grade

"Big Apple Adventure, Where Faith and Life Connect."

Big City, Bigger Fun! Grab a cab and get ready for fun around every corner in LifeWay's Big Apple Adventure, Where Faith and Life Connect. As kids explore the big city, they'll learn how to step out in faith and connect with Jesus--sharing the message of Christ with their world.

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to the children in our community.

Thanks to everyone who has already committed to help with VBS. We can still use more workers. Please contact Emily Justice to volunteer.



Can you believe that it's already summer in Georgia? Even though the calendar doesn't officially say summer yet, we all know that when school gets out, it's summertime in Georgia. I want to thank every leader and member of our music ministry for your faithfulness this year. We've had a great time praising the Lord through music and are thrilled to see the growth we've had in our ministry. I know that summer is a time for vacations, rest, and relaxation. But, if you are in town, please continue to be faithful.

Our children's choir is busy preparing for the VBS musical that will be presented as part of VBS Family Night in July, "Big Apple Adventure." They continue to rehearse each Sunday night at 5:00 p.m. and it is not too late to join in the big adventure. We look forward to hearing a sample of the musical in worship in June.

I want to especially thank our celebration choir for your outstanding leadership on Senior Adult Sunday. You really outdid yourselves. Also, I want to thank all of those who went with us to the Seniors Singing by the Sea retreat in Jekyll Island. I think I can speak for everyone who went on the trip when I say that it was a wonderful three days of praising the Lord through music, worship, entertainment, and fellowship that none of us will soon forget. Plans are already being made to attend the Senior Adult Choir Festival in Toccoa in the fall and to again attend the retreat at Jekyll Island next May. If you are not part of this group, you are missing a tremendous blessing!

One of the keys to being effective in any job, task, or ministry is proper training. And, the best training I've ever been a part of in Georgia is right around the corner. If you are involved in music ministries, please mark the dates of Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23 for Church Music Georgia on your calendar. Conferences will be held at First Baptist Snellville for preschool and children's choir workers and sound and media team members, and there will be a one day choir retreat for all choir members on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have any interest in this retreat, please see me as soon as possible so that we can take advantage of early registration for it.

Some of you may want to take advantage of this training to help fill some pressing needs in our music ministry. You will receive all the tools necessary during this conference to fill any of these positions. Here are some current needs:

- Media Team (Are you a creative computer geek?)
- Sound Team (Do you have a willing spirit to learn and an ear to hear?)
- Instrumental Team (Did you ever play a band or rhythm instrument in high school or college?)
- Handbell Team (Do you have basic music reading skills?)
- Choirs (Do you enjoy praising the Lord through song?)

As you can see, there is definitely a place for YOU in the music ministries at Mt. Harmony! Pray about joining us as we lead our church in worship each week.

With a Heart of Thanks & Praise,
Nelson

STUDENT MINISTRY

Hello everyone,

I just wanted to give a BIG thank you to everyone who helped out and contributed to the Spaghetti dinner. After everything was said and done you gave \$ 3,098.00 to help students go to Youth Camp.....WOW! Thank you so very much for all of the support you show our students. Youth Camp is a special time in their lives. They will have a week where they can get away from the world and remove so many distractions and grow in their relationship with Christ. I am asking this congregation to begin praying for our students as we prepare for this year's camp. We will be leaving for camp on Sunday June 19th after the morning worship service. I will be getting the names of all the students who will be attending this year's camp to each Sunday school class the week before we leave. You can take this list of names and begin to pray for these students by name everyday leading up to camp and all week long while we are at camp. Call their names out before the Lord. Pray for His will to be done in their lives. Ask the Lord to give you a burden for our Student Ministry. I thank you for your prayers.

Love you guys,
P.J.

QUIET SPACE

"Rest is not idleness," said John Lubbock, "and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time."

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God's whisper.

Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray – even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.

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LIKE FATHER, LIKE CHILD

As we celebrate Father's Day, we likely see traits in our dads (or other father figures) that we hope to be known for ourselves: integrity, gentleness, a great sense of humor, a love of learning, a humble spirit.

Amy Grant's song "Father's Eyes" tells of a young girl who wants nothing more than for others to recognize her father – and her heavenly Father – in her. "When people look inside my life, I want to hear them say, 'She's got her father's eyes.'"

What characteristics of God your Father are reflected in your eyes, heart and life? And what godly qualities would you like to cultivate?

May others see our heavenly Father in us!

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*"As a father has compassion
on his children, so the
LORD has compassion on
those who fear Him."*

Psalms 103:13 (NIV)

FATHER'S DAY
June 19, 2011

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