

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

Summer Days

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

I am reminded of the brevity of life as I grow older and read the Bible. At many turns I face people who are confronted with physical and mental strength issues that are tell-tale signs of aging. I attend the funerals of many as well as the sickness of quite a few. And one thing that stands out to me is that we live as if today doesn't matter. The future is inevitable and yet we act as if we can do anything we desire selfishly and all will turn out profitably for us.

Think with me of the way we treat our bodies. Some of us eat too much, worry too much, smoke too much, drink and drug too much, sleep too little, fuss too much, complain too much, and we sour away our days. And we believe that none of these will harm us or hurt us. "It always happens to everyone else but not to me", we think. And then when something is detrimental to our physical, psychological, or spiritual life we tend to keep doing what we are doing without changing our thoughts or way of living.

"We are like sheep that have gone astray," the Psalmist says, and "we have turned each to our own way." It takes a God Who is able to wake us up and to warn us of things to come who loves us for our thinking to really repent. There are some who can change the way they live physically, and they do a good job, but they forget the rest of their makeup, that they are to nourish their spirits and souls. To be imbalanced is just as bad as being physically fit but spiritually loose. God has given each of us days to count and we must do a better job.

Solomon the preacher said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days...." We will someday face the God who created us and Who has given us much at the end of our days. It will be a face-to-face meeting. We will give account of how we have treated our bodies and our souls under the careful and loving eyes of our God.

Summer months are before us but they are short-lived. Fall will fall into place with winter quickly approaching. In the summer months many will neglect their house of worship with their presence, gifts, and prayers. That is not the way to live. God gives as gifts to us seasons to enjoy and days to lift our hearts to Him. He gives us lakes, oceans, mountains, days, work, family -- but remember they are His to give. We are not to worship the creation of things but the Creator of life.

Make very sure that this season of summer is your place of worship, your place to place your Creator and Redeemer in preeminence for your life. Time is short, death is sure, sin the cause, Christ the cure...and if that redemption is real in you then work out your salvation in the midst of these days.

Let's have a great Summer created and designed by our Savior!

I love you in the Lord,

Pastor Don

OLYMPIAN MINISTRY

Highlight Jesus - Highlight Others

June 10-13 VBS @ Kinnett Kick-off Sunday, June 10 @ 4:30 PM Mon. - Wed., June 11-13, 6:30-8:30 PM

Kids Camp at Gospel Light Christian Camp June 18–22, Hillsville, VA

Olympian Club June 27 - Water games



SENIOR ADULTS/FRONTRUNNERS

June 7 Senior breakfast & movie day
Breakfast @ Sutton's Drug Store (formerly
Wrike Drugstore) @ 8:30 AM
Free movie @ 9:30 AM, Graham Cinema
(free tickets / popcorn / soft drinks)
COME JOIN US!

June 14 Free movie @ 9:30 AM, Paramount Theater

June 18 Crossroads Ministry @ 6 PM Mex-Am Café, Graham

June 19 Prayer Warrior Teams & Visitation @ 9 AM A,B,C,D all meet on the third Wednesday In the Prayer Warrior Room. Afterwards, those who would like to join us will go visiting. COME JOIN US!

NEXT ALAMANCE PRAYER WARRIOR SERVICE

July 31 @ 9 AM

Salvation Army 812 N. Anthony Street, Burlington

LOOKING AHEAD

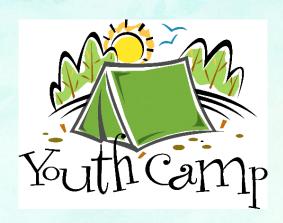
Thursday, September 13 @ 5 PM
Senior Adults/Frontrunners 7th Annual Banquet
@ Twin Lakes Gathering Hall

YOUTH MINISTRY

Saturday, June 9 - "FREE STUFF" Yard Sale from 7 AM - 12 Noon. Need gently used clothing, small household items, toys, etc., donated as an outreach to the community. See Youth leaders for more details.

Students at Work - If you have any special needs around the house, our students are available to do odd jobs, etc. to help them earn money for Youth Camp.

July 15-20 - I.A. (I'm Accepted) Youth Camp Wayfloy Mountain Village, Gatlinburg, TN. Food and lodging will be provided. **\$100 DUE** NOW. \$125 WILL BE DUE JULY 8TH.



MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

June 17 All Men's Choir
Please meet in Choir Room @ 10:30 AM
(Men, the ladies had 39 on Mother's Day.
We Need 40!!)

June 24 Teens for Christ – Extreme Youth
Worship Choir Concert @ 6 PM
directed by Teresa Christmas.
Full service of music & testimonies.
Closing message by Pastor Don Pegg.

LOOKING AHEAD

September 14 & 15 – All Choir Retreat
Friday, 6 PM – 9 PM Saturday 9 AM – 12 Noon
Camping / Combined Choirs / Other church choirs /
Adult Choirs / Teen Choirs / Children's choirs / RV's /
Tents / Games / Outdoor movie

MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN US!

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June 9	"Free Stuff" Yard Sale, 7 AM-12 Noon
June 10	VBS Opening @ morning service We will also be honoring our 2018 Graduates at the morning service
June 17	Father's Day All Men's Choir @ 10:55 AM service
June 18	Kids leave for Gospel Light Christian Camp in Hillsville, VA. Will return Friday, June 22.
June 24	Teens for Christ – Extreme Youth Worship Choir concert @ 6 PM
June 30	2018 Mission Team leave for the Cayman Islands. Will return Saturday, July 7.
July 4	Independence Day Holiday

The church office will be closed Tuesday,

Youth leave for Camp in Gatlinburg, TN. Will



July 15



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Henry Solomon	06/02
Andrew Fearnow	06/04
Bethany Fearnow	06/04
Norma Heath	06/04
Tyler Self	06/04
Robert Cantrell	06/05
Paytin Chrisco	06/07
Tim Jones	06/07
Mollie Hensley	06/08
Larry Whitt	06/08
Janice Davis	06/11
Bobby Clark	06/12
Avery Pope	06/13
Jean Cobb	06/14
Jonathan Hensley	06/17
Rodney Gerringer	06/21
Kelly Rhew	06/22
Bradley Bare	06/23
James Holland	06/24
Alan Lang	06/25
Caleb Long	06/27
Chelsea Christmas	06/30
Kristen Murphy	06/30
Tray Overman	06/30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Jerome & Gaynelle Tidwell	06/04
Ken & Sherry Beverly	06/12
Jonathan & Melissa Martin	06/12
Mike & Susie Kolody	06/15
Jay & Katie Whitt	06/20
Ricky & Wendy Brown	06/27

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4 for the holiday.

return July 20.

"FREE STUFF" YARD SALE
Saturday, June 9
7 AM - 12 Noon
Clothes,
Household items
and much more!
ALL FREE!





