

The Sugar Beat



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From the Pastor

Easter is behind us and Pentecost is coming! The 50 days in between is known as Easter Season. The disciples for the first 40 days, were in the presence of the risen Jesus from time to time. He spoke to them about the Kingdom of God. I wonder what was going through their minds as he continued to teach them about the future. I don't believe the disciples completely understood the Kingdom while Jesus spoke to them.

I wonder about the Christians of our day, if we understand the Kingdom. We do pray the model prayer, "thy Kingdom come". But rather than "thy" do we instead mean "my" kingdom? It has been my experience that we all have a kingdom in mind that God should adopt. Just look at the way Christians treat Christians to see the many different kingdoms that exist within our own minds.

A mega church in Nashville that is going through a tremendous internal struggle has publicly been told to act as Christians. What a message the church is sending to the world! It doesn't have to be a mega church to send the wrong message to the world. In a small country church, it doesn't take much for the kingdom to divide because of our personal wants. It is amazing that the group of disciples could make any difference in the world at all since they were no different than we.

The Kingdom of God is here. What does it look like? We must look at Jesus of Nazareth. It is a kingdom based on prayer, a kingdom of one another-ing (forgiving, loving, having mercy,), a kingdom with one King, a kingdom of serving. If we are truthful, it is a Kingdom that turns our kingdom upside down, it takes off our crown of gold and replaces it with a crown of thorns. And that hurts!!

The disciples are waiting in the upper room for their baptism. Maybe we should join with them in prayer and await our own baptism or at least the renewal of our baptism.

Bro. Gary

Choir (Middle English from Latin *chorus*, "a dance") Isn't that interesting? But dancing is not required to be a part of the choir (although moving to the rhythm is certainly welcomed). The choir gets together at 5:15 pm on Sundays to sing to the Lord a new song and some old ones as well. Be encouraged to join this fine group of saints that lead us in worship every Sunday morning.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors!!

Devan Robertson, Bailey Travis, Haley Ryan Join us on May 18th, as we celebrate with the graduates during the evening worship.

Youth News

Cumberland Presbyterian Youth Conference (CPYC) will be July 13-18 at NaCoMe. This is for High School students (completing 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades during 2007-2008 school year). Please see Bro. Gary for details. **Church camp** information is located on the bulletin board in the hall off of the narthex.

Relay for Life Team

says "THANK YOU!!"

The Bake-Yard sale held on the 25th & 26th was a whopping success. As the result of participation from our church members and the weather, which was a blessing from above, we raised \$813.41. Yes! eight hundred thirteen dollars and forty-one cents! This was a great show of "teamwork."

Wanted: Nursery Attendants Children want you to play with them during the worship service. If you would like to serve the Lord by providing this blessed service, please sign up and receive the blessing.

Christian Education Conference November 4—7, 2008

It will be held at St. Columba Conference Center in Memphis. The theme:

**"Risking Ourselves Totally—Discovering
New Ways to Do Sunday School"**

These conferences have been well worth the time and money to attend! See Bro. Gary.

Covenant Presbytery Fellowship

We had 10 people to attend the Luau at Bayou-de-chien. Each person received a lei (color co-ordinate with our attire) and a flower. A great meal and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Prayer List

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
George Aldridge	Debbie Carlton
Agnes Beaven	Judy McMMain's mother
Red Benton	Herbie Faught
John Blazina, Sr.	Johnny's Grandfather
Devin Brewer	
Bob Brown	Larry's father
Randall Chandler	Caitlyn's grandfather
Wilma Gass	Tina Gibson's mother
Amy Hill	James Henley
Ada Mae Hillyard	
Ruby Jean Hodge	
Damon Impastato	Pauli's brother
Loren Impastato	Pauli's brother
Willie Mae Jenkins	
Mathew Keith	
June Norman	Mary Ann Brewer
Brandy Patterson	Jayne Ann Head
Linn Phillips	Darl Henley
Amy Quinones	
Melinda Roberson	Tommy Roberson
Donna Teague	Johnnie Travis
Terri Travis	
Everett Ray Woodall	Johnnie Travis

Members of the Military

Mark Boaz	Josh Jackson
Cody Brandon	David Jones
Brandon Carlson	Rev. Curtis Pruitt
Valerie Edwards	Joey Shirey
Keith Finney	John Venable
T K Guess	Johnathon Taylor
Kevin Householder	John Watson
Scott Hurley	Troy Woody

Others

United States of America
 President Bush and all elected officials
 Elections
 Session
 Sunday School Teachers
 Bro. Gary

Don & Linda
 While at the dentist, Don said, "I want a tooth pulled and to save a little money don't use any Novocain."
 Impressed, the dentist said, "You're one tough cookie. Which tooth is it?"
 Don turned to Linda and said, "Show him your tooth, dear."

Lord, Teach us to Pray

This is a six week study on spirituality and the Lord's Prayer. If you are interested in this study, please let Bro. Gary know. (This is a Kerygma study) The study will begin in August.

VBS

Will be here before you know it. Valerie Hart, Donna Crider and Anna Hunt will lead us this year in an exciting week of worship, study and creativity with a lot of fun. Be ready to answer the call to help with this blessed event!!!

Do you want to be a part of the dynamic ministry at SGCP?

There is currently an opening for someone to help maintain and improve the website and all communications of SGCP. Please contact Bro. Gary to become a member of this exciting team!!!

Do you want to use your spiritual gifts for SGCP? Then become a member of one of the ministry teams. Want to know more? Ask any elder to share with you the ministries of the church.