

The Sugar Beat

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From the Pastor

Today, Sunday, May 31, is Pentecost Sunday. It is considered by most Christians as the birth of the church. The day God, the Holy Spirit, was sent to dwell within the believer. As Jesus told Nicodemus, you must be born again and the birth is by the Holy Spirit, God Himself. It is the perfect day, I believe, to think about Evangelism and also about praise.

For the month of June we will focus on praise. What is praise and how do we do it?

If you were asked to praise God, what would you do?

Of course there isn't any one right answer or way to praise God. Although there are some who believe they praise the only way and everyone else is wrong. As we look at scripture, it reveals various ways people praise God.

The day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit was poured out, those receiving the Holy Spirit were overwhelmed with emotion. They apparently acted as though they had been drinking wine in excess. Talk about being full of the Spirit!

I know some who believe emotions have no place

in the praising of God. Personally, I find it difficult to be emotionless while praising God but that of course is my opinion.

David danced before the Lord in his rejoicing (2 Samuel 6:14). Dancing is praising? Apparently David thought so and I believe God accepted his praise. I have witnessed dancing in the church as praise to God because people felt the move of the Holy Spirit upon them. I have been known to get to swaying myself as the Holy Spirit prompts me.

Some people will sing from their hearts to praise God. This is probably the most utilized form of praise by most Christians. It is the most accepted way of corporate praise.

As you can see there are many ways to praise God and I believe any and all forms of praise are received by God if the heart is humbled before Him.

Hopefully at SGCP, you feel free to praise as the Spirit prompts you.

Let's just praise the Lord!

Bro. Gary

VBS

VBS will be June 22–26. The fun begins at 6 PM and will continue till 8:30 PM. There will be “door hangers” and posters available to get the word out in your neighborhood.

Please let Valerie Hart, Donna Crider, or Becky McKinzie know how you will help. Arts & Crafts, Teaching, Food, Activities, etc. A new ministry opportunity with VBS is the Decoration Team. This team will decorate the church in preparation for VBS and during VBS.

Last year 25 young people were made aware of God’s love for them. This year may God bless us with being able to share the Good News with more children than ever before.

A special request by Bro. Gary: If you have never been a part of VBS, please take the time to pray about this and see if God is calling you to share with others at VBS. You will be blessed.

The Churchyard Maintenance:

Thanks to David Travis and B J Crider for keeping the yard mowed and weed eaten this year.

We need volunteers for the month of June to weed eat & mow or for either job. Sign up sheet is available at the information station for those willing to donate their time.

Also thanks to Sister Debbie & her assistant for trimming the landscape in front of the church. It looks GREAT.

Mulching will be done in the coming weeks. The weeds have been sprayed there and ground should be ready soon. Any volunteers??? Just add your name and expertise to the lawn mowing sheet or see Anne Collins-Crider

Has your ministry team met lately?

Men’s Fellowship - Thursday, June

4th At the May meeting, Billy Joe Crider shared information about Alzheimer’s Disease.

Speaker will be announced later.

Menu: To be announced.

CPWM Tuesday, June 2nd

at 6:00PM.

Want to get to know one another?

Then you will want to spend time with one another during the Fellowship Time at 10:40 am on Sunday mornings. Yes there is food, but the real reason is to give everyone an opportunity to fellowship with one another. Jesus was always fellowshiping with others, getting to know them so he could minister to them. Come to the Fellowship Hall to minister to one another in His Name.

Prayer List

<u>Pray For</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
J C Asbridge	Becky McKinzie
April Bridges	Terry Coleman
Caitlyn Chandler	
Anna Collins	Anne Crider
Judy Connell	David Travis
Dwayne Clifford Hughes	Frankie Cook
Mason Crider	David Travis
Josh & Jill Folgles's baby	Michelle Orr
J W Fulton	Evelyn Roberts
Scotty Hopkins	Becky McKinzie
Viola James	
Jane McGill	Terry Coleman
Jane McKinney	David Travis
Herman McMain	
Scotty Nichols	
Larry Parrish	Joy Wesmoland
Halee Roberson	
Evelyn Roberts	
Lucille Roberts	
Judge Tommy Simpson	Madeline Henderson
Mark Travis	David Travis' cousin
Pap Travis	Brenda Clarks' brother
Boyce Woodall	Jimmy Brown

Members of the Military

Mark Boaz	Kevin Householder	Joey Shirey
Cody Brandon	Scott Hurley	Jonathon Taylor
Ervin Davis	Josh Jackson	Rodney Travis
Brandon Carlson	David Jones	John Venable
Valerie Edwards	Skyler Powell	John Watson
Justin Hodge	Rev. Curtis Pruitt	Troy Woody
Keith Finney		

Others

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

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,

I would just like to say thank you for all of your generous gifts. All of you mean so much to me and I couldn't ask for a better church family. I will miss all of you through this next year and I look forward to coming back home. Once again thank you for everything!

Love, Mackenzie

Scholarship Fund

A scholarship has made available to persons pursuing their post-high school education. This is for undergraduate school. The amount of the scholarship for this coming school year is \$500 per student. The student must submit a letter to the session with the following information: Name of School, Class (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior), your major(s) and minor(s), and the use of the funds (tuition, books, housing, etc. The letter is due by July 1, 2009. Half of the funds (\$250) will be disbursed by August 1, 2009, and the other half will be disbursed by January 1, 2010.

The session has also initiated an endowment fund for future scholarships. The congregation is asked to consider to contribute to this fund so that future scholarships can be funded.

General Assembly June 15-19

The CP GA will meet in Memphis TN. Billy Joe Crider is a delegate from Covenant Presbytery. GA is the highest judicatory in the CP denomination. This is where constitutional amendments are introduced and the direction of the denomination set. We should be in prayer that the GA will be guided by the Holy Spirit.