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SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

JULY 14 - JULY 18

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

“A TECHNICOLOR PROMISE”

BY ALLEN POTE AND CAROLE MCGANN



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Music Camp is quickly approaching! If you are interested in participating, its time to sign up. Our musical this year is “A Technicolor Promise,” which we will learn during camp and perform for the congregation on Sunday, July 20 at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services in the Sanctuary.

This musical is a wacky retelling of the story of Noah and God’s provision for him and his family during the flood. We learn from this story that God is faithful to all those who trust in Him, and we also celebrate the gift of God’s “technicolor promise” to all generations. Kids, come join us for a great week of fun! We will have crafts, music rehearsals, music games, refreshments and playtime.

All rising first through sixth graders are invited to attend! Please pre-register in order to help us plan appropriately. Registration forms are available on page 6 and at the Information Center. For more information contact Karla Temple at 459-1595 ext. 33.

Tom's Thoughts

AS WRITTEN BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR, BRIAN EBEL

I was struck by Pastor Tom's comments in the last issue of the Tower concerning letting the past be the past and allowing God to unfold for us what is to come in the future. How true this is for our lives! He quoted one of my favorite passages in the Bible from Philippians 3:12-14: "Not that I have already attained it...but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. One thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." While Tom is out straining toward what is ahead in the Dominican Republic during the formation of this issue of The Tower, it allowed me to reflect on a short verse that follows the above quoted passage: "Only let us live up to what we have already attained" (Philippians 3:16). This part of the passage is so critical for followers of Jesus because without it, we are unable to forget what is behind and even worse, unable to strain toward what is ahead. So, as I am filling in at present for our Senior Pastor, I'll take this opportunity to reflect with you on the present.

The important lesson for us as hearers of this Scripture today is to think about where you are now and who you are becoming. Ask yourself right now: "Who am I becoming? Where is my life going? What blessings and pains have I encountered in recent days or months? If I rated my life as it is, how would I rate it? Am I becoming the person God wants me to be?"

While these can be painful questions, keep in mind that the expectation God has for us is not for perfection at present. The verse states: "Let us live up to what we have already attained," not "live beyond what you have attained." The expectation of God is for us to consider how we have grown in the knowledge and grace of God and live up to that standard of what we have attained everyday. When we do so, our life in Christ Jesus grows and we are able to become the people God desires us to be. I like the way the NASB translation reads, "However, let us keep living by that same *standard* to which we have attained." In other words, live up to the level you have already reached—that is why Paul could forget where he once was and keep straining toward the prize for which God had called him heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Our life in Christ Jesus flows from verses like these. We grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ not in huge leaps and bounds, but through running the daily race Paul speaks of. In other words, growth is a process, not so much an event. We grow best when our daily lives are spent living up to the amount of grace we have received from God. We grow when we love others as God has loved us. We grow when we take time to go to our prayer closets and study desks to develop our relationship with God. Growth is an organic process. It is a long distance marathon. It is a journey—not a sprint. And yet, as long as that journey is, we gain distance through what happens daily. While it is the journey of a lifetime, the lifetime is built upon everyday of growth.

As your journey continues, be filled with great joy that God doesn't expect you to be at the end of your journey while you are somewhere in the midst of it. He only expects you to live up to where you are today. Enjoy the day. Live up to the grace you have received and be a person of grace to those around you. Look forward to what is to come and forget about the past failures, and you will experience the kind of life God has always longed for you to experience.

May God be with us and may we be for God!

– Brian Ebel, Associate Pastor

HCM – Volunteers Needed

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

HCM Senior Services is in need of volunteers for the following departments:

Meals on Wheels - to help pre-pack meals for six routes averaging eight to ten seniors per route (these meals are delivered to home bound seniors who live in the Highlands area.) Monday through Friday from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Transportation-drivers - using HCM Senior Services van, take a group of seniors from the Highlands area and Highland Court Apartments to Kroger's the 1st Wednesday of every month and to doctors appointments the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

For more information please call 502-459-0132.

L.O.A. Sunday School Class

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

The "Love One Another" Class invites you to be with us each Sunday as we worship God and study His word. We meet in the Chapel at 9:45 a.m. It is generally only a short wait after the 8:30 a.m. worship service until our class meets. A number of our members often gather in the Social Hall for coffee and doughnuts during this time; please join them. If you attend the 9:00 a.m. service, do not hesitate to come to the Chapel as soon as it concludes; you will be welcomed. We always end our "time of sharing" after the lessons by 10:45 a.m. so that we may attend the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

Our remaining lesson for June is "Images of Christ in *Hebrews*: Christ as the Eternal Christ" (13:1-16). Doris Grosskopf is our teacher. Our lessons for July focus this series on "Images of Christ in the Gospels: Christ as Teacher" (Luke 4:31-37), "Christ as Healer" (Mark 1:29-45), "Christ as Servant" (John 13:1-8,12-20), and "Christ as Messiah" (Matthew 16:13-23). Please join us June 29 and July 6.

Outreach Opportunity

NEWS FOR EVERYONE

I am sponsoring Lance Corporal John Roush, a Marine in Weeled, Iraq. He has been a friend of mine and does not have much family. I am grateful to anyone who can donate the items on the list. One thing he told me was "the little things matter more than I can say. It means a lot to just get a card or letter saying hello, how are you doing, or we are praying for you." I know not everyone will be able to help with the list but if you would please do what he asked above (pray for him) that would make him so happy. Any donations may be left at the Information Desk. If you would like to see more about this Marine please visit to this site: <http://mt-model.com/honoredmarine.html>

Thank you!

- Russell Claxon

Items on his list: socks, AAA/AA batteries, baby wipes, lotion for dry skin, chap stick, sunscreen (highest spf & water/sweat proof), magazines (anything sports related), laptop to talk to family and watch movies, hard candy (suckers/jolly ranchers), sour patch kids candy, power mix to be mixed with bottled water, cookies (chocolate chip or peanut butter), movies (anything comedy or action), digital camera.

Baptisms

AROUND THE CHURCH

Nathaniel Grant Ryan
son of
Jesse & Amanda Ryan
June 8, 2008



Sympathy to

AROUND THE CHURCH

...the family of Alvina P. "Meme" Branum, who passed away on June 6, 2008.



Congratulations to

AROUND THE CHURCH

...Sarah Matthews and Richard Squier, who were married at St. Paul United Methodist Church on June 7, 2008.

Memorials

AROUND THE CHURCH

For: Joseph Bobo
To: Memorial Fund
From: Daniel Hatfield

For: Keller Kitchen
To: Memorial Fund
From: Donald & Jeanne Blackburn

For: Keller Kitchen
To: Memorial Fund
From: Carole F. Howard & Mary Ann Delodder

For: Keller Kitchen
To: Memorial Fund
From: William G. & Linda J. Hoffman

For: Keller Kitchen
To: Memorial Fund
From: Michael W. & Carol C. Morgan

For: William James
To: Memorial Fund
From: J. Ron & Alice Minter-Sauer

For: William James
To: Memorial Fund
From: Hugh Thomas & Mary Gills Spencer

Dominican Republic Mission Trip

YOUTH MINISTRY

By the time you receive this, our mission trip teams will be home! I hope you will take the time to hear the stories and joys of those who were part of this experience. Many thanks to the leaders of our teams and for the work they did in the Dominican Republic.

Mid-High Mission Trip

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Mid-High Mission Trip is scheduled for July 7 through July 11. Please be in prayer for our youth and the leadership team on the trip. We will be traveling to Cedarville, Ohio and look forward to serving the surrounding community through a variety of different ministry opportunities.

Parent Meeting

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our Fall '08 parent kick-off meeting will be held August 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Coffee Shop. We will discuss the Fall '08 schedule, create a cook list for Metamorphosis Youth Group, have parents fill out medical information forms, and answer any questions there may be. Please mark this date on your calendar and be sure to attend this informational meeting.

New Song

YOUTH MINISTRY

The New Song Music Festival will be held August 8 and August 9 in Leitchfield, Kentucky. We will travel to New Song on Saturday, August 9. The cost of the event is \$40. More information will be available in future editions of the Tower.

Lemonade on the Lawn

ACTIVITIES MINISTRY

The Activities Committee would like to invite you to join us out on the lawn at the corner of Bardstown and Douglass for lemonade, cookies, fellowship and outreach. We'll set up at 11:00 a.m. for those attending Sunday school, and stay until everyone has been served after the 11:00 a.m. worship. The next gathering will be on August 10. Please make plans to join us.

St. Paul Night at the Louisville Bats

ACTIVITIES MINISTRY

St. Paul members and friends are invited to attend a Louisville Bats game on Tuesday, July 22. The game starts at 7:05 p.m. There will be \$1 Hot dogs and Pepsi's. Please contact Brian Wright or the church office to reserve your tickets. Group tickets are \$6 each.



Music Camp 2008 Registration

A Technicolor Promise

July 14 through July 18, 2008, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Performances Sunday, July 20, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Name of Child _____

Age _____ Grade in school next fall _____

(Children must be rising first through sixth graders)

Parent(s) _____

Street Address _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

\$30.00 _____ Paid _____ Pay at registration on first day of Music Camp

T-shirt Size

Youth M (10-12) L (14-16) (sorry, small is not available)

Adult S M L XL XXL

Adult/Youth Helper

Name _____

(Include t-shirt size, address and phone # on spaces above.)

Area (s) where you wish to help: (Circle one or more.)

Crafts Refreshments

Recreation

If you would like to help provide refreshments,
please call Karla at 222-6433. Thanks!



ST. PAUL UMC - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

- 8:30a Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 Worship (FLC Gym)
- 9:45 Aldersgate Class (319)
- 9:45 LOA Class (Chapel)
- 9:55 Sunday School Classes
- 10:00 Gifted: Discovering Your SHAPE (120)
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:00p Beading to Beat Autism (111)
- 8:00 AA Group Mtg. (100)

MONDAY, JUNE 30

- 6:00p AA Group Mtg. (120)

TUESDAY, JULY 1

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
- 10:00 Senior Adult Ministry Team Mtg. (319)
- 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
- 5:30p Yoga Class (YC)
- 7:00 Kaleidoscope Group
- 7:00 La Leche Women's Support Group (316)
- 7:30 Depression & Bi-Polar Support Group (110, 113)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

- 10:00a Wacky Wednesday (FLC)
- 6:30p Salt & Light—Small Group (316)
- 6:30 Care for the Caregiver (219)
- 7:30 Knitting Group (CS)

THURSDAY, JULY 3

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
- 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
- 5:30p Yoga Class (YC)
- 5:30 Women's Volleyball (Gym)
- 6:00 Nutrition 101: Finding Your Own Path to Wellness (CS, 113)

FRIDAY, JULY 4

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

SATURDAY, JULY 5

- 9:00a Spiritual Actions AA Group (100)
- 5:00p Parents Night Out
- 8:00 AA Group Mtg. (120)

SUNDAY, JULY 6

- 8:30a Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 Worship (FLC Gym)
- 9:45 Aldersgate Class (319)
- 9:45 LOA Class (Chapel)
- 9:55 Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 6:00p Beading to Beat Autism (111)
- 8:00 AA Group Mtg. (100)

MONDAY, JULY 7

- 6:00p AA Group Mtg. (120)

TUESDAY, JULY 8

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
- 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
- 5:30p Yoga Class (YC)
- 7:00 La Leche Women's Support Group (316)
- 7:30 Depression & Bi-Polar Support Group (110, 113)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

- 10:00a Wacky Wednesday (FLC)
- 6:30p Salt & Light—Small Group (316)
- 6:30 Just Walk Across the Room—Evangelism Class (100)
- 6:30 Care for the Caregiver (219)
- 7:30 Knitting Group (CS)

THURSDAY, JULY 10

- 9:00a Yoga Class (YC)
- 10:30 Stretch & Flex (YC)
- 5:30p Yoga Class (YC)
- 5:30 Women's Volleyball (Gym)

FRIDAY, JULY 11

SATURDAY, JULY 12

- 9:00a Spiritual Actions AA Group (100)
- 8:00p AA Group Mtg. (120)

The above times and events are listed according to the church calendar at the date of printing. For additional information please call the Church Office at 502.459.1595.

Church-Wide Picnic

Join us for an afternoon of good food, exciting games and great fellowship on Sunday, July 20. We will gather immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service (approximately 12:15 p.m.) right here at the Church. We will utilize the Gym and outside areas so everyone may come and have a good time. Food will be served in the Social Hall and in the Coffee Shop, \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids.

*Remember the Choir Camp performances will be featured that morning at two services, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary. (There will be no 8:30 a.m. service that day.) Come ready to receive a blessing from the children and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with friends.



WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30, 9:00 & 11:00

Sunday, June 29, 2008

Sermon Title: "Three Simple Rules:
Do No Harm"
Scripture: Amos 2:6-8
Galatians 5:13-26

Rev. Tom Grieb Preaching

8:30, 9:00 & 11:00 Music:

Jim & Katie Rittenhouse, Duet

Sunday, July 6, 2008

Sermon Title: "Ruth and Mud"

Scripture: Ruth 4:1-17

Rev. Brian Ebel Preaching

8:30 Music: Rob Williamson, Organ

9:00 Music: Praise Team

11:00 Music: Rob Williamson, Organ

Weekly Attendance Report

	Sunday School	Worship
June 8	226	637
June 15	222	634

Tower Deadline: 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2008

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