

Half Notes and Whole Rests

*My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.*  
2 Corinthians 12:9

A couple of Sundays ago I mentioned in church that I have been seeing and hearing the above Scripture message wherever I go. This past week it was featured in Our Daily Bread:

Too often, we run from challenges. Yet the people we love to read about in the Bible are impressive because they battled challenges. Consider Paul. With the confidence of God's help, he faced troubles head-on—and conquered them. Christ's promise to Paul and to us is: "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9). Like Paul's example, in the confidence of God's care we can say to the next challenge: Bring it on!

Do you find yourself unable to commit to something in church because you don't know where the time will come from? You have the tools and talent, and you may even have a strong desire, but when you plug it into your Excel spreadsheet, there's no time for it. Your time, however, is an offering. Just like with monetary offerings, God will multiply your time offerings. When you commit to doing those things He is calling you to do, the time will be there. Realistically, you will probably find less interest in doing something else God has not called you to do, and it may simply drop off your regular to-do list. The day still has the same number of hours and minutes, but you've given it over to God and He honors that offering. If you commit, He will help you set your priorities straight. Doing the things He has called you to do will never demand more than you can give. Author Josh Harris says, "Committing to a church doesn't tie us down; it anchors us in the storm of life."

I have been called by God – and by you – to be the music director at First Baptist. I am praying for six more men and six more women to join choir for the fall. All I am asking for is 14 hours over three months. Fun fact: 14 hours out of 2160 is less than 1 percent of the hours you will live between the middle of September and the middle of December. (*Men, please don't let the women show us up!*) This is a great time for our 20-, 30-, and 40-somethings to join this worship-leading ministry.

Christmas is coming up fast. Our Christmas musical is called *Journey of Faith*, and choral rehearsals will begin September 14<sup>th</sup> during regular choir time on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. We will have a drama paired with this wonderful contemporary musical setting. There will be opportunities to help with costumes and sets and other items as needed. If I don't ask you first, please volunteer. Help us to spread the News of Salvation to Camden County this Christmas season. You will be blessed.

*Bro. Mike Z.*

**Vital Signs**

BUDGET	August	YR TO DATE	
Requirements	\$37,166.68	\$288,041.77	
Budget Offering	\$30,694.84	\$276,060.52	(- \$11,981.25)
Kingdom Building	\$ 372.00	\$ 61,584.60	

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



**By Statement**  
John Arscott  
**By Baptism**  
Aubrey Kelley  
Neely Krticka

**CHURCH WORKDAY**

**Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon  
Cleaning, Painting,  
Fixing and Sprucing Up for  
Homecoming!

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**Steve W. Kegley, Pastor**  
**Roland Norris, Associate Pastor**  
**Mike Zimmerli, Music Director**  
**David J. Lundin, Pastor Emeritus**  
**Mike & Becky Stonecypher, Missionaries to Nigeria**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

*To worship Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, by sharing His Word with the lost, training disciples to minister to others, while maintaining fellowship within the body of Christ.*

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**Activities for September**

- SUNDAY - September 4**  
8:30 am Men's Prayer Group/Chapel  
8:45 am Praise Team/Soloist  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am The Church in Worship/Lil'K  
11:00 am KIDMO/Children's Church  
4:00 pm Church in the Park/Back to School Bash
- MONDAY - September 5**  
*Labor Day - Church Office Closed*  
11:30 pm Youth Gathering at the Thorpe's/CCHS Game
- TUESDAY - September 6**  
9:30 am Morning Ladies' Bible Study begins  
10:00 am Silver Saints Choir  
6:00 pm Evening Ladies' Bible Study begins
- WEDNESDAY - September 7**  
5:30 pm Ladies' Prayer Group  
6:15 pm James Gang/Mary's Heart  
6:30 pm Adult Power Hour/Youth Engage Night  
6:30 pm Worship Choir  
7:00 pm Youth Council
- THURSDAY - September 8**  
9:15 am Women On Mission  
7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting
- SUNDAY - September 11 **Sunday Night Summit Begins****  
8:30 am Men's Prayer Group  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am The Church in Worship/Lil'K  
11:00 am Children's Church/KIDMO  
4:30 pm AWANA & Discipleship Classes  
5:30 pm Family Supper  
6:30 pm Worship Service  
7:00 pm Children Join Worship  
7:30 pm Youth Drama
- MONDAY - September 12**  
9:00 am Prayer Group  
10:00 am Silver Saints Choir/St. Marys Sr. Care Center  
6:00 pm Handbells/Middle School Praise Band  
7:30 pm TWB Rehearsal
- TUESDAY - September 13**  
9:30 am Ladies' Bible Study  
6:00 pm Ladies' Bible Study  
7:00 pm Finance Committee
- WEDNESDAY - September 14**  
Regular Wednesday Schedule
- THURSDAY - September 15**  
6:00 pm Sr. Adult Covered Dish Dinner
- SATURDAY - September 17**  
Boston Butt Sale

**BUILDING the KINGDOM of GOD TOGETHER**

September 2011



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**SUNDAY NIGHT SUMMIT**

**Begins**

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**AWANA (2yrs-JV)**

**High School LIT**

**Adult DiscipleLife Classes**

**4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday Night Supper**

**5:30-6:20 p.m.**

**Cost: Adults & Youth \$3, Children \$1**

**\$12 Family Maximum**

**Worship Service & AWANA**

**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**(Children join worship at 7 pm)**

**Youth Drama**

**7:30 p.m.**

**FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR:**

**FOCUS 2011**

**GOD'S PEOPLE, SEEKING GOD'S PRESENCE, SERVING GOD'S PURPOSE!**  
*Psalm 20:4 (HCSV)*

**TIMELY MESSAGES FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

September 11, 2011 brought to our shores an era of uncertainty that still exist today. Uncertainty regarding our economy, our safety, our morality and our families have caused many Christians and non-Christians to cower down in fear and angst.

Starting this **September 11<sup>th</sup>** in the **10:30 a.m. service**, I will begin a series of messages titled **Finding Certainty in our Uncertain Times**. This series of messages from **1 John** will help us find the certainty of God's plan for His children that is centered in the Lordship of His Son—Jesus Christ. I hope you will be present every service as we delve into God's Word for answers in these troubled days.

**ALSO:** Please note the info on the front of **The Messenger**. We are going to have a great time of discipleship and preaching on Sunday Nights at **The Sunday Night SUMMITS**. You don't want to miss out on these timely discipleship classes and evening **SUMMITS**. God is going to change the culture by changing His people through these **SUMMITS**.

*In His Service,  
Bro. Steve*

**Fall 2011 DiscipleLife Classes**

**Living a Life of Love and Laughter**

If laughter is truly the best medicine, then **Dennis Swanberg**, America's "Minister of Encouragement," is just what the doctor ordered! This **DVD driven** series is a dynamic Guide to a Happy Life. Member Book: \$10

**Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours**

This **DVD driven** series by Dr. Kevin Leman will help parents raising rock-solid kids in a pleasure-driven world. It consists of seven lessons led by Dr. Leman that will give parents the tools they need to discipline, edify and encourage their children toward a healthier and happier life at home. Member Book: \$10/couple

**Christ Follower (Youth)**

What does a follower of Christ actually look like, and how can I become one? This study focuses on the fundamentals of the Christian faith, going directly to the words of Jesus in Luke chapter 6 to answer important questions like, Who does Jesus claim to be? How does he pray? How does he say we should view ourselves? And what does this mean for me today?

**Outlive Your Life - Max Lucado**

Everyone wants to know that their time on earth has some significance. We all want to make a difference. We are created by a great God to do great works. He invites us to outlive our lives, not just in heaven, but here on earth. What if you lived in such a way that your death is just the beginning of your life? Member book: \$10

**Parenting Your Teenager - Drs. Les and Leslie Parrot**

Parenting Your Teenager equips moms and dads to recognize common patterns, plan effective strategies, and build character. In 24 gut-level interviews, parents and teens talk openly about rebellion, conflict, pain, and identity. Member book: \$5

**Wild At Heart - John Eldredge**

If Christian men are going to change from a pitiful, wimpy bunch of "really nice guys" to men who are made in the image of God, they must reexamine their preconceptions about who God is and recover their true "wild" hearts, writes bestselling author John Eldredge in *Wild at Heart: Discovering a Life of Passion, Freedom, and Adventure*.



**Women's Ministry  
Secret Pal Banquet**

**Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**

We will reveal our secret pal from this past year, as well as, sign-up for the next year for a new secret pal. Meat will be provided, just bring a covered dish. All ladies of the church are invited. You don't have to participate in secret pal to come and enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship.

**"A.N.D.Y." Club**

(Ain't Nearly Done Yet)



**Calendar (55 and Better!)**

**"Silver Saints" Choir**

**Mondays at 10:00 AM**

Followed by lunch at Sonny's.

No Choir on Monday, Sep. 5<sup>th</sup>

Silver Saints will meet Tuesday, Sep. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, Sep. 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Silver Saints will meet at Senior Care Center St. Marys (formerly Convalescent Center)

If you are over 55, and like to sing and fellowship, come join us!

**R E M I N D E R**

Deacons' Meeting  
Thursday, Sep. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Finance Committee  
Tuesday, Sep. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



**Bible Study for Woman**

**MORNING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY**

"The Shelter of God's Promises"

All ladies of the church are invited to participate in the Ladies' Bible Study beginning **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM**. The study is "The Shelter of God's Promises" by Sheila Walsh. We will search the scriptures for what God has promised us and what God's promises mean. Cost for the Pupil Book will be \$8. Child care will be provided. See Cindy Kegley if you are interested in joining.

**EVENING LADIES' BIBLE STUDY**

"Walking in Fellowship with God: Disciple's Prayer Life" This is a 13 week course that guides believers to develop an intimate and effective prayer life. Start date has been changed to **Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM**. Childcare will be provided. Participants will need to register by contacting Rachael Atterbery at either 912-322-5566, 912-510-9001 or email [fiftychickens@tds.net](mailto:fiftychickens@tds.net).



**Women On Mission Meeting  
NEW TIME**

The Women on Mission will meet Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. They will have prayer for State Missions/Offering and tickets for the Boston Butt Fund Raiser will be passed out. A light snack will be provided. All ladies of the church are invited to join them. If you need childcare, please call the church office by Tuesday, Sep 6<sup>th</sup>.



**Church in the Park**

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

St. Marys Civic Park & Aquatic Center

Hamburgers & Hotdogs Provided

(Each family is asked to bring Hamburger/Hotdog Fixin's, Chips or Finger Dessert & 2 liter drink.)

Games, Dinner & Devotional followed by Swimming from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Do you ever wonder why we do the things we do?** I often think of that question when I am doing things. Sometimes I have to admit that I do things with the wrong motivation. But then again, what should be my real motivation?

I believe the Apostle Paul dealt with these same types of questions. In 2 Corinthians chapter 5, he tells us that our motivation should be Christ's love compelling us to do the things we do. I don't want anything else to take over my motivations, and it is my prayer that we will all catch the vision that Paul is showing us in verse 15 of that same chapter, **"And He died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the One who died for them and was raised."**


The youth have started seeing what that is like on Wednesday nights during our **"Engage"** time. We have visited our ladies who have had a difficult time getting out of their homes. We have also visited Magnolia Manor and heard some wonderful stories from Bro. Ken and Miss Jessie about how they lived most of their lives as missionaries in Africa. We have also written cards to "shut ins" and to prisoners, which some of our men will take with them to share with the inmates. These cards have Scripture written in them about how they can experience true love and have Hope in the future. And we have been able to do some reaching out to those students who we haven't been in Sunday School in a while, encouraging them letting them know they are loved and missed. This Engage time has been a great opportunity to love one another as Christ loves us. If your son or daughter has not been able to be a part of this ministry, I encourage you to urge them because this will help them to see that they can live their life by no longer just **living for themselves**. And adults if you have ideas on how our youth can get out and engage others with the love of Christ. please let me know by calling me or emailing me.

This month we also have an exciting Destination Unknown planned for Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>. This **Destination Unknown will require that we get in boats on the St Marys River**. Therefore I am going to have to have release forms signed by the parents stating that they have your permission to go on this trip. We will need to leave right after everyone gets out of school (exact time will be determined soon). Other activities this month include: **Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>, youth meeting at the Thorpe's home to watch Camden play in Ohio**; we will meet at 11:30 AM. We are also looking to see if we can help **Missions for Camden Food Ministry on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 AM**. Also don't forget to be at the flagpoles of your school on **Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup>** for prayer and devotion; **See You at the Pole!**

Please see the calendar in this Messenger about the new opportunities for Bible study, Worship and please remember the five members (myself, Mary Norris, Karyn Chester, Cathleen Hatch, and Bobby Mitchell) as we will be going to **Haiti on the 24<sup>th</sup> - Oct 1**. Any monetary gifts for the trip to Haiti can be given with "Haiti Missions" written in the memo of your check.

Why do we do all of this? Because **"Christ's love compels us!"**

*I Love you all,  
Bro. Roland*

  
**youth COUNCIL**  
YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 p.m.

  
Youth  
Destination  
Unknown  
Wednesday,  
September 28<sup>th</sup>  
Boat ride/Permission Slip Required  
Departure Time to Be Announced