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AUGUST 2017

Bryan Bult – Pastor



Friends,

One of the things I particularly love and value about you as a congregation is your openhearted love for children. Part of our emerging vision for the future of Fayetteville ARP is that we would increasingly be a church overflowing with children who are learning about Jesus and experiencing his love, and that we would



increasingly be a serving presence in our community.

That's why our men's group enjoyed the special

privilege of serving Junior's House recently. Junior's House is one of the most amazing local ministries in Fayetteville, and one I am convinced is close to the heart of Jesus. Junior's House exists to provide a warm, safe place where abused children can come to disclose their abuse and





begin their healing. There is no more important ministry than this. Jesus reminds us those who welcome little children in his name welcome him.

So when we heard of Junior's House's need of having the small park on their property cleaned up and renewed, we jumped at the chance to help. Particularly when we heard that the park is important in a

therapeutic way to hurting children to whom Junior's House ministers so well.

I am so encouraged by the response of our men to this community need. Many of our guys (and gals and kids!) devoted a portion of their Saturday morning to be a part of this clean-up effort, and they were able to accomplish a great deal in a short time. In addition, a generous donation was made to replace the broken swing set.

If you would like to become involved in what Junior's House does, I encourage you to visit their website, juniorshousecac.org, particularly their page about volunteer opportunities. I am so thankful for their love and compassion for children, and for our small opportunity to serve the servants there.



Because of Christ,

Bryan



AUGUST FLOWER COMMITTEE –

Mickie Bigham – Chairwoman

Kristie McElyea, Deborah O'Connor,

Cathy Raby, Catherine Sullivan,

Erin Sutton, Jean Tanner, TaLisa Towry



AUGUST VOLUNTEERS -

Church Volunteers:

- 6 – Catherine and Chanse Bartlett
- 13 – Cathy Pitts
- 20 – Anna Margaret O'Connor
- 27 – Abby Underwood

Toddler Class Volunteers:

- 6 – Camille Hester & Georgia Hawkins
- 13 – Kristie McElyea
- 20 – Gail Fowler
- 27 – Erin Sutton

Thanks to all that have already volunteered and to those that will in the future.

This is a vital part of the Youth Ministry of our church!!

If you would like to volunteer in any of these ministries,
please contact Gail Fowler 433-5205 or fayarp@gmail.com

TITUS 2 NEWS –

(Rebecca Parker)

On one of the very hot July days, the Titus 2 ladies prepared a summer salad lunch and delivered it to several very special people in our church. Following the deliveries, the ladies returned to the Fellowship Hall and treated themselves to the rest of



the salads along with fresh tomatoes and brownies.

Over lunch the ladies shared stories of their visits and the blessings they received. They also made plans for upcoming Titus 2 meetings.

All ladies in the church are invited to participate in our meetings. Mark your calendars for the following times:



August 15th (Tuesday) - We will meet at the church at 10:30 and travel to Sewanee for lunch, shopping and a tour of the All Saints Chapel at The University of the South.

September 8th (Friday) - We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 and deliver Kleenex boxes to the schools in Lincoln County. After delivery, we will go to lunch. Place to be determined.

October 17th (Tuesday). Plans are in the works to travel to a Mennonite village near Lawrenceburg to tour and have lunch.



APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP 2017

(Gail Fowler, Lela Gracy and Caroline Mills)

A year of firsts! Last year brought about a lot of changes. So naturally change brings about new things.

We stayed in a new state. We usually stay in Harrogate, TN at Lincoln Memorial University. Thanks to AirBnB we stayed in

Harlan, KY. We rented the big house and 3 smaller homes the team named it the "village." The drive was a challenge in a few ways. We were used to being





only 30-40 minutes away from Speaks Chapel but now we were an hour away in the other direction. The roads were interesting in places. But, we survived!!

VBS was another first. I tried to prepare myself that things would be very different this year since Mamaw would not be there. But, I really don't think you can really be fully prepared for that. They have not been having church there since she passed away last fall. The feeling is that building will be sold and we were asked over and over would we be back. I know I can't answer that. The Lord has the answer to that question. I just kept thinking of Ecclesiastes 3 the entire chapter talks about a season and a time for everything under

heaven. So I know the Lord has a plan for that little 2-room chapel where we have traveled for over 19 years to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

What a joy to see our young people selflessly giving all to be the hands and feet of Christ!

My favorite part of Appalachia was getting to see how God has affected all of the kid's lives and getting to go back to Speaks to see the kids again. I loved getting the opportunity to teach my group of kids about Zacchaeus and Jesus healing the blind man and relate that back to how Jesus knows you and takes care of you!! - Caroline Mills

I really enjoyed working in crafts and teaching the children about the gospel while teaching them how to make something fun and interesting. - Lela Gracy

Please pray with us as we seek the Lord's direction. He has been faithful and will continue to be faithful! We will still plan to go back at Christmas...The Lord willing!





MUSICAL NOTES –

(Joe Stephenson)

Just a few more weeks and the adult choir will return to its normal schedule. In the meantime, I hope you have enjoyed the special music of the summer.

I recently read an article written by the great theologian and hymn composer John Wesley. In the article he lays out 7 principles of hymn singing and I'd like to bring your attention to several of them that can profit all congregations:

Sing All – see that you join the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing.

Sing Lustily – and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead or half-asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sang the songs of Satan.

Sing Modestly – do not bawl so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation that you may not destroy the harmony, but strive to unite your voices together so as to make one melodious sound.

Sing in time – whatever time is sung, be sure to keep with it. Do not run before and do not stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voices and move therewith as exactly as you can and take care not to sing too slow.

Sing spiritually – have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself, or any other creature. In order to attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

When we sing in Worship we must always have an eye toward God and his church, and not merely an inward eye. For John Wesley singing was an essential and harmonious act of worship not only in how well was the singing but in spiritual unity for love of God and one another. We must not just depend on the sound of our voice but we must know our words of praise glorify God.



AUGUST COMMUNION COMMITTEE –

Pat Knott – Chairwoman

Sherry Bartlett, Kristie McElyea, Cathy Pitts

SUPER SUMMER SUPPERS COME TO A CLOSE -

The Super Summer Suppers come to a close this month as the long days shorten and the kids return to their books. We have enjoyed chicken grilled by Colonel Eddie Hall and his chicken crew and feasted on burgers and dogs done right by ARPs own "Burger King" – Kevin Winsett and his grill crew. We have racked our brains playing Trivia and laughed ourselves silly playing Guess Who It Is. And I believe all who have attended would tell you the food has been great and the fellowship even greater!

Our final Super Summer Supper will be on August 16th and will be hosted by the Clara Craig Class, the Adult Bible Class and the Men's Class. They are planning a great menu and promise top notch special entertainment. Be sure to mark your calendars now to be present!

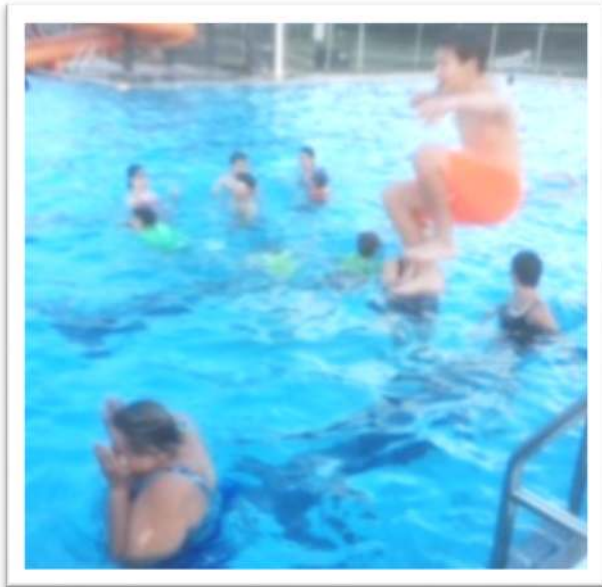


A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

(David O'Connor)

The skies threatened rain and for just a little while the pool was cleared by lightning, but the storms blew over just in time for the ARPs to enjoy a great Swim Party/ Ice Cream Social.





The swimmers raced each other and challenged each other to a cannonball splash contest, while some of the “waders” just paddled and chatted.



The hit of the night was the homemade ice cream! There were several fine ice cream brought and we appreciate all who took the time to make this special treat for us. The flavors I heard the most chatter about were the Butter Pecan and the Grape ice cream. One of those recipes is in this month's newsletter and we hope to put the other recipe in next month's.

Thanks to all who worked to make this an outstanding fun event for our church family.



SLIP-SLIDING AWAY!

On Sunday, August 27th, the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a brand-new activity – Dodgeball. But not just any old dodgeball – It's Slip-N-Slide Dodgeball! I have no idea how this works, but I feel sure it involves lots of water and

lots of laughs!

For those brave ARPs who want to be placed on a team, there will be sign-up sheets available. For those who just want to watch, bring a lawn chair and a dessert to share. (Please bring desserts that can be eaten without plates or utensils.)

The Christian Education Committee will furnish pizza, drinks and Band-aides. This is sure to be an event you don't want to miss!



A HERITAGE RECIPE –

As promised Ann Gracy has allowed us to print her recipe for pool party favorite –

BUTTER PECAN ICE CREAM

2 cups coarse-chopped pecans
1 large package instant vanilla pudding
1 can Eagle Brand milk
1 large can Pet milk
1 cup brown sugar
Milk to fill line



Toast pecans in oven on 275 for 15 minutes on a cookie sheet.
Allow to cool.

In a large mixing bowl, mix together pudding, Eagle Brand milk and Pet milk.
Add brown sugar and mix. Stir in pecans. Pour into a 4-quart ice cream freezer
and finish filling with milk to the fill line.

Run freezer until it stops. Remove dasher and cover with ice.
Let ice cream stand for at least 1 hour until it hardens.

A MODERN PARABLE

(Roberta Kidd)

Years ago I saved an article from the *Elk Valley Times* that was attributed to T. Pierce Brown and I'd like to share it with our church family. In it he tells of a story he heard and passed on. It concerns what happened when the elders of a church asked the manager of a local grain elevator to take the position of church treasurer.

He agreed, with two stipulations: one, that no report be given for one year, and two, that no one ask him any questions about it for that period. Since they trusted him, and most did business with him at the elevator, they agreed, though with reservations. At the end of the year, he gave his report as follows : "The debt of \$250,000 has been paid, the minister's salary has increased, the mission quota increased 100%, and we have a cash balance of \$12,000." The shocked congregation asked/ "How?" He answered, "Most of you bring your grain to my elevator. As you did business with me, I simply withheld 10% on your behalf and gave it to the church in your name. You never missed it."

What COULD we do if each would give as the Lord wants? Have YOU ever sacrificed for the cause of Christ?



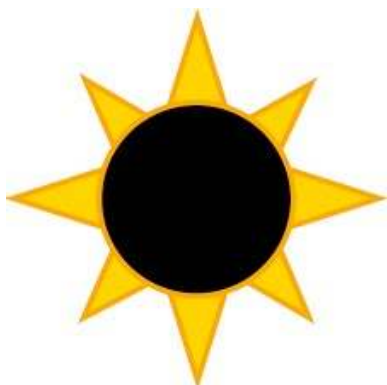
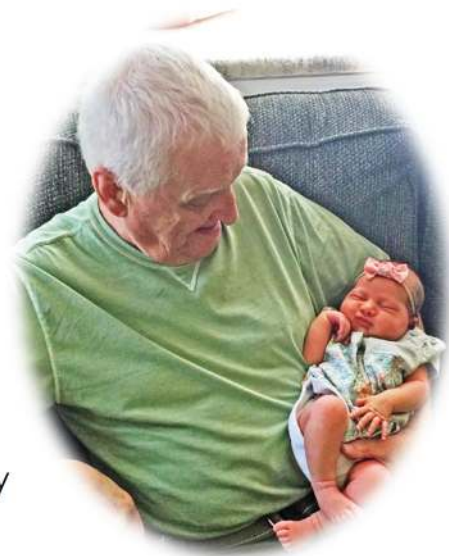
IT'S A GIRL!

*But the Lord's love for those who fear him
continues forever and ever.*

*And his goodness continues to their
grandchildren...*

We rejoice with Jack Clausing in the birth of his first great-grandchild. Tess Elisabeth Deloian is the new baby daughter of Matt and Dana Deloian of Valparaiso, Indiana. (Dana is Jack's granddaughter.)

Tess, born two weeks early, arrived on July 15 weighing just over 8 pounds and is doing just fine as her proud great-granddad Jack will be happy to tell you. We pray God's blessing on this little one and her entire family.



KEEP AN EYE ON THE SKY!

Don't forget that **August 21** marks the date of a total solar eclipse. People across the United States will see the sun disappear behind the moon, turning daylight into twilight, causing temperatures to drop rapidly and revealing massive streamers of light streaking through the sky around the silhouette of the moon. Just before and just after totality, observers can see this cloak of darkness moving toward them across the landscape, and then moving away. Skies will darken along a stretch of land about 70 miles wide from Oregon to South Carolina. While Lincoln County is not in this "path of totality," it is not far from it.











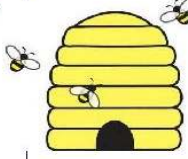

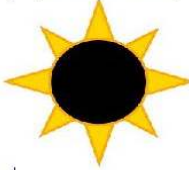


At most, the moon will completely cover the disk of the sun for 2 minutes and 40 seconds. That's about how long totality will last for observers positioned anywhere along the center of the path of totality. As you move toward the edge of the path, the duration of totality will decrease. In Nashville, the eclipse begins at 11:58 am. Totality begins at 1:27 pm and ends at 1:29 pm. The eclipse is completely over at 2:54 pm.

Remember looking directly at the sun, even when it is partially covered by the moon can cause serious eye damage and even blindness. Don't look without PROPER eye protection.

People who are in the "path of totality" are said to be in for an unforgettable experience. To determine the places in Middle Tennessee that are in the path of totality, go to <http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/states/TN.htm>

If you decide to take in the eclipse at one of these spots, allow for extra travel time since NASA is predicting August 21 could be one of the worst traffic days in national history.

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p>National Mountain Climbing Day</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>Diaconate Meeting @ 7:00pm</p> <p>WM Executive Board Meeting 6:30</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Corona Towry, Bd.</p> <p>National Watermelon Day</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Gerrica Moran, Bd.</p> <p>Neil Horsley, Bd.</p> <p>Don & Cheryl Wiley, An.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Don Thomas, Bd.</p> <p>Maddox Sutton, Bd.</p> <p>Mitchell Sutton, Bd.</p> <p>Abby Hamilton, Bd.</p> <p>Back to School</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Jacob & Catie Eslick, An.</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>LeeAnn Smith, Bd.</p> <p>John Parker, Bd.</p> <p>Maggie Kidd Circle @ 1pm</p> <p>Session Meeting @ 7:00pm</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Kay Wiley, Bd.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Dog Days End</p> <p>Dustin & Marisa Kennemer, An.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Rachel Horsley, Bd.</p> <p>Kyle & Rebecca Holdmeyer, An.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>COMMUNION</p> <p>Meg O'Connor, Bd.</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>David O'Connor, Bd.</p> <p>Eddie Wilson, Bd.</p> <p>Steve & Melani McKamey, An.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Dane Fowler, Bd.</p> <p>TITUS 2 10:30</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>SUPER SUMMER SUPPER 6pm</p> <p>Eli Hester, Bd.</p> <p>Miles & Bobbie Springfield, An.</p> <p>Danny Kerbo, Bd.</p> <p>Tom and Susan Dobbins, An.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mark Sims, Bd.</p> <p>Maysie Spears, Bd.</p> <p>Ray Pitts, Bd.</p> <p>Robert Kidd, Bd.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Jack Taylor, Bd.</p> <p>Bea Patrick Marsh, Bd.</p> <p>Matthew Thelen, Bd.</p> <p>Joe Bagley, Bd.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Bob & Martha Henry, An.</p> <p>National Honeybee Awareness Day</p> 
<p>20</p> <p>Morris Mills, Bd.</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>SOLAR ECLIPSE</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>Haley Crabtree, Bd.</p> <p>Hilton Sullivan, Bd.</p> <p>National Tooth Fairy Day</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Sheley Cowley, Bd.</p> <p>Calvin & Lisa Todd, An.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Chris Whitmore, Bd.</p> <p>Steve McKamey, Bd.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Jane Beech, Bd.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Joel Meulemans, Bd.</p> <p>Joseph Smith, Bd.</p> <p>Tripp & Lindsay Wiles, An.</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Jim & Beckie Coddington, An.</p> <p>Sam Patrick, Bd.</p> <p>Lela Gracy, Bd.</p> <p>Slip-N-Slide Supper</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Peggy Wright, Bd.</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Elizabeth Tallman, Bd.</p> <p>Jack Boaz, Bd.</p> <p>Jill Menefee, Bd.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Alden Golden, Bd.</p> 