



SteepleTalk

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Steepletalk Deadline

June 25

Circle Meeting

Will resume in September

Mission Co-workers

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From the Pastor...

"And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

Ezekiel 22:30

Prerequisites to being a Good Father

Being a man, functioning as a man, taking responsibility as a man, thinking like a man, acting like a man, working like a man, all of these are prerequisites to being a good Father!

You will not be a good Father until you are a good Man.

It's a dying art today...there are not many in our nation anymore.

Thank God we DO have a few good men here...we can always use a few more!

I found this in THE MEN'S THESAURUS and wanted to share it with you this month.

Men don't always say what they mean – ladies, please allow me to translate for your future benefit:

When a man says "IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO EXPLAIN"

He means: "I have no idea how it works"

When a man says "TAKE A BREAK, HONEY. YOU ARE WORKING TOO HARD"

He means: "I can't hear the game over the vacuum cleaner"

When a man says "THAT'S INTERESTING DEAR."

He means: "Are you still talking?"

When a man says "IT'S A GUY THING"

He means: "There is no rational thought pattern connected with this, and you have no chance at all of making it logical"

When a man says "CAN I HELP WITH DINNER"

He means: "Why isn't it ready yet?"

When a man says "UH HUH, SURE HONEY," or "YES, DEAR"

He means: Absolutely nothing – It's a conditioned response.

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When a man says 'I CAN'T FIND IT.'

He means: "It didn't fall into my outstretched hand, so I'm completely clueless"

When a man says "I HEARD YOU."

He means: "I haven't the foggiest clue what you just said and I am hoping desperately that I can fake it well enough so that you'll not spend the next 3 days yelling at me."

When a man says "YOU LOOK TERRIFIC!"

He means: "Oh please don't try on one more outfit, we're late and I'm starving."

When a man says "I'M NOT LOST. I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE."

He means: "No one will ever see us alive again."

I thank God today for the good men He sent here.

Good men are:

I. Men Who Have Learned to Lean [on the Lord]

Proverbs 3:5 *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

For Salvation (Eph. 2:8, 9): *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

We men are bad about trying to be "in control"...to "make things happen." Often, ladies find it easier to "rest in the Lord" and lean on Him for salvation. It's a part of a woman's nature to place themselves in someone else's hands. It's not that way for men.

Jesus solves this dilemma: Matthew 18:3 *"And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."*

Children have that attitude of trust, even male children...but something happens to us once we begin to feel even the slightest amount of thickness in our "peach fuzz!"

I thank God for a few good men we have here at our church...they have learned to lean on the Lord for their salvation and for Strength (Isaiah 40:30, 31): *"Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."*

The hardest thing you will ever do will be a good husband and a good Father to your Children...

...Eli could run the temple but could not run his family; I Sam. 3:13

...David could run a kingdom and lead men into battle, but could not run his children; I Kings 1:5,6

I thank God for good men who have learned to lead their families by Godly examples and are good fathers by bringing up their children to know and love Jesus.

Happy Father's Day,
Dr. Cheetham

Cedar Forest Ministry

The Cedar Forest Ministry started over 30 years ago to minister to campers at the Cedar Forest State Park. This worship service is held every Sunday from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. We need volunteers to help with the service. "Greeters" are needed to invite campers to the service; this can be done either Saturday night or Sunday morning. The song leader selects the songs or hymns to be sung. A CD player and CDs are available to use. The worship leader gives a short devotional lasting 10 to 15 minutes. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you would like to be involved in this ministry of fellowship and outreach. Many campers look forward to this service every year. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Adams.

Monroe Harding

On Father's Day, Sunday June 20, most will celebrate the impact that fathers have had in our lives. Unfortunately, not everyone in our community can rejoice in the positive light a father brings to one's life. Monroe Harding is that positive influence to many at-risk-youth. You are asked to remember those in the community who need you to provide the unconditional love that has been lacking in so many of their lives. We will collect a special offering for Monroe Harding on Sunday, June 20.



25th Annual Miss Martha's Ice Cream Crankin'

Sunday, June 13
4 - 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
4815 Franklin Road
Nashville

More than 500 gallons of homemade ice cream of all flavors will be available for sampling on the lawn at FPC Nashville. Tickets are \$10 advance sale (\$13 at the gate) for adults, \$8 (\$10 at the gate) for children and free for children under 2. Call the Martha O'Bryan Center (254-1791) for tickets.

100th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, September 19

First Presbyterian Church celebrates its centennial anniversary this year. Plans are being made to observe this milestone with dinner on the grounds on Sunday, September 19 followed by an afternoon celebratory service of worship and thanksgiving. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.



Vacation Bible School

June 13-17

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Save the date! Vacation Bible School will be held on June 13-17 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This year the theme for VBS is *Galactic Blast*. There will be Bible stories, games, crafts, music, and more. Volunteers are needed for one night or the entire week. Please fill in the slip below if you would like to help.

In Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School 2010, your cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Please call Kristy in the church office to register your child.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Where I would like to help: _____

Days I can help:

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Session Highlights

from the May 10, 2010 meeting

Approved: The Dinges House to be used on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week at noon for an AA meeting.

Dr. Larry Bridgesmith - Conflict Culture Assessment Report: Dr. Bridgesmith will present the report, developed from the 60+ interviews, during a joint worship on Sunday, May 23 at 10 a.m. By E. Jenkins' suggestion, it will be called Unity Sunday.

Treasurer's Report: The actual revenue for April--\$15,577.33 with \$15,009.00 in contributions; actual monthly expenses--\$22,376.66. Building Fund balance as of May 10, 2010 is \$391,010.37. The budget has been revised to add a few line items including Unity Management (Dr. Bridgesmith) and a Part-time Youth Director.

Building & Grounds Committee: E. Bone accepted the position as chair. Fortunately, the sump pump continues to work well in the basement!

Member Care Committee: Chair E. Boyd reported the committee is involved with several activities including the fish fry on May 19. The Wednesday Night Suppers will break for the summer; may look at other activity options for Wednesday evenings next fall. The committee will begin recruiting volunteers to visit those shut-in.

Christian Education Committee: Chair E. Jenkins still needs volunteers: a teacher, recreation help and arrange for dinners at Vacation Bible School, June 13-17. Rachel Farley will teach Sunday School for the elementary age through the summer. Dr. Cheetham reported the Confirmation Class is going well. Nursery volunteers are requested for 11 a.m. services on holiday weekend Sundays.

Worship Committee: Chair E. Adams reported the pulpit supply minister for July and August will be the Rev. Sarah Sanderson-Doughty. She is working on her Ph.D. at Vanderbilt and has been a minister to two churches previously. The Rev. Anne Soderquist would fill the pulpit the last two weeks of August..

Congregational Meeting: A congregational meeting to dissolve the call of Dr. Cheetham will be held on Sunday, May 30 at 10:45 a.m.

Lectionary Readings

June 6	1 Kings 17: 8-16 (17-24) Galatians 1: 11-24 Luke 7: 11-17
June 13	1 Kings 21: 1-10 (11-14) Galatians 2: 15-21 Luke 7: 36—8:3
June 20	1 Kings 19: 1-4(5-7)8-15a Galatians 3: 23-29 Luke 8:26-39
June 27	2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5: 1, 13-25 Luke 9: 51-62

Congratulations to Our Graduates

Will Adams from Centre College
Rachel Farley from Cumberland University
Erin Taylor Chasse from Vol State

Elementary Youth Summer Activity

The youth group at First Presbyterian Church will be going on a passport adventure this summer. We will be exploring several different countries where our church sends missionaries and learning about the people in these places and how our missionaries are bringing the Word of God to them. This exciting adventure will begin on July 11 and will continue until August 29. We will meet at the church every Sunday from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary, just a smile. Hope to see you there!

Session Highlights, cont.

Organ Committee: Chair E. Howell stated the committee would meet this summer to determine the best method to conserve the organ which may include a different air supply and the equipment to monitor and control humidity in both chambers.

Interim Search Committee: Roy Wauford, Chair; Gordon Bone and David Howell will serve on the committee.

June 2010

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Fri

Sat

<u>Sunday</u>		1	2	3	4	5
8:45 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 am Church School		3:00 pm Knitting Group 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting	7:00 Choir	6:30 pm Contemp		
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Communion No Youth Activities	9:00 am Sewing Group	3:00 pm Knitting Group	7:00 Choir	6:30 pm Contemp		
-----Dr. Cheetham on Study Leave-----						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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4 Cents a Meal						