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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**GALACTIC STARVEYORS**  
 Aug. 7 – 11, 2017

VBS interest meeting and training will be Sunday, May 21 at 12:30 (after service) in the Fellowship Hall. See Rachel Emberton, VBS Director with questions.

**AN INVITATION TO ALL LADIES**  
**‘WISDOM FROM OUR KITCHEN’**

OKAY LADIES, grab your APRON and head out to the Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 11: 00am. Come prepared to share your "APRON STORY." Don't forget to bring your favorite dish with its recipe. Remember to sign up on the Next Generation bulletin board to reserve your seat at the kitchen table. Reservations can be made by contacting the church office at 484-5598 or Linda Massengill at 484-8585.

**DEACON'S WIVES BANQUET**

Saturday, May 20 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Banquet will honor past and present wives of Deacons and Pastors. Evening will include dinner, entertainment and prizes. Transportation is available to those who need it. Please see Wayne Johnson or Steve Baldwin or call the church office (484-5568) by Wednesday, May 10 to sign up and to indicate if you need transportation.

**BACKPACK MINISTRY**

The Backpack Ministry is designed to meet the needs of hungry children at a time when resources are not available. Once a month bags are filled with food that is distributed to schoolchildren at Southwestern Elementary to take home.

We need dedicated, hard working volunteers to help pack and/or deliver the bags. If you would like to help contact Betsy Gardner at 484-5941.

**CHILDREN / YOUTH NEWS**

Children - Centri-Kid, July 31 - Aug. 4

Youth - MFUGE, July 17-22

Summer Day Camps, Thursdays 9:00 - 12:00 noon

Beginning June 29. Sign up in the church office.

Ages: K-5 completed - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**FUND THE BUS** - Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, May 28, after service in the Fellowship Hall. \$5.00/plate. Carryout available. 6 and under eat free.

Financial Secretary & Office Manager ..... Mary Pennington  
 Church Secretary & Receptionist ..... Janet Reinke  
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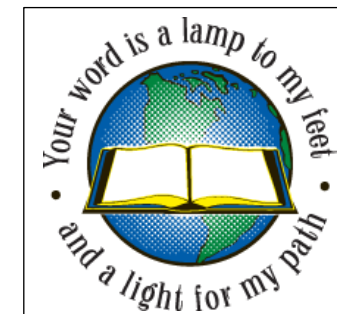
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**Sunday Services**

9:00 a.m. Life Groups  
 (Bible Study)

10:30 a.m. Worship  
 Kids Worship



**A Book for the Beach?, continued**

I am currently reading through these books at my leisure: Mark Buchanan's *Hidden in Plain Sight*, Jonathan Leeman's *Don't Fire Your Church Members*, Ravi Zacharias' *Why Jesus?: Rediscovering His Truth in an Age of Mass Marketed Spirituality*, Schmitz's *Why Your Pastor Left*, Altrogge's *The Greener Grass Conspiracy: Finding Contentment on Your Side of the Fence*, and reading again *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis, *Simple Church* by Rainer, and *Genesis Unbound* by John Sailhamer. I do not read each of these books every day; I pick them up, put them down, and work through them at different paces.

What's the point? Take some time away from mind-numbing entertainment and 24-hour news networks and read! At the very least, grab a challenging book with a biblical world-view and make it this summer's book for the beach. Feel free to contact me for suggestions.

In Christ's love,  
 Pastor Tommy

**FAMILY, FRIENDS, & FAITH**

**A Book for the Beach?**

"Most Christians would rather die than think, in fact they do" - Bertrand Russell

You will learn, if you have not already, that I am rarely arbitrary. I aim to never give an answer or make a statement or offer a suggestion or share my opinion for no good reason. If you ask my preference on a matter, I will typically give it to you, along with 14 reasons why I have such a view. So, know that this little article is written for a reason, and it comes from a burden I carry.

When asked about the "greatest commandment" Jesus replied, as recorded in Matthew 22:37, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (emphasis mine). "With all your mind," that is my focus for a moment. Os Guinness (if you do not know Os Guinness, you should) wrote in *Fit Bodies, Fat Minds* the following, "the leading problem in American evangelicalism is anti-intellectualism."

Anti-intellectualism. In other words, we Christians are not loving God with all our mind. How do I know that Guinness is correct? It's simple. We do not read. Do. Not. Read. I don't mean that we can't read or never read, but I have found that most Christians rarely pursue reading that will challenge them intellectually and encourage them spiritually. For me as a pastor, this means that my people are not reading in such a way that helps them develop a solid worldview that is based upon the Scriptures and honoring to God. Why is this the case? There are many reasons upon which volumes could be written, but I think the short answer is we have succumbed to the emotionalism of our entertainment driven culture. We are caught up in mind-numbing social media and cheap entertainment, entertainment that is emotionally charged and rarely challenges us to think. If it does challenge the mind, it does so in a manner that is secular and opposes the truth of Scripture, and unfortunately our minds are not fit enough to combat this phenomenon. Why? We Do Not Read.

I challenge you to begin to read. First, read the Bible in a way that moves past your common daily devotional thought. Those devotionals are good and may serve as a beginning of sorts, but to train our minds we must go deeper. Read the Bible in a manner where you are asking probing questions about the text. Ask who the audience is and why the author is writing and why he uses certain words and what the passage tells us about God and how we are expected to respond. Consider how the biblical text helps explain or is explained by other biblical passages; in other words, do some cross-referencing of other verses. Allow the Bible to come alive as you *think* about the text and pray for wisdom to have understanding.

Second, read other books by godly men and women that will help you develop a biblical worldview and understand the Scriptures. I am not the most well-read pastor or Christian around, but I do have a library that is comprised of different types of books that elucidate Scripture and promote a biblical worldview. Some of my favorites I refer to as "soul-feeding" books. These books are biblically based but tend to be more poetic and story-telling than dogmatic and instructional. My favorite soul-feeding authors are Mark Buchanan and Timothy Keller, and I also enjoy Lucado, Chan, and Yancey and would put them in this group. I have books that are more academic in style and focused on biblical doctrine, authors like D.A. Carson, Arthur W. Pink, John Piper, Mark Dever, John MacArthur, and J.I. Packer, to name a few. I have a section of books on leadership that come from authors such as Maxwell, Blackaby and Mohler. Of course, no library is complete without classics by C. S. Lewis, John Bunyan, and Jonathan Edwards. I have books on marriage and family, church polity and related church issues, specific spiritual disciplines, Christian biographies, counseling and emotional health, culture etc. (continued on back)

# FAMILY, FRIENDS, & FAITH



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall, led by Pastor Tommy

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

Time: 5:15 pm. Cost \$6.00 for adults, free for children 8 and younger. Sign up with Betsy on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Desk or call the church office 484-5568 no later than noon on Tuesday.

- Menu:** May 3 Pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, corn muffins, dessert  
 May 10 Beef Stroganoff with noodles, broccoli, rolls, dessert  
 May 17 Chicken Cordon Bleu with rice, green beans, rolls, dessert  
 May 24 Spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert  
 May 31 Baked codfish, macaroni & cheese, roasted vegetables, rolls, dessert

The meals are subject to change; make sure to check the Bulletin for current meal menus.

## MAY OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM: Wayne Johnson and Steve Rosso

Collecting items needed for the Eastern Shore and Standing Rock Mission trips this summer. Full lists of items are on the missions' bulletin board and in the music wing hallway.

Eastern Shore will need supplies to fill 40 baby/toddler kits; 30 preteen/teen kits; VBS and Camp snacks; 200 ladies and men's kits.

Items needed for Standing Rock: New tennis shoes, undies, socks, and backpacks

Craft and sewing items; lotions, bath products for ladies; sample size cosmetics/fragrances.

Collection boxes will be in the fellowship hall and music hallways. Deadline to donate items will be Sunday, June 25. Packing Days will be Monday, June 26 and Tuesday, June 27. All are welcome to participate in the packing of the kits.



## NEW MEMBERS JAN. - APR, 2017

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Joseph & Elaine Caplan   | Jonathan, Traci, Ranan & Abigail Judy |
| Glenn & Michelle Council | Cory & Jennifer Pate                  |
| Betty Damon              | Jim, Ann & Wesley Wetherbee           |
| Will & Mary Heber        | Jim Yates & Lisa Wolf                 |

## BABY/CHILD DEDICATION

Desire to have your baby/child dedicated to the Lord and the church? Contact Phillip Reinke to participate. Dates will be determined later.



OASIS needs volunteers to deliver food to the needy the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 8:30 - 10:30am. Call Jo-Anne Roisen at 757-397-6060 if interested.

*Thank You!*

Dearest Jackson Memorial Friends,

A year ago I went through a hard time with Jimmy. Then when he passed on to Jesus all of you prayed, visited, and sent cards and food.

My family felt your love and concern.

Love,  
Linda Pritchard

## PUPPETS ANYONE?

Anyone who has participated in the Puppet Ministry here at Jackson can come claim the puppet they worked with. See Linda Massengill on how to get your old puppet.

## CALENDAR FOR MAY

### REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- SUN**  
 9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study)  
 10:30 am Worship  
 Kids Worship (K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Rm 222)  
 5:00 pm Youth Guys Bible Study (Youth Hall)
- MON**  
 9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room 110)
- TUES**  
 10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
- WED**  
 5:15 pm Church Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  
 5:45 pm Handbells (Music Hallway)  
 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
 Discipleship Classes  
 Mission Friends (Preschool Hall)  
 Children in Action (Room 222)  
 Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing)  
 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- THURS**  
 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (Overflow Room)



### MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS

- 4 THURS**  
 6:00 am Feeding the Homeless (Oasis)  
 9:00 am Backpack Delivery (Southwestern Elementary)  
 10:30 am WMU Carol Knight Group (Overflow Room)
- 7 SUN**  
 2:30 pm Senior Ministry Worship Service (Emily Green Nursing Home)
- 8 MON**  
 8:45 am JCP VA Living Museum Field Trip  
 6:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
- 9 TUES**  
 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting (Room 102)
- 13 SAT**  
 11:00 am Ladies Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 15 MON**  
 6:30 pm Budget Committee Meeting (Conference Room)  
 WMU Barbara Deal Group (Overflow Room)
- 16 TUES**  
 1:00 pm Constitution & Bylaws Committee Meeting (Conference Room)  
 6:30 pm Church Council (Choir Room)
- 17 WED**  
 7:30 am Backpack Packing (Fellowship Hall)
- 18 THURS**  
 9:00 pm Backpack Delivery (Southwestern Elementary)  
 6:30 pm Savvy Savers (Room 110)
- 20 SAT**  
 5:00 pm Deacons' Wives Banquet (Fellowship Hall)
- 21 SUN**  
 12:00 pm VBS Interest/Training meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 25 THURS**  
 10:00 am JCP Year End Picnic  
 7:00 pm JCP Graduation
- 28 SUN**  
 12:00 pm FUND the BUS Spaghetti Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

## WEEKS IN REVIEW

	April 2	April 9	April 16	April 23	April 30
<b>LIFE GROUPS</b> (Sunday Bible Study)					
Enrollment	357	358	360	363	363
Attendance	162	168	208	183	147
Visitor	5	5	6	5	11
New Enrollment	1	2	3	0	0
Total Attendance	168	175	217	188	158
<b>WORSHIP</b>					
Morning Services	234	196	306	250	215
Kid's Worship	18	32	29	23	22
Total Attendance	252	228	335	273	237

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

<b>BUDGET</b>					
Required Per Week	11,630.75	11,630.75	11,630.75	11,630.75	11,630.75
Received	12,416.65	10,221.92	8,564.50	6,422.60	3,369.00
Mid-Week Received	1,520.00	1,085.00	1,732.00	627.00	1,270.00
Online Received	1,025.00	1,732.00	1,065.00	627.00	1,270.00
Required to Date	162,830.50	174,461.25	186,092.00	197,722.75	209,353.50
Received to Date	150,406.96	163,880.88	174,595.38	181,644.98	188,013.98
<b>Building Fund</b>					
Phase 2 (New Sanctuary)	6.00	100.00			
<b>MISSIONS</b>					
Annie Armstrong	480.00	310.00	840.00	1,150.23	277.00
East Asia		50.00			
JMBC Missions	230.00		100.00	200.00	90.00
Lottie Moon			35.00		
<b>OTHER</b>					
Backpack Ministry	20.00				
Benevolent	25.00	20.00			69.00
Fund the Foyer	115.00	240.00	35.00	55.00	

April Budget Offerings: \$50,023.67

April Benevolent Collection: \$114.00



## GRADUATES

Graduate Dinner on Saturday, June 3. Graduation Sunday is Sunday, June 4. If you are interested in participating in these events. See Phillip Reinke or Eileen Rivera.