



September, 2017

FROM PASTOR CHAMBERS: As vacation season is winding down and as we press on into September, we are reminded that the fall season is upon us, which means our fall programs at the church are starting up once again. I want to thank everyone who has recently volunteered to help AWANA, Good News Club, Youth Group, and all other needs for people to help our church moving forward. Not every need was filled as was dictated by our ministry opportunity insert a few weeks ago, but allow that to be a prayer sheet and continue to pray that God sends us more people to serve as well as more people to minister to as we all move forward for the Lord! We have an exciting month coming up for September please check out the activities going on for the Sunshine Seniors as well as the CURE Youth Group. At the end of the month we are privileged to have Dan DeLong, Candidate and Deputation Director for Baptist International Missions Inc. (BIMI) to speak for us Sunday evening, September 24. Bro. DeLong is the first person who hired me out of Tennessee Temple 15 years ago and mentored me through the first season of ministry. He is one of my many "heroes" in the ministry - having successfully planted 3 Baptist churches in Papua New Guinea, 1 Baptist church in Trinidad/Tobago, and 1 Baptist Church in Australia. He is a dear friend and a good preacher. We will be blessed hearing what the Lord has for him Sunday evening, September 24. I also want to repeat from last month, if you would like to help with any of our youth ministries, according to our church policy, you will need to be a member and have a background check in order to minister to minors in our church. Please continue to be in prayer that the Lord will place the right people in the right positions so we can continue to grow and move forward for the Lord!

REFLECTIONS FROM A HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SHOP: An avid "ice cream" fan, I have always been on the search for the best "creamery" in the nation, and I believe I found one of the best last month when we were on vacation. Calabash, NC is a wonderful small town known of course for their "Calabash style" shrimp. But as I was driving through I pulled off at a place called "Calabash Creamery." The creamery looks like a house with a huge front porch and rocking chairs and they have 35-40 flavors of "homemade" ice cream, along with the "old style" Coca-Colas. And boy was it delicious! Stephanie, Ella, and I (especially Ella) couldn't get enough of it, so much we went out of our way and drove there the next night. As I was rocking in one of the rocking chairs on the front porch, eating my three scoops of three different flavors in a large cup, watching Ella eating Stephanie's Waffle cone, I got to reflecting on what makes this creamery so incredible to which it is lined out the door? I quickly came to this conclusion - **1) Atmosphere.** The atmosphere of this creamery was so laid-back and relaxing, for good conversation and good laughs and relationships are built on "front porch" sitting. The decorations also inside gave you a "down home" feel. **2) Friendliness.** The staff of Calabash Creamery were so friendly and so helpful to us as we had problems choosing which was the best flavor. **3) Simplicity.** They didn't have a complicated menu, they had one item - Ice Cream - homemade or soft serve and of course traditional Sundaes and Banana Splits, and of course, a water, or old fashioned root beer or coke to wash it down with. **4) The Ice Cream!** Their homemade ice cream recipe was incredibly delicious, which was what the people wanted. Of course when these four things are going right, word of mouth gets around and people come. I thought about these conclusions and want to apply them to our church today. I believe for our church to be effective we must have an **ATMOSPHERE** conducive to spiritual growth, an atmosphere that is so laid-back, people are not afraid to be themselves. How about **FRIENDLINESS?** Are we going out of our way to be a friend to someone we do not know? How about **SIMPLICITY?** Are we perfecting the strengths of what our church is about or are we trying to do things that are weaknesses for us but maybe strengths for other churches? Finally, remember the **"FOOD"** of the Word of God. Are people being **FED** with the Word of God? These are good reflections and questions to ponder as we move forward for the Lord as a church.



NOTABLE AND QUOTABLE:

"...don't forget that every little action of the common day makes or unmakes character, and what one has done in the "secret chamber," one has some day to cry aloud from the house top." - Oscar Wilde (quoted from "Ordering Your Private Word" by Gordon MacDonald)

"You can make more friends in two weeks by genuinely showing interest in them than you can make in two years by trying to get them interested in you." - Dale Carnegie

"Lay before God what is in us, not what ought to be in us." - C.S. Lewis

"I pray to God this day to make me an extraordinary Christian." - George Whitefield

"There is nothing too great for God's power and nothing too small for His love." - Corrie Ten Boom

"When we depend upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we depend upon education, we get what education can do; when we depend upon man, we get what man can do; but when we depend upon prayer, we get what God can do!" - A.C. Dixon

CHURCH EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER: Remember the official "church calendar" is located in the church office. **Also we have revamped the church website and you can also find the church calendar as well as the nursery schedule on the website.** (www.shbcwv.com) Every announcement in the bulletin for Sunday comes from the calendar. If you lead a ministry and desire to plan an activity not yet on the calendar and need it announced for Sunday, please let us know by **Friday morning** so that it can be announced in the bulletin each week.

Sunday, September 3 - Sunday School Promotion Sunday

Tuesday, September 5 - Good New Club Leader's Meeting - 7 pm Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 6 - AWANA 2017-2018 Kickoff - 7 pm; CURE Youth Group 2017-2018 - 7 pm

Kickoff; Shut in committee meeting 8 pm

Sunday, September 10 - Grandparent's Day Dinner - after a.m. service (hosted by the CURE Youth Group); Choir rehearsal back to 4:30 pm

Sunday, September 10 - Lord's Supper - pm service

Monday, September 11 - Handbell Practice Resumes; Ladies Bible Study 7-8:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Monday, September 11 - Advisory Council Meeting - 7 pm

Thursday, September 14 - Sunshine Seniors going to "Jolly Seniors" at Cross Lanes Christian School for service and lunch - leave church at 10:00 am

Thursday, September 21 - Sunshine Seniors going to Ohio Amish Country Day Trip - time TBA

Friday, September 22 - CURE Youth Group going to Corn Maze/Snack n Yak - time TBA

Saturday, September 23 - Father, Son, and Men's Pancake Breakfast - 8 am - Grant Gerber, Asst. Pastor at Ripley Baptist Temple will be speaking

Sunday, September 24 - Baptism Service - a.m. (For any person who has accepted Christ as Savior and would like to be baptized)

Sunday, September 24 - Dan DeLong (BIMI Missionary) will be speaking p,m. service

Monday, September 25 - Ladies Bible Study - 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Monday, September 25 - Deacon's Meeting - 7:00 pm



A PRAYER TO TAKE WITH YOU THIS MONTH

"Lord, help me to glorify thee. I am poor, help me to glorify thee by contentment. I am sick, help me to give thee honor by patience. I have talents, help me to extol thee by spending them for thee. I have time, Lord, help me to redeem it, that I may serve thee. I have a heart to feel, Lord, let that heart feel no love but thine, and glow with no flame but affection for thee. I have a head to think, Lord, help me to think of thee and for thee. Thou hast put me in this world for something, Lord; show me what that is, and help me to work out my life purpose."

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon