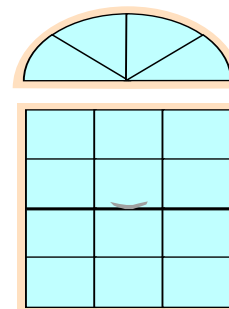


# WINDOWS

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August 8, 2010

## This Week in Worship

**August 8: Nineteenth  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

### Scriptures:

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20  
Psalm 50  
Luke 12:32–40

### Sermon:

*Prepared*  
Dr. Gordon A. Turnbull

### Hymns:

*Guide Me, O Thou Great  
Jehovah*

*Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*  
*Blessed Assurance*

### Anthem:

*Keep Your Lamps*

### 8:30 a.m. Worship

Led by the Praise Team  
Fellowship Hall

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

Sanctuary



*Cathy Newton, Director of Children's Ministry*

## New DCM Joins Church Staff

After an extensive search, we found our new director of children's ministry in our own backyard. In the past couple of years, you may have seen **Cathy Newton** volunteering on the playground, in the classroom, and at Vacation Bible School.

"We had a very strong pool of candidates for this position," Pastor Gordon Turnbull says. "We are very pleased with the process and very pleased with the result. Cathy loves children, and she loves our Lord."

Cathy and her husband, Joel, have five children and three grandchildren. "I have a heart for children and their relationship with the Lord," Cathy says. "And I feel very blessed and privileged to have been asked to take on this position. I'm very excited about what the Lord will do."

Come and meet Cathy on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 7:00–8:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy dessert and learn about opportunities to teach or assist in other ways in children's Sunday School and Kids' Kirk.

## In Our Prayers

**Jen Carpenter**

*Please pick up a  
"Pray for One Another" list at church*

## Birthday Prayer Fellowship

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| August 16 | David Frazier   |
| August 17 | Jane Nickels  |
| August 18 | Jack Southerland<br>Elizabeth Messer  |
| August 19 | Bill Hallum<br>Mary Nell Harris<br>Sherry Worley                              |
| August 20 | Jim White Jr.<br>Parke Morris   |
| August 21 | Sue Cannon<br>Chris Hill  |
| August 22 | Bill McRee<br>Pat Hunigan<br>Andrea Coles Leonard<br>Briggs Evans<br>Eli Hall |
| August 23 | Pat Felty<br>Nancy Hull   |
| August 25 | Debbie Peters<br>Roger Sikorski Jr.<br>Janine Stigall<br>Melissa Ratcliff     |
| August 26 | Joel Newton<br>Nik Musser<br>Molly Shaw                                       |
| August 27 | Zach Beckner  |
| August 28 | Katie Vande Brake<br>Steve Fey  |
| August 29 | Jennifer Heglar<br>Emily Sorah<br>Jennifer Sorah                              |
| August 30 | Jackie Burt<br>Logan Tudor  |
| August 31 | Ann Davis<br>Gracie Buckles   |

## Congratulations!

Karen and John Vann's daughter, Amber Kidner, and her husband, Jason, are the proud parents of **Aidan Carl Kidner**, born July 29 in Southall, Middlesex, England.

### Special Offerings Second Quarter 2010

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 5¢ a Meal                 | \$1,480.62        |
| One Great Hour of Sharing | 2,565.30          |
| Brazil Mission Dinner     | 1,581.66          |
| Brazil Mission-VBS        | <u>597.70</u>     |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$6,225.28</b> |

## New Church Directory Sign-Up

[fpcbristol.org](http://fpcbristol.org)

Make your appointment online! Click on the link above or go to the church's website ([www.fpcbristol.org](http://www.fpcbristol.org)). Follow the easy directions for scheduling your own appointment for a photograph. Create a unique password, and you can make changes to information or reschedule if needed. It's that easy! Available dates are September 10–11 and 22–25. Available times are 2:00–10:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Remember, the new church directory will not be complete without you.

## By the Numbers

August 1, 2010

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Worship at 8:30 a.m.:  | 133 |
| Worship at 11:00 a.m.: | 142 |



Library News from Bill Wade

## Are You Ready for the Emergent Church?

Anyone who reads or listens to the news knows that many of our Christian denominations are in turmoil today. Most mainline churches are experiencing serious declines in membership. The Reverend Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of our own Presbyterian Church (USA), reported to the recent General Assembly that we have only half as many members as we did fifty years ago. Baptists, Methodists, and other mainline churches have similar losses. In the Northeast, Roman Catholic bishops are shuttering and selling off beautiful old churches that their declining memberships can no longer support.

And many denominations are plagued by controversy over doctrinal and social issues. Major splits have occurred among Baptists and Episcopalians. We Presbyterians are expressing serious differences of opinion about the ordination of homosexuals, each side claiming to represent the will of Christ. Meanwhile, independent megachurches have sprung up throughout America, and some are to be found in our own communities. Even these congregations have not been free of doctrinal controversy, and some have experienced shocking revelations of misconduct among their leadership.

What is going on here? How do we understand or make sense of these trends in American Christendom? We could fill our library shelves with recent books that profess to explain all of this and to suggest what the future of the church will be.

Today we offer a recent volume from a contemporary spokesperson who is attracting a great deal of attention. Brian D. McLaren is a lay leader who has been named by Time Magazine "the elder statesman of a movement called the 'emerging church.'" The author of four previous books, he has given his views on current trends changing American Christianity on both "Nightline" and "Larry King Live." McLaren's most recent work, *A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions That Are Transforming the Faith*, lays out in detail ten issues that he sees as dramatically reshaping the form of American Christendom. Basically and briefly, they relate to our understanding of the message of the Bible and what kind of authority it should have; our understanding of the nature of God, of Jesus, and the true message of the Gospel. In addition, we need a new view of the role of the church; "we must find a way to address human sexuality without fighting about it"; and we must have a better understanding of how Christians relate to peoples of other religions. Finally, McLaren asks, "How can we translate our quest into action?"

Phyllis Tickle has suggested that every five hundred years Christianity seems to go through a major upheaval. It has now been five hundred years since the Protestant Reformation, and McLaren may be a prophet of a new seismic shift in Christendom. He is taken seriously by many church leaders and will be the Sunday morning worship speaker at Montreat August 15. In the week following, he will lead a seminar there on his views. If you want to be in the forefront of what is happening in our church, you will want to read this book.

## Resurrection from the Rubble

The Haitian recovery from the earthquake of January 12 is a marathon, not a sprint. The structures of St. Joseph's Home for Boys and Wings of Hope in Port-au-Prince were so extensively damaged that they must be rebuilt. Our introduction to the St. Joseph Family goes back to 2004, when **Selma Jennings** and **Meg Flannagan** visited them. Then, in 2008, **Beth Flannagan** joined Meg and a group of others visiting St. Joseph's and Wings.

Our church's donation to the St. Joseph Family after the earthquake has helped to sustain their children and ministries. Wings of Hope is a still-thriving home for disabled children and includes a day school for the disabled community. Family members have temporarily resided elsewhere, and now the demolition of the facility is complete. The remaining parts of the old building will be the base for the new construction.

St. Joseph's Home for Boys brings boys off the streets of Port-au-Prince to provide them with a Christian home and family. Since its beginning in 1985, it has grown from five boys in a very small rental house to approximately twenty in what before the earthquake was a wonderful home with guest facilities, a chapel, and a flourishing art center. The main building of St. Joseph's Home for Boys has been torn down, and the bucket-by-bucket excavation of the foundation is under way. The boys are all helping to resurrect their home.

We have been invited to become part of their resurrection experience by traveling to Haiti for a week to assist in their recovery. We are planning a trip for January 2011. What we do to help will be our choice: physical labor or other physical work, conducting activities and helping at Wings of Hope, or any combination of those services. We will have very basic housing and meals at either St. Joseph's or Wings.

If you have ever considered being part of a mission trip, this could be the time for you to try it. Our opportunity to stand shoulder to shoulder with those in Haiti as they work to recover from the devastating effects of the earthquake could be a life-changing experience. If you would like more information or are interested in the trip, contact Beth Flannagan at 423-764-7875 or by email at [bethf@bvunet.net](mailto:bethf@bvunet.net).—*Beth Flannagan*

## Women's Bible Study Resumes

The Women's Wednesday Bible study resumes September 8 at 1:00 p.m. New members are welcome!

## Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Takes a Break

The Men's Breakfast and Bible Study group is taking August and September off. Meetings will resume October 2.

## Music Program News

**Music Participants:** August 8 and 15: Sanctuary Choir. By the time this newsletter reaches you, the Sanctuary Choir will have held its first Wednesday rehearsal of this program year. Coming up next is the choir's annual picnic, to be held Wednesday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m., at the home of **Nancy and Randy Cook**. New and prospective choir members and their families are welcome! Call or email the Feys for more information or to make a reservation for the picnic.

**Choir Anthems:** The first two anthems the Sanctuary Choir will sing when returning to worship come from two American folk traditions. The first anthem (August 8) is an arrangement of "Keep Your Lamps," an African-American slave spiritual. The song references the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, admonishing us to be prepared for the coming of the Kingdom. Like many slave spirituals, it may have functioned originally as a coded message to be prepared for a possible escape. The second anthem (August 15) is an arrangement of an early nineteenth century folk hymn, "The Morning Trumpet," first published in 1835 in the collection *Southern Harmony*. The opening line of the text, "O when will I see Jesus, and reign with him above?" sets out the premise of the song: a desire to leave this world of sin and live in glory with God.



**Children's/Youth Choirs:** Parents, as the kids are back in school (or will be shortly), please mark the following start dates for choirs:

### **Wednesday, August 18**

Children's Handbells (grades 2–5), 4:15–4:45 p.m.

Savior's Singers Children's Choir (grades 2–5), 4:45–5:30 p.m.

Youth Handbells (grades 6–12), 4:45–5:30 p.m.

**Please note:** Regular Wednesday night programming will not begin until September 1, so you will need to pick your children up at 5:30 for two weeks.

### **Sunday, August 22**

Cherub Choir (age 4–grade 1), 9:00 a.m.

Watch this space for the start-up rehearsal for the Jubilate Youth Choir (grades 6–12) and Sanctuary Bells.—*Vicki & Steve Fey*

## Midyear Budget Report

In preparing the 2010 operating budget, our Church faced many difficult decisions that required quite a bit of prayerful consideration. No doubt because of local economic factors as well as the church's capital campaign, unrestricted pledges were down by 7%, roughly \$44,835 in expected income. With the addition of \$90,000 in interest on our loan for capital improvements, the challenge became clear. As a result, our staff cut programming budgets down to the bare minimum, and our Evangelism & Outreach initiatives were forced to scale back 2010 commitments by 43%, or roughly \$45,873. Fortunately, we were able to factor in cost savings associated with the improved energy efficiency of our buildings, as well as revenue enhancements from prior-year surplus carryover and unrestricted memorial gifts. Both enabled us to reach a balanced budget. In the end, the Session approved our operating budget of \$887,748.

The Budget & Finance Committee would like to share with you the following information as an update on where we stand in meeting our 2010 operating budget. The following is a year-to-date summary (through June 30):

|                          | <b>Actual</b>    | <b>Budget</b>    | <b>Difference</b>     |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Pledges & Offerings      | \$335,197        | \$353,718        | \$18,521              |
| Reimbursements           | <u>\$76,137</u>  | <u>\$84,015</u>  | <u>\$7,878</u>        |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>    | <b>\$411,334</b> | <b>\$437,733</b> | <b>\$26,399 under</b> |
| Evangelism & Outreach    | \$12,517         | \$15,429         | \$2,912 under         |
| Worship                  | \$57,794         | \$57,667         | \$127 over            |
| Christian Education      | \$112,949        | \$114,050        | \$1,101 under         |
| Administration           | \$154,070        | \$161,374        | \$7,304 under         |
| Building & Grounds       | \$64,932         | \$72,736         | \$7,804 under         |
| Fellowship               | \$14,810         | \$16,855         | \$2,045 under         |
| Stewardship              | <u>\$36</u>      | <u>\$100</u>     | <u>\$64 under</u>     |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>    | <b>\$417,108</b> | <b>\$438,211</b> | <b>\$21,103 under</b> |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b> | <b>(\$5,774)</b> | <b>(\$478)</b>   | <b>(\$5,296)</b>      |

All things considered, our budget is in relatively good shape even though we are \$5,296 under our budgeted breakeven. However, because much of the expense savings we see through June 30 will be realized in the second part of the year, we must do all we can to meet our pledge commitments during the remaining portion of the year. If pledges and offerings continue at the current pace, we could see some significant shortfalls come December. Still, our preliminary forecast for the next few months indicates that we could end the year with a fairly modest surplus. If we do, we could direct a portion of these funds back to the most severely cut Evangelism & Outreach initiatives.

Thank you for your commitment and continued prayers for our Church's financial situation.—*Aaron Brooks, Finance Committee Chairperson*

## A Woman's Heart

Heart to Heart's Bible studies reconvene this month after a summer break. The Tuesday morning group will begin Beth Moore's *A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place* at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 10. **Lorri Looney** will facilitate the discussion at weekly meetings in **Mary McElroy's** home (60 Kingsbridge). Please consider joining them as they explore the fascinating account of the building of the Old Testament tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and its variety of meanings for your walk with God today. Email Lorri (jeffandlorri@msn.com) for more information about this exciting study.

The Tuesday evening group meets in the church at 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month. They are working their way through an inductive Bible study of the Acts of the Apostles. New folks are always welcome—just drop by the church and bring a Bible! Email **Betsy Turnbull** (gbturnbull@btes.tv) if you would like to know where the group is in its study of Acts.

It's not too late to take advantage of Heart to Heart's summer Bible study clusters. Join us as we consider a Bible passage that encourages us to think intentionally about Christ, the solid rock on which we stand. We will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, at **Vivian Calcote's** home (1 Greentree Drive). Bring your Bible and come for study, fellowship, prayer, and light refreshments. Email Vivian (calcote@charter.net) or Betsy (gbturnbull@btes.tv) to let us know you can attend!—*Betsy Turnbull*

## Ice Cream Ministry

Now **you** can drive an ice cream truck through the neighborhood! To spend a Saturday afternoon (4:30–7:00) delivering a very cool ministry, call **Kevin Buck** at 423-968-4149 or **Ed Richards** at 423-652-1237.

## Mowing Teams



### **This Week: August 9–13**

Wes Buckles  
Aaron Brooks

### **Next Week: August 16–20**

Jim White  
Jim Arnold

Highly coveted spaces are still available on the church's mowing teams! Anyone wishing to participate can call the church office to serve, or be in touch with **Con Sauls**. Thanks!

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**August 8, 2010**



**Sunday, August 8**

8:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

**Monday, August 9**

9:00 a.m. Finance Team  
7:00 p.m. Worship Comm.

**Tuesday, August 10**

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Prayer Group  
2–10 p.m. Church Directory Photos  
7:30 p.m. Troop 3 Scouts

**Wednesday, August 11**

2–10 p.m. Church Directory Photos  
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Picnic

**Thursday, August 12**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
8:30–11 a.m. Meals on Wheels

**Friday, August 13**

7 p.m.–12 a.m. Prayer Retreat, Jubilee  
Retreat Center, Abingdon

**Saturday, August 14**

12 a.m.–5 p.m. Prayer Retreat, Jubilee  
Retreat Center, Abingdon

**Sunday, August 15**

8:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary  
1:30 p.m. Evangelism & Outreach Comm.

**Monday, August 16**

9:00 a.m. Finance Team  
4:45 p.m. Administration Comm.

**Wednesday, August 18**

Children's & Youth's Choirs Begin (see  
schedule on page 5)