



CONNECTIONS

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Tempted

Has anyone ever accused you of being happy? After the death of evangelist George Whitefield, a woman from New York said, “Mr. Whitefield was so cheerful that it tempted me to become a Christian!” Would your family or friends or classmates or co-workers or neighbors or complete strangers say that they have ever been tempted to become a Christian because of your cheerfulness?

Cheerful doesn’t mean being giddy all the time. Life is tough and hard and full of all kinds of pain and difficulty and stress and sometimes heartache and tragedy. It is a bit foolish to suggest that we can always walk around with a smile on our face. However, those who claim to believe and follow Jesus Christ have thousands and thousands of reasons to be cheerful and those reasons should be seen in our lives on more than just Sunday mornings.

How do we do that? Let’s consider just one cheer. The Oxford Dictionary defines cheerful as “noticeably happy and optimistic”. Why should believers be optimistic? What happy and optimistic thing should mark the life of a Christian on any given day in traffic or at work or at school or in the doctor’s office?

Jesus turned to his disciples one day and said, “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” Jesus was born in a manger and died on a cross and rose again and is coming again so that those who believe in him and trust in him and cling to him and rely on him will have his joy and have his joy forever. There is no spouse and no child and no grandchild and no education and no career and no government and no political candidate and no sports team and no retirement plan and no vacation that can make you that kind of promise and keep it. But Jesus made that promise and kept that promise and delivers that promise to all who put their faith in him. One day that faith will no longer be faith but a first-hand experience that lasts forever. Can you imagine eternity in heaven with no joy? Who would want to go? But our Redeemer is faithful and true and full of joy.

Because of the gospel, because of our salvation, and because of Jesus, Christians should be the most cheerful people on the planet. May our salvation be a little more tempting to others because they see that we are truly happy in Jesus!

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VBS Supper Menu

Sunday | Hamburgers, Baked Beans, and Chips

Monday | Baked Spaghetti, Salad, and Garlic Bread

Tuesday | Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, and Rolls

Wednesday | Ranch Chicken Breast, Mac N' Cheese,
Green Beans, and Rolls

Adults: \$3.50

Kids (Ages 3-10): \$2.50

Maximum \$15.00 per immediate family with four
or more children.

Adult Class led by

Stacey Watts

with

Happily Parenting!

April

Attendance

Avg. SS Attendance 190

Avg. Worship Attendance
342

Budget

Budget Offering
\$46,344.75

B.O.F.
\$1,745.00

Other Designated
\$6,301.99

Total Offering
\$54,391.74

Weekly Budget Requirement:
\$11,485.40

June Extended Session

Nursery Volunteers

June 7 - Team 6

June 14 - Team 7

June 21 - Team 8

June 28 - Team 1

Children's Church Leaders

Wee Worship - Lindsay Shupe

K-5th Grade - Tammy Adams

Kris & Brook Pound

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank my Holland Avenue Church family for all the calls, cards, visits, and your prayers while I was in the hospital. We appreciate all the food that has been brought by since I have been home. Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness. God Bless you all.

Love,

Jeanette Derrick

Thank you to my friends and church family for the loving prayers, many dinners, and the tremendous amount of support after my spinal surgery. A special thank you to Caron Moore for coordinating and going beyond for my family and me. Thank you to the Daughters of the King Class and Frank's Class.

Love and Prayers,

Nicole (Putnam) and Family

June Birthdays

1 Jerry Stinecipher
1 Misty Wood
3 Kelsey Durham
5 Keith hare
5 Joy Jacob
5 Caleb Moore
6 Jean Burroughs
6 Griff Probus
7 Harold Hooper
7 Pam Covington
10 Olivia Wright
11 Catherine Hughes
11 Danny Bland

12 Helen Twitty
13 Jackie Crawford
13 Aleita Suber
18 Amy Stinecipher
19 Lindsey Day
20 Tina Penn
20 Jennifer Day
21 Greg Adams
21 Anna-Kate Henderson
21 Blake Henderson
21 Hannah Epting
23 Paula Langston
24 Larry Abrams

24 Jean Holder
24 JoAnne Wright
24 Melissa Powell
26 Ethan Burggraaf
27 Ashley Rose
28 Ryan Waring
29 Rebecca Sharpe
30 Kennedy Hare



Our Wednesday Evening schedule will look a bit different during the months of June and July. Here's what you need to know:

June 3 |6:00pm - RA, GA, Mission Friend Recognition Service. We'll celebrate with Root Beer Floats immediately following the service.

June 7-10 |6:00pm - Vacation Bible School

June 17- July 29

5:00pm - Prayer for Revival

6:00pm - Nursery

Preschool Class

Children's Class

Youth Class

Adult Bible Study

Choir rehearsal will not be held regularly this summer. Dates and times TBA.

There will be no evening activities the first two Wednesdays in August.

Church Staff

Dow Welsh
Pastor

Brad Siedschlag
Minister of Youth

Tammy Adams
Minister of Children

Lindsay Shupe
M.O.M. /Preschool Director
& Preschool Outreach Dir.

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30am - 4:30pm



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June Calendar

Sunday Schedule

9:15am - Sunday School
10:30am - Worship Service

Fourth Sunday

9:15am - Prayer Time in room 105
9:30am - Sunday School
10:30am -Worship Service

Summer Wednesday Schedule

5:00pm - Prayer Time
6:00pm - Adult Bible Study
6:00pm - Children's Classes
6:00pm - Youth Class

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 6:00pm - RA/GA/ Mission Friends Recognition	4	5	6
7 Regularly Scheduled Services	8	9	10	11	12	13 CentriKid Camp
14 Regularly Scheduled Services	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Regularly Scheduled Service	"Connections Newsletter"		Regularly Scheduled Activities			
28	29	30				
Regularly Scheduled Services						