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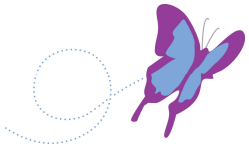
The Anchor

For the month of August 2016

Mark Your Calendar

- August 4, Youth Day with the Pastors
- August 5, Jolly Seniors Bus Trip to Valdese
- August 6, Mission Trip to Jenkin Jones, WV
- August 7, Quarterly Business Meeting
- August 9, Security Ministry Team Meeting @ 7
- August 13, AWANA Workers Meeting @ 7
- August 17, Charter Schools start 1/2 day
- August 20, LOVE DENVER
- August 28, John G. Elliott Concert 7 PM
- August 29, Lincoln County Schools start
- August 30, Deacon's Meeting 7pm
- Sept. 7, AWANA Starts
- Sept. 26-28, Jolly Seniors Pigeon Forge Trip
- October 6, Women's Craft Night
- October 8, AWANA T&T Carowinds Trip
- October 13, Franklin Graham America Tour in Raleigh
- October 17-19, NAMB Baltimore Mission Trip
- October31, TRUNK OR TREAT



Not too long ago, I was at a fast food restaurant and placed my order. When I went to pay for it, the price seemed off. I told the cashier I didn't think it was correct. I told her, I think you have undercharged me! She said, "No, I didn't undercharge you. I gave you the senior adult discount!" I must say I have been a little reluctant to throw any of my business their way again. Technically, I am not a senior adult yet; although I have been receiving mail from the AARP. Believe me, it remains unopened and goes straight in the garbage.

Recently I read an article by Thom Rainer about senior adults. Dr. Rainer is the president of Lifeway Christian Book Store. He has served many years as a pastor and as a seminary professor. He is a prolific writer and has a great passion for the local church. The article he wrote was entitled, *Five Things I Pray I Will Not Do as a Senior Adult in the Church*. I have adapted these prayers into prayers of my own. Prayers, not for a senior adult, but for every church member. I hope you will make these your prayers as well.

1) **I pray I will not feel entitled to be treated a certain way in the church because I financially give.**
   When I give expecting to be treated a certain way, this reveals that in my heart I am not giving to honor God, but to honor myself. (2 Cor. 9:6,7)

2) **I pray I will never say, "I've done my time and paid my dues in the church, now it is someone else's turn."**
   [2Tim. 4:7] I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

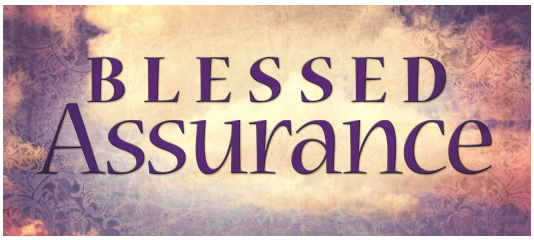
3) **I pray that my greatest desire is not to be entertained but to do ministry.**
   Lord, I count it a blessing to you to enjoy the fellowship of the saints, but Lord, instill in my heart that until my dying day my greatest priority in the church will be to be involved in Gospel centered ministry that reaches those who need You!

4) **I pray I will care more about serving others and reaching the lost than I do about my personal preferences being carried out in the church.**
   Whether it is music, or the color of the paint, Lord remind us that You have given us what we have not so I can be happy with things being the way I like them but so we can proclaim your glory to a community that desperately needs to be rescued from Hell!

5) **I pray I will always give others the benefit of the doubt and see in them the potential they have in Christ rather than being critical.**
   A critical spirit will kill a church. It is infectious and unfortunately it is at an epidemic level in many of your churches. *[Eph 4:32] And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.*

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Steve Owenby

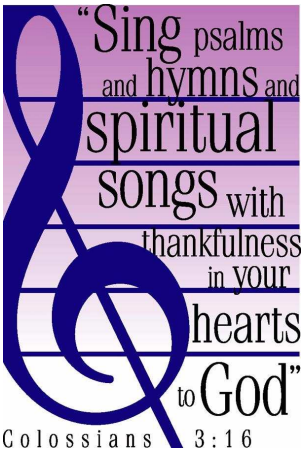


As a Minister of Music for almost 50 years, most of my adult life, music has been my life and what it means. Gayle, my wife and I, were talking last night about how music plays a large part of lives all through the day. It's like laughter, a universal language. Being in the ministry this holds true also. as a child, brought up in church and hearing and singing the old hymns all through my life they have stayed with me.

Just a few Sunday's ago, a couple visited our church and have moved here from another city in the state. After talking with them after church, they implied to me the excitement of being able to sing and remember hymns and songs they grew up singing in church. They commented that so many churches have left the hymns and gone to other music. We at Westport still sing those hymns, plus we do interject choruses and try to use up-to-date ones also. We have not left the hymns out of our services.

I happened to think about some of those old hymns and found in one of my books by Lindsay Terry and how he has studied the background of some of them. Let me talk to you about one of the older hymns, "Rescue The Perishing." This is a quote from his book: "One of America's most beloved hymn writers, Mrs. Frances Van Alstyne, known more commonly as Fanny Crosby. She was born in Putnam County, New York on March 24, 1820. Her sight was destroyed at the age of six weeks because of the misapplication of a poultice on her eyes. She was blessed with a wonderful disposition and accepted her handicap with an unusual display of courage. She was born the second time in 1851. Several years later she married a blind musician, Mr. Alexander Van Alstyne. Her cheerfulness and courage coupled with simple, childlike trust in divine watch-care enabled her to write such heartwarming hymns as "Blessed Assurance," "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross" and "Safe In The Arms Of Jesus."

She was deeply interested in gospel work among poor men who were down and out. Because of this work, she found herself one evening in New York, addressing a large company of working men. Her heart was moved at the close of her address as she heard a young boy eighteen years of age come forward and say, "I promised my mother to meet her in Heaven, but the way I am now living, that will be impossible." After prayer was offered for him he arose with a new light in his eyes and exclaimed that since he had found God he could meet his mother in Heaven. As the service continued, her poetic mind began to work, and before she retired at home that evening she had completed the verses to a "battle cry" for the great army of Christian soldiers. "Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, snatch them in pity from sin and the grave, Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen, tell them of Jesus the mighty to save."



February morning, February 12, 1915, ninety five years old, Fanny Crosby realized to the fullest, words she had written many times, "And I shall see Him face to face." There you have the story of Fanny Crosby and "Rescue The Perishing" we still sing today. Thanks for listening. Hope and pray you can sing the same song, "See Him face to face."

Lord be with you,
Pastor Jerry Mattheiss

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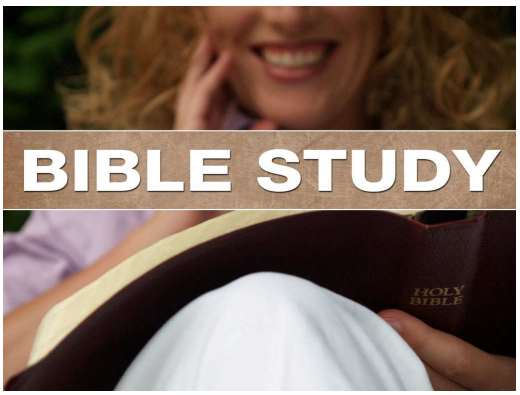

(*Women of Westport*) will begin in **SEPTEMBER** and we need your Participation and help! **COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDIES** will be held at our Church beginning in September. One morning a week / and for those that work, a study in the evenings. More information will follow of the Bible Studies that are going to be offered – BUT, we need your help!

NEEDED: **BIBLE STUDY FACILATORS / CO-LEADERS / NURSERY WORKERS. Ladies, we can't do this without your participation and help! Please PRAY where the Lord will have you serve. Please contact Beverly Weston @ 704-483-4837**

I don't know about you, but politics have got me in a funk. I know it's dangerous talking politics, especially in an election year where it dominates not only the news landscape but almost all the other media mediums, but I'm fed up. TV Channels, Radio, Advertisements, My Facebook Timeline, My Twitter Feed, even my Instagram is full of people arguing one way or the other, always with hatred, venom, and malice. They belittle, mock, scoff, and scorn. It's all you see anymore, and it's depressing.

Our kids are not immune. They see the same things we see. Protecting our children in this case doesn't mean shielding them from seeing what is going on in the world, (although that is a part of it. There are many things going on our kids should not be privy to). However, more importantly we should be aware of the things that they see and use them in order to point our children to the truth of the Gospel.

I love my country, but more and more in the recent days I am realizing that my citizenship lies first in the Kingdom of Christ. No matter what happens between now and when He comes back, I want to be proclaiming the virtues of His value, His authority, His attributes, and His leadership. I'm not involved in political debate, because no matter who is in charge of whatever regime, in whatever country wherever you are in the world, He is now and forever will be my King!

In light of that, we should be living out the Great Commission and teaching it to our children! It's the only truly fulfilling campaign promise in existence. It's the only party platform with eternal validity.

Go. Make Disciples. Baptize them. Teach them to obey. *And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Our kids don't need to be scared about what's going to happen in the election. He is with us always, to the end of the age. They don't need to wonder about what will happen when so-and-so gets elected. He is with us always, to the end of the age. Four years from now their lives should be more impacted by the Gospel than by Government. Let us be reminded that our earthly existence is but a mist that disappears. Our eternal citizenship matters far more. Are we doing the things our forever King has commanded?

Go. Make. Baptize. Teach.

Pastor Caleb Moore

Senior Trip to Pigeon Forge

Sept 26-28, 2016

MONEY IS DUE BY AUGUST 28TH

Cost $130 / person and Includes:

* 2 nights lodging at Toni Best Western

with Hot Breakfast

* Dolly Parton's Lumberjack Dinner and Show

- Please request if you want shopping time
- Please sign up on the table in the vestibule.

Please make checks payable to WBC and mark for Senior Trip, and give the check to Don Greene or place in the offering plate.

August 20, 2016

East Lincoln

Opportunities Include

SUNDAY

9:00 AM	Prayer at the Altar
9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Morning Worship
4:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice
6:00 PM	Evening Worship

TUESDAY

10:00 AM	Ladies Prayer Time

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM	Student Ministry
7:00 PM	Adult Worship Service

Important Information on how we can be contacted:

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August Birthdays

8/03	Jane Turpin
8/04	Lori Blythe
8/08	Emily Bosley
8/09	Mike Young, Jr.
8/10	Dawna Owenby
8/10	Edward Buchanan
8/13	Erin Hudgins
8/15	Rex Mason
8/16	Ryan Blythe
8/17	Billy Turpin
8/18	Phillip Thomas
8/20	Paul Blythe
8/21	Jean Staton
8/22	Kathy Brown
8/22	Gary Hunsucker
8/22	Betty Vido
8/23	Shirley Greene
8/23	Barbara Lincoln
8/23	Tom Weston
8/24	Natalie Stewart
8/25	Michael Carpenter
8/25	Spencer Richardson
8/26	Josh Francis
8/26	B.J. Miller
8/29	Audrey Bass
8/29	Jack Francis
8/30	Daniel Wylie
8/31	Alison Riddle
8/31	Bobbie Ridenhour

August Anniversaries

8/02/03	B.J. and Michelle Miller
8/08/09	Mark and Stefanie Lowery
8/07/99	Tommy and Stephanie Helms
8/16/03	Jason and Alicia Hudgins
8/17/85	Pastor Steve and Dawna Owenby
8/18/56	George and Marian Pickett
8/21/01	Billy and Jane Turpin
8/22/69	Darrell and Susan Ellis
8/24/62	Michael and Barbara Wilkes
8/26/96	John and Brandi Bryan
8/28/60	Gary and Carolyn Hunsucker
8/30/57	Pastor Jerry and Gayle Mattheiss

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