

May 4, 2009

Sunday worship schedule: 8:30 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.



From the Minister's desk

I am certainly grateful for the opportunity I had for the period of clergy renewal. It certainly has made a huge difference in my energy levels and a host of other things! As many of you know, I was at Christmount at Black Mountain, North Carolina, during the first month of my time away. It is a wonderful place, although a bit bleak in the winter. The bleakness, however, did not disturb me in the least as I welcomed the chance to rest, read and walk around the mountains!

Subsequently, Jane and I were able to spend some time together and to visit with family and friends, further contributing to the unwinding and relaxation process. It was not until my last week in North Carolina that it finally sank in that I did not need to keep a schedule!

I also want to remind you of my visit to church at Warren Wilson College because I think that what happened there illustrates the importance of reaching out to visitors. Upon arriving in the church parking lot and getting out of my car, I was greeted by a church member who had just arrived. Spotting my Kentucky license plate, he asked where I lived, thereby beginning a conversation and Sunday morning relationship that drew me into the church and congregation. He walked with me into the narthex, introduced me to a whole lot of people, pointed out the restrooms, water fountains, and offered some really interesting information about the church and the college. By the time the worship service began, I really felt as though I had become a part of things! Sometimes we wonder whether one person can make a difference. The answer is a resounding "YES!"

It is good to be back and returning to a regular "routine." Perhaps the most significant thing to which I need to be attentive is my schedule. That is, instead of simply continuing to add to it, I need to remember to back off of one thing when I add another. And it may be necessary to learn to say "no" from time to time. For one who is accustomed to plowing ahead no matter what, these adjustments may be difficult, but I'll be working at them!

Ed

Elders' Prayer

Please join the Elders in prayer during our time of transition, offering this prayer each day: *Lord, help us continue to listen, that we might be obedient to your guidance, building in one accord, serving you and glorifying your name.*

Financial Report

March

Pledges & Receipts	13,386.35
Budget Requirements	14,450.08
Over (Under) Budget	(1,063.73)

Please remember that good stewardship is important.

Please pray for ...

Ernie Murray
Vickie Simmons
Steve Taulbee
Joe Locker
Laura Crawford
The Family of Bruce Fraley
Peggy Kelly

Building Committee Update:

The Building Committee will be meeting soon to discuss the Bid process.

Youth Group Activities for the Month of May

Thanks to everyone for your support of the youth group! The month of May brings exciting new adventures as we prepare for the end of the school year. The theme for this summer is: Becoming a servant leader. Our focus will be community service. Any member of the church needing assistance with a project around the house (painting a fence, building a shed etc.) please get in contact with Lakeya. During the month of May the older youth group will be working on a Habitat for Humanity Project in Richmond, KY. Later in the month the older youth will have the opportunity to work with GPS Units. This activity will be led by Tom Moreland. Feel free to pick up a copy of the monthly youth newsletter for specific details about events. This is available at the beginning of each month.

May Birthdays

John Alexander	May 4
Clay Greene	May 7
Holly Musick	May 8
Susan Gadd	May 9
Cannon McLin	May 13
Berdenia Walker	May 15
Robyn Moreland	May 19
Linda Blair	May 22
Tom Moreland	May 25
Joe Barnett	May 26
Ken Perman	May 29
Tom McGlone	May 31

Please note that birthdays are now taken from Congregational Update forms that were handed out & returned completed.

CWM-Christian Women's Ministry

Meetings:

May 26th at the Gilbert's Farm – Ozella Gilbert will be the hostess.

Wednesday Evening Meal

The Wednesday Evening Meal will be taking a Summer break. May 13th will be the last Wednesday Evening Meal until September.

Thank You Notes

Our family will always be grateful for thoughtfulness and consideration. Thank you for all the food, prayers and words of encouragement during dad's illness and passing. Your kindness touched our hearts and made a difficult time easier.

Phil, Vonda, Jessica, & Joey Scribano

Spiritual Renewal Service

This year's Spiritual Renewal Service will be Sunday, May 17th @ 6:00 pm. This year's speaker will be Gavin Duerson, the Central KY Executive Director for FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) as well as a Berea native.

Outreach Committee needs YOU

The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to work on and with this committee. If you find that you are interested in how we work those in need in this community, this is the committee for you. Contact Diane Patton or the office for more information.

Mark Your Calendars

This year's Vacation Bible School will take place the week of June 15th. Plan to attend a week packed with fun & fellowship.

Announcements for Newsletters & Bulletin

In order to continue the smooth flow of office operations, please be aware of the time deadline for announcements to the weekly bulletin and newsletter:

Weekly Bulletin: Wednesday by 12:00

*Monthly Newsletter: 12:00 on the 20th of
Each Month*

It would also be most helpful if the individual Committee Chairpersons would pass on any Committee announcements to the office.

Thank you for help in these matters.

Worship Leader Sign Up

A worship leaders sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the Fellowship Hall.

Mother's day/baby dedication

On May 10th, Mother's Day, we will hold Infant/Child Dedication during both services. If you & your family would like to participate in this, please contact Ed.

Bravo!!!

Congratulations to Abby Sharp who is the 2009, Level 4, USAG Kentucky State Gymnastic Champion!

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

The Wednesday morning Bible Study group will resume on Wednesday morning May 6th.