June 1, 2009

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

From the Minister's desk

It has been an interesting couple of weeks or so. As you and most of the community have seen, preparation work for our new construction has begun. I have heard from person after person expressing delight that we're moving ahead.

The Berea Citizen published a portion of an article about us on the front page of the May 21 edition. Unfortunately, when you turned to page A-5 for the continuation of the story, it was not there. Nor was it anywhere else in the paper. That sort of thing happens from time to time in the newspaper business.

Nonetheless, I am deeply grateful to Scott Powell and the newspaper staff for their interest and their effort. As many of you know, and as I've mentioned in worship, we have been the targets and recipients of many – let us say "unkind" – comments & posters since the large oak tree was removed. Those behind the comments and posters had made some erroneous and preposterous assumptions about the tree removal. Rather than leave us in a rebuttal situation, the folks at the paper simply planned to run an article on our behalf explaining the whole story of what is going on. I very much appreciate their wonderful intentions!
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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	**April**
Pledges & Receipts	12,149.35
Budget Requirements	14,450.08
Under Budget	(2,300.73)
Pledges & Receipts Jan-Apr	$49,573.79
Budget Requirements Jan-Apr	$57,800.32

We are currently more than $8,000 behind in our budget and have less than one month's expenses in our general fund. Please remember our general fund and our building fund.

Please pray for …
Ernie Murray
Vickie Simmons
Steve Taulbee
Joe Locker
Laura Crawford
Peggy Kelly
Tom Howser
Jane Birkett
Judy Halstead & extended family upon the death of her aunt, Thelma King

Building Committee Update:

On May 5, the Building Committee met to consider four construction bids, which were as follows: $1,432,500; $1,776,058; $1,495,000; $1,747,000. After considerable discussion, the committee developed a recommendation that was presented to the church board on May 14 and was adopted by the board. Since the bids were a bit higher than the committee had hoped to see and with an eye toward reducing costs along with the intention of placing church members in a position to oversee and to be responsible for the construction work, the building committee recommended that Lannie Simmons and Ronnie Simmons of S&S Construction be hired as construction managers. In this capacity they will oversee the work and identify the best value contractors for each phase of the building. For example, one contractor may be selected for drywall, another for heating and cooling and so on. As construction managers, S&S will be able to make cost effective and practical decisions when we run into those "unexpected" glitches that require a construction change, thereby avoiding the longer, more laborious and costly route of working up a construction change order. As needed, they will be able to assist contractors with construction work since they are the project managers. Material for the building will be purchased through the church, thereby saving a significant amount of money since the church is tax exempt. They will also review all invoices to make sure that we get what we're paying for. S&S will be paid 10% of the construction cost to oversee and manage the project.

Youth Group Activities for the Month of May

June 7th- End of year party for all ages at 1:00pm-2:30pm
June 14th-Chuck E Cheese for younger youth
June 21- Father's Day- no youth activity
June 28th-29th- Church Campout
Consult the Weekly Bulletin or Lakeya for times & exact information.

June Birthdays

Bailey Alexander	June 2
Steve Hammond	June 2
Lyndsey Sowers	June 3
Terry Wagers	June 4
Anne Carter	June 7
Steve Taulbee	June 7
Michael Heiser	June 9
Lydia Sharp	June 13
Lakeya Chase	June 13
Ned Gilbert	June 14
Geneva Held	June 15
Sherry Duerson	June 15
Kelly Madden	June 15
Erin Holbrook	June 16
Ron Pierce	June 16
Maggie Blair	June 18
Francis Boggs	June 18
Aileen Hughes	June 18
Keith Harrison	June 19
Nicole Blair	June 20
Virgil Burnside	June 23
Lisa VanWinkle	June 25
William Patton	June 27

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

Volunteers for the City of Berea Activities
The Berea Parks & Recreation department is looking for people to participate in the Summer community activities. People will man booths or games during scheduled events. Dates are:
June 6th- Health Fair – Berea College (time TBD)
June 16th – VERB Activity Day-Silver Creek Elem.
Time: 10am – 12 pm
July 4th – 4th of July Spectacular – Berea City Park
Time: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
July 21st- VERB Activity Day – Shannon Johnson Elem. – 10am – 12pm
July 31st – VERB Grand Finale Party – Berea City Pool – 5:30pm – 8:30 pm
These events can be used as Community Service Projects for any groups looking to participate.

Thank You Notes
We are forever grateful to our church family for helping us in so many ways to bring order back from chaos, with cards, prayers, food, but most of all the love shown to each of us. You have strengthened our faith in God's love in times of so many unanswered questions.
Bettye Fraley

Thank you for your generous gift to the Nature Conservancy of North Carolina in memory of Bill. Anne & I are deeply grateful for your kind thoughts and prayers, which brought us comfort and support. Bill never ceased loving his home church where he was baptized and grew up in the faith.
Gerry Gilbert

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. Check your weekly bulletin for opportunities to volunteer & donate.

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

Wedding Shower
Saturday, June 20th at 10:30 am, the Church will host a wedding shower for Jenni Bilby and Daniel Prevett. Jenni is the daughter of Belinda and David Bilby and he granddaughter of Jennie and Francis Boggs.
Jenni is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond, and Wal-Mart.
Let's start their new union with some of your favorite recipes. Recipe cards will be available on the Hall table. We will compile your recipes on the day of the shower and present them to the bride-to-be.

Congregational Update Forms
For those who did not get the chance to fill out the Congregational update forms passed out in January, the forms have been placed on the table. Please take a moment, if you have not done so, to fill out this form. This helps the office update birthdays, phone numbers, addresses, and such. Thank you.

Scream Free Parenting
Coming Sundays this month, there will be a small study group that will meet at 9:30am called "Scream Free Parenting". This study group is a DVD series followed by discussion for grandparents, parents or anyone in the parenting role. Contact Judy Halstead or Gwynne Griffith for more information.

Quilt Raffle
Linda Wagers & her group of quilters have another quilt to be raffled off with proceeds going to the Building Fund. This year's quilt is titled "Tranquility", tickets are $1.00/ticket or $5.00/6 tickets. The drawing will be Aug. 2nd. See Linda to purchase tickets or take tickets to sell.

Wanted: Adult Chimes Ensemble
Are you interested in becoming a member of the Adult Chimes Ensemble? See Lisa Scully

Annual Church Picnic
Anyone interested in serving on the committee for the Annual Church Picnic contact Linda Wagers or Mary Ann Foster **BEFORE JUNE 30th.**
All help is needed and appreciated. The date for the Annual Church picnic is August 2nd at Memorial Park.

Congratulations
To Octavio & Susan (Taulbee) Cintra on the birth of their daughter on May 18th.