



Connect with the Word



Our minds are renewed by the Word of God. It is more important now than ever to experience the stability God’s Word brings. We just began a 31 week chronological study through the Bible called *The Story*. The Story of creation and Noah’s ark may seem like children’s Sunday school material, but they teach us of God’s Nature, His plan for the world, and His plan for our lives. Studying the Bible chronologically will also show us more clearly God’s plan of Salvation working from creation all the way through to the end of the world as we know it. I know each person will benefit from the study, and there are opportunities in Sunday school and Wednesday nights to dig deeper. We will be changed for the better by a unified trip through the scriptures, and

I hope you will all wholeheartedly join me!

Pastor Todd

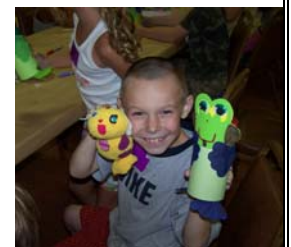
Kids’ Ministry

The Best VBS Ever!!!

Choose this day whom you will serve. Joshua 24:15



Each evening of VBS, Kids were welcomed into a world of fun and excitement at the SonWorld Adventure Park. While there, the kids learned that the choices they make every day will determine what kinds of lives they will lead, their relationships with those around them and ultimately their relationship with God. They learned they can choose to Believe, choose to Act, choose Forgiveness, choose to Obey and choose Jesus. A Bible story was presented by some very colorful characters such as a pirate, a princess, space travelers, cow boys, firemen, a vacationer, and goofy puppets. The kids also enjoyed making fun, colorful crafts, ate delicious snacks, and played fun games. Boys between the ages of nine through thirteen made their own derby cars. This year was the biggest VBS ever with 145 very well behaved kids. The Sunday following VBS the kids and their families were invited to the SonWorld Adventure Park Celebration. Sixty-seven VBS kids and their families attended for an afternoon of good food and lots of fun with airbrush body art, balloon artists, candy art, sand art, a dunking tank, and each boy got to race the derby car that he made. Everyone had a great time!



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Kids Club

Kids between the ages of four through twelve are invited to attend a time of fun while learning at kids club Wednesday nights at 7:00. For the next ten weeks, the kids will be learning about the battles of the Bible. Kids will learn valuable lessons as they focus on a different battle each week through theme games, illustrated sermons, and video segments. After the lesson, the kids enjoy a time of fellowship while having a tasty snack.

Diane Swank

The Tortoise and the Hare

A lesson of wisdom and humility.

Earlier this summer I contemplated taking a bicycle ride of around 20 miles, one of my usual training routes with several moderate to difficult hills to climb. Not more than three miles into the ride I started to ascend one of the more difficult hills. Legs not yet warmed up, I grimaced as I reached the halfway point in the hill. Then I heard it. Several voices egging me on . . . "Go! Go! Come on, you can do it, keep it up!" Wow, I thought, fans! So I leaped off of the seat and I felt my heart start to race as pride welled up inside of me. A cheering section, cool! I began to race up the hill as fast as I could go. "Come on!" cried out the voices. I felt like the hare being chased by the hound as I sped nearer to the top of the hill! Then I saw it. A monstrosity of a beast in the middle of the road at the very top of the hill. The beast barely seemed to be moving as it plodded along toward a pine needle covered bank along the side of the road. "Come on you can make it!" the voices cried out again. Realizing they were cheering for the beast and not me, my heart sank, my pride was humbled to a sitting position on my bike. I approached the beast which was the size of one and a half bushel baskets or more, its legs were huge, stout, the size of my forearms. Its head with a formidable hooked jaw was the size of both of my fists and it had a triple segmented tail a foot long and it was covered with armor like a tank! I slowly passed the beast on the right. A snapping turtle of this size would be 75-100 years old and could weigh over 100 lbs. It seemed oblivious to me, my bike and to the voices of the 3 people on the porch of a nearby house who were cheering it along. Then it hit me as a message from God our Creator, while it has taken me nearly 52 years to yield my life and will to His plan, I can identify with this animal. This ancient looking beast had undoubtedly crossed this road many times over the last 75-100 years, to lay its eggs in the enriched pine needle covered embankment alongside this road. Always doing what the Creator, our God had instinctively created this beast to do. I realized that I was as slow as a tortoise in learning the many lessons God has for me to learn:

to be wise, humble, not prideful of oneself, to yield to my Creator. Wow, it took a seemingly chance encounter with this snapping turtle for me to realize and to be reaffirmed that God has a plan for me, for us all. This had not been a chance encounter at all but part of God's plan, part of our Creator's infinite wisdom, a planned event. The difference between me and this beast is that it knew instinctively what to do with its life. To do the will of the Creator year after year is my choice. I had to choose to do the Creator's will and I have chosen, chosen to yield to His will, to His wisdom, love and mercy. It just took 52 years! After all, the Creator is greater than the creation and I say amen to that! So as you seek God's will or answer to prayer wondering what His plan is for you, you must, we must listen for His voice, quiet our spirit as to hear His whispers and watch for Him in His creation which is all around us. God bless.

Bill Bell



I'm getting so old that all my friends in heaven will think I didn't make it

Come Yarn With Us! Get those hooks and yarn out! Do you knit or crochet? Would you like to learn?

Come Yarn with us Group is meeting at 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of every month to make items for the babies of Tri-City Life Center clients and nursing home residents. Call the church for details!



No time for a siesta! We're having a Fiesta!

Sunday, October 26th at 12:30 p.m. at the church.
**Come enjoy Mexican food, a Piñata, Mexican Dominoes,
Crafts and Prizes for the kids!**

Missions Conference 2008

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Missions Month is upon us! Having just finished my yearly report for our annual business meeting, I am blessed to see what we have accomplished in the past year. During last year's mission conference (2007), we saw a doubling of participation in our missions program, with 35 families pledging to support someone (or multiple missionaries), which is a more than 50% increase. Our total pledges also increased by over 40%. Pastor Todd shared with us a few weeks ago that our congregation gave over \$29,000 to missions in the past year!

As the missions coordinator for our church, I am continually humbled and blessed to see the generosity and caring that our church exhibits. Every year, Pastor and I try to set some goals for our mission program. Every year, I hesitate to set the bar too high, lest we miss it. And every year, this church astounds me in the way it comes through, over and above what we could ask or imagine.

This year several possible goals come to mind. Last year, we saw a massive increase in the support for Pastor Babu in India. Unfortunately, that met with a corresponding decrease for several of our other worthwhile missionaries. It would be wonderful to bring their levels back to what they had been the previous year, without decreasing what we currently send to Pastor Babu.

Another goal that we had at the end of our mission conference last year was to bring other churches alongside us in helping to support Pastor Babu. Unfortunately, that went by the wayside as the year progressed. Pray that God opens doors for us to present this mission to other churches. We have made great strides in finding sponsors for some of the orphanage children, but there are many more who would love to have a US family or individual sponsor take a personal interest in their welfare.

General Missions News

As most of you know, the Halls have finally been able to return to their post. They returned during Ramadan, the Muslim month of prayer and fasting. They tell me they are doing well, and settling into their teaching jobs. We wish them the best, and need to keep them in our prayers. May God protect, strengthen and equip them to reach people who may have no other opportunity to hear about the salvation that comes through Jesus Christ. I pray that He opens doors and hearts to the message they bring to a people swathed in darkness.

The Sweetens are doing amazing things in New York City's Jewish Community of Queens. Last September they began weekly services at a movie theater. In the ensuing year, they have seen the church increase in numbers so dramatically that they began a weekly Bible study on the basics of the Christian faith. It is well attended, since most of their new members come from a Jewish or non-church background. They have held numerous community outreaches that were well received by their neighbors. Most recently Jeremy and Christine have received a multi-year lease for meeting space in a prime section of the Jewish neighborhood of Forest Hills. They need workers, materials, and finances to turn this building into a fully-functioning church. Given the past success of their mission, I have no doubt that they will surge along in this undertaking, as well.

A/G Motorcycle Chaplain Scott Bush has seen wonderful things this past year. His budget is now at 95%. An astounding number of people have been saved at the major motorcycle rallies this year. 260 people gave their lives to Jesus at the Sturgis rally alone. 75 people were saved at a big rally in Panama City, Florida in May. In all, he has had a wonderful summer.

Greg and Debbie McKim, with Crossroads Community Church A/G and Coffee Connections, have continued their outreach to the community of California, PA. They have gained a lot of acceptance and have become integrated into the community. They hope to see their budding church continue to grow, and to expand with a children's ministry in an apartment adjacent to the coffee shop. They have developed a unique medium to share their faith with the college town through the Coffee Connections ministry, and find daily opportunities to pray with people.

Kevin and Annie Folk continue to teach and minister at the A/G Bible School in Spain. They find their work in training new ministers and Bible students exciting and rewarding. They are currently beginning a new school year with 26 resident students, along with several who live off-campus. This is one of the largest student bodies they have ever had. They are also excited to report that the school is working towards being recognized by the government of Spain. Currently, only the Roman Catholic Church is recognized for their academic degrees. This recognition would give credence and credibility to the A/G Bible School, and their programs. It would also increase funding for the School. They ask that we pray for this, as well as for their new crop of students.

Pastor Babu tells us that the monsoon season has been exceptionally severe this year. As a result, several water-borne diseases that we can barely imagine, such as Cholera and Typhoid Fever have become a problem. Several of the children have sickened, and at least one has been hospitalized. So many people have been stricken that the hospitals are experiencing severe shortages of medications and supplies. We recently took up a special offering to try to help in that regard. There has been increasing persecution of Christians in India as well. Gratefully, the area where Pastor Babu lives seems to be fairly safe so far. We need to pray for his continued health and safety, and that of those cared for by him and his ministry.

The Ericksons have extremely busy summers in their ministry to Native Americans. They have traveled from Washington to New Mexico to South Dakota and North Dakota, with a late summer trip to Alaska to help Missionary Austin Jones and his wife with projects on their church and outstations. They plan to return in 2009 to build a teen outreach center in Emmonak Alaska.

Sheree Collins

Thursday Night Small Group Bible Study at the Gaillot's

We are halfway through Nancy Missler's "Be Ye Transformed" teaching course. This is a sequel to her "Way of Agape" course we did at church. There are a total of 8 - one hour sessions, but we have been taking it slow since we started in June and have only covered 4 sessions. We are hoping to finish by Christmas!

Sometimes the discussions or questions get us to slow down, or lead into other areas of discussion or study. Sometimes special one-on-one ministry is required. Sometimes current events (like this election) lead us into doing "Americas Godly Heritage." Our group is lead by the Spirit, so we don't really know from week to week what is going to happen.

BTW Nancy Missler's ministry "Kings Highway Ministries" donated DVD video sets for all three of the Way of Agape series to the church. The third in the series is "Faith in the Night Seasons." You can get descriptions of all these online at <http://kingshighway.org>.

We also have this series in our personal library as well as other biblical commentaries from K-House - Chuck Missler's teaching ministry. We are building a library that will someday (hopefully) cover the entire Bible. We also have key topics known as briefing packets that we cover. That's the fun part of this group - we never know where we are going next until the Spirit leads us. Been doing this weekly for over 14 years now in our home and it never gets boring.

Ron Gaillot



Hello everyone!

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for the love and support you have been expressing to us this month. We feel much love here, and it is a privilege to serve with you.

We are also grateful to all the staff, leaders, and volunteers who use your gifts to make KVAG a life-giving church. We especially want to thank Vicki Peterman whose creativity and planning are behind all of our outreach efforts and a majority of the day to day operations of KVAG.

Our greatest reward is seeing each of you discover the benefits of God, His truth and His family. It is our prayer that you'll discover how much God values you and how valuable you are as a part of His church.

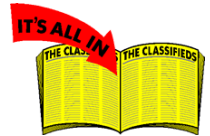
You are a vital part of our family and KVAG wouldn't be the same without you!

Pastor Todd & Tina Pugh

Wanted

Assorted unwanted teacups, saucers or teapots for a Mother/Daughter Tea in the Spring.

For our Christmas store at our annual Church/Angel Tree party we need donations of small gifts or crafts. Examples: Small toys, candles, winter items such as gloves/scarves/hats, decorations, small tools. (New items only, please)



Needed

The Rearick Family is in need of a gas stove.

Help for Hire (not for free)

Cleaning/Organizing

Cyndi Crise: 724-845-2689

It's time to clean the house. If you see the spring cleaning projects as an undertaking you are not looking forward to, call Cyndi Crise. She is willing to help clean and organize any home. Nose to the grindstone all day, and do not have the energy left for the home? Call Cyndi. Not able to get around like you used to and your house is in need of some tidying up? Call Cyndi. Want your house cleaned while you are at work? Call Cyndi. Hours best for Cyndi are midday (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) on weekdays and any time Saturdays.

Handyman

John Crise: 724-321-8380

John is a handyman who can handle just about any job. He'll work weekdays and Saturdays. He can help in an emergency situation (e.g., Broken water pipe, damaged drywall) at the drop of a hat, but prefers appointments. Recent projects were done at KVAG, Ron and Cheryl's, and Heidi and Jim Montgomery's.

If you have a need or a blessing and would like it advertised, please submit it to one of the newsletter team members: Bill Bell, Ruth Hazley, Tina Pugh, Diane Swank, or Bernice Wolfe.



October 20 – Fiesta Workday at 10 a.m.
Women’s Meeting at 7 p.m.

October 25 – Teen Challenge “Cook for a Day”

October 26 – Church Fiesta Party after worship Service

October 29 – Annual Business Meeting at 7 p.m.
(NO Kid’s Club)

November 13-15 – Women of Purpose Conference

December 14 – Church Christmas/Angel Tree Party

December 24 – *Imagine Christmas*

Small Groups:

Every Thursday night at the Gaillot home, 7:00 pm
(3176 Vermont Drive, Lower Burrell, 724-339-3049).

See Page 4 to see what’s going on!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

Sunday school 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Nursery Provided

Children’s Church ages 4 – 12

Youth Service 7:00 p.m.

Women’s Book Study & Men’s Meeting are the First Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday:

Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Extreme Kids Club (4-12 years old) 7:00 – 8:15 p.m.

2nd Sunday of Every Month (September – April):

Fellowship Dinner

Benevolence Offering – Used to help those within the church body or those referred.

3rd Saturday of Every Month:

Come Yarn With Us 10:00 a.m.



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