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Rev. Siegfried Johnson, Senior Pastor

July 14, 2010

Rev. Randall Ludwig, Associate Pastor

Calendar of Events

Thursday, July 15

Thursday Morning Joy 10:00
JH Youth Fun Day 11:00
Ozark Naturals 7:00

Friday, July 16

Richard Cole Memorial
Service 2:00
NA 6:00

Saturday, July 17

Sunday, July 18

Traditional 9:00
6th St. Praise 9:00
Sunday School 10:00
NA Meeting 6:00

Monday, July 19

Strong Women 9:00
55+ Planning Committee 10:30
Over Eaters Anonymous 12:00
SPRC 5:30
Boy Scouts 6:00
Serenity 6:00
Administrative Board
Meeting 6:30
Praise Band 6:30
Heart of Hills 6:30

Tuesday, July 20

NA Meeting 7:00

Wednesday, July 21

Strong Women 9:00
JH/HS Youth Lazertag 1:00

Thursday, July 22

Thursday Morning Joy 10:00
JH Youth Pool Party 3:00
Trustees 5:30
JA Board Meeting 6:00
Ozark Naturals 7:00

From the Senior Pastor's Desk

My friend and pilgrimage companion on many trips (including our May 2011 journey), Rev. Steven Tiner of Levy Baptist Church in North Little Rock, wrote recently about the 2009 overflight of Northwest Airlines Flight 188. Flying from San Diego to Minneapolis, the pilots of the aircraft became so engrossed in a new software program on their laptops (Wow, take a gander at this neat new crew-scheduling software!) that they simply lost track of time, paying no attention to radio transmissions or instruments, or even their watches! Unresponsive to air traffic controllers growing desperate to make contact with the errant craft, the White House monitored the event and jet fighters were preparing to intercept the flight. The plane turned around only when an alarmed stewardess got the pilot's attention.



REV. SIEGFRIED JOHNSON

Doing a bit of research after reading Steven's devotional, I noted that David Letterman had offered the "Top Ten Excuses of NWA Pilots." Here are my favorites from Letterman's list:

9. We get paid by the hour.
8. Mapquest always takes you the long way, am I right, people?
7. Tired of that show-off Sullenberger getting all the attention.
5. Wanted to catch the end of the in-flight movie.
3. According to our map, we only missed our target by half an inch.
2. For a change, we decided to send luggage to the right city and lose the passengers.

Truth is, our attention is easily misdirected, as any illusionist knows well. Last Sunday my theme was "Hidden in Plain Sight," telling the story of an experiment developed at Harvard, a simple one minute video featuring 3 white-shirted young people with a basketball and 3 black-shirted kids with a second basketball. With shell-game movement, the kids slowly weave back and forth, passing the basketball only to those wearing their color shirt, and the viewer is asked to count the number of passes between white-shirted players.

I did just that - focused on counting passes -- when I first saw the film at a leadership seminar two years ago and, like half of all who take part in the experiment, I became so engrossed in counting passes that I totally missed the gorilla-suited actor entering the action for a full nine seconds. He paused in the middle of the kids passing the ball, looked right into the camera, and pounded his chest, before walking out of the action! How do you miss something like that????!!

The lesson of "The Invisible Gorilla" and the NWA pilots? I think it is this - that the ability to "Focus" is a great thing that can become a bad thing if our focus is upon the ultimately inconsequential, distracting us from what is vital. May God help us today to focus on what is central and essential, to remember that "the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing."

Grace and peace,
Sieg

SUNDAY 9:00 AM SERVICE
JULY 18, 2010

Paul's Unum Verbum:
One (Last) Word
(Acts 28:16-29)

REV. SIEGFRIED JOHNSON

6TH ST PRAISE SUNDAY 9:00 AM
JULY 18, 2010

The Discipline of
Worship
(Psalm 100)

REV. RANDALL LUDWIG

SUNDAY 11:00 AM SERVICE
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ATTENDANCE REPORT

Worship for June 27, 2010

Sunday 9:00 am Worship	78
Sunday 9:00 am 6th St Praise.	211
Sunday 11:00 am Worship	188
Sunday Attendance	477
Sunday School Attendance	142

Worship for July 4, 2010

Sunday 9:00 am Worship	81
Sunday 9:00 am 6th St Praise.	199
Sunday 11:00 am Worship	203
Sunday Attendance	483
Sunday School Attendance	120

Worship for July 11, 2010

Sunday 9:00 am Worship	72
Sunday 9:00 am 6th St Praise.	238
Sunday 11:00 am Worship	197
Sunday Attendance	508
Sunday School Attendance

IN WORSHIP THIS WEEK

Preaching: Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. - Rev. Siegfried Johnson
- 6th St. Praise - Rev. Siegfried Johnson
- 11:00 a.m. Worship - Rev. Siegfried Johnson

Liturgist: 11:00 - Rev. Randall Ludwig

Acolytes: -

Andrew Minister: - Shirley Hurt

Greeters:

- 9:00 - Elizabeth Elliott, Judy Turbeville
- 6th Street Praise - Mel & Kathy Mills, Don & Shirley Shepard
- 11:00 - Ken Nelson, Donna Baltz

Hospitality Desk: 11:00 - Arline Shaw

Sunday Ushers:

- 9:00: - Rex Oberheim, Debby Bodenhamer
- 6th St. Praise: - Bruce & Dawn Clements, Kevin Oxford, Carla Campbell
- 11:00: - Don Cox, Bill Koop, Clint Sawyer, Ron Elchesen, Neal Wheeler, Matthew Alvarez, Jim Colby, Bob Peterson

Bus Drivers: - Pete Crippen

Prayer Chain: - Sue Storm, 424-8111

UMW Puzzlement

Does anyone know where we can find the UMW nametags? They are not in the UMW file cabinet in the library and I've not been able to locate them anywhere else. If you know where they are, please call me: Donna B - 425-7891. Thanks.

In-Gathering Volunteer Hours reported on July 11, 2010 was 336. Total June Volunteer Hours was 1,835. Thank you for noting your volunteer hours on the attendance sheets at weekend worship services.

THANK YOU

I wish to say thank you to everyone for the prayers, visits, cards, and flowers and for the many visits from Rev. Ludwig and Rev. Johnson. It is wonderful to have such a loving church family. Thank you again. *Joyce Miles*

OFFERINGS

OFFERINGS RECEIVED for June 27, 2010

General Fund (needed weekly \$14,452).	\$ 7,986.00
Building Fund (needed weekly \$2,852)	1,324.60
Other Funds.	197.20
Total	\$9,507.80

OFFERINGS RECEIVED for July 4, 2010

General Fund (needed weekly \$14,452).	\$ 21,290.50
Building Fund (needed weekly \$2,852)	4,463.50
Other Funds.	805.28
Total	\$26,559.28

OFFERINGS RECEIVED for July 11, 2010

General Fund (needed weekly \$14,452).	\$ 12,721.25
Building Fund (needed weekly \$2,852)	2,653.50
Other Funds.	185.00
Total	\$15,560.25

MEMORIALS

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Frank Graham
Kelly & Karen Yeakley

BUILDING FUND

In Memory of Lori Jones
Roger & Carolyn Whisenant

In Memory of Frank Graham
Michael & Joyce Cameron

In Memory of Gene Cameron , Father of Mike
Tip & Terre Ware

In Memory of Richard & Marjorie Cole
Bob & Arcie Lasley

BACKPACK FUND

In Honor of Rev. Jim Brooks retirement
Jay & Diane Kemmerer

Hospital

Joyce Miles, Debby Bodenhamer



MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service will be held for long-time member, Richard Cole, this Friday, July 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Church Visit: Jay and Diane Kemmerer visited Lakeside United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff, AR on June 27.

PRAISE IN THE PARK

Our 6th Street Praise Band and Singers will perform at Praise In The Park is this **Saturday, July 17, at 11:00 a.m. at the Bull Shoals State Park in Lakeview** (the one nearest the Bull Shoals Dam with the pavilion). They will be the first group to play. Come and enjoy our Praise band and others performing an afternoon of Christian music.

NOTES, NOTICES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

"STRONG WOMEN" AT WORK

The Strong Women exercise group has begun summer workout sessions Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. This program is designed at Tufts University for mid-life to older women with focus on strength training to improve muscle mass, balance, bone density, arthritis symptoms and metabolic rate. It is open to all community ladies with a \$12 yearly fee payable to the University of Arkansas Extension Service. Please join us any Monday or Wednesday morning or call the church office at 425-6036 for more information.

55+ FUN BUNCH!

Monday, July 19 10:00 will be an all inclusive planning meeting. We need to get ahead of ourselves for the rapidly approaching fall and winter months. The Bunch will be taking off the month of August. Be sure to catch us again in September. *Terry Moser*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry met July 1 with 10 ladies present. On Sunday, July 11 Rev. Siegfried Johnson blessed our lovingly knitted prayer shawls. The next Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting will be on Thursday, August 5, at 9:30 a.m. at the Hospice House for a tour of their facility. Please meet at Hospice House. Questions, please call 425-7941. *Ruth Clark, Leader*

WORD RECEIVED

Word has been received concerning long-time member, Phyllis Kelley. Phyllis fell and broke her leg in four different places which required surgery to set. She will be in the hospital for a while and would love to hear from old friends. Her address is: Phyllis Kellye, c/o Sue Paulin, 11001 Rt. 38 West, Rochelle, IL 61068.

THURSDAY MORNING JOY!

All women are encouraged to join us in the choir room at 10:00 a.m. any Thursday for the Beth Moore video series, "The Inheritance". Following prayer concerns, we'll enjoy a video by Beth. No homework and child care is available. A salad luncheon for attendees will follow our July 22 session-bring a dish to share!

You can register with Jeanne at the church office (425-6036) or just attend class any Thursday. Listening guides are still available for \$6.00. When you can't make a Thursday class, you may view the same video on the preceding Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. You'll be welcomed at both sites.

OPERATION DROP OFF

Sponsored by Sheriff Montgomery, Judge Bodenhamer, Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers and others. **Saturday July 24-- 9 am-2 pm--Baxter County Fairgrounds.** Bring your outdated and unwanted pharmaceuticals to this event, so they can be properly disposed of. Also bring household hazardous waste.

Volunteers are needed to assist at the Fairgrounds from 9-2. To volunteer or for more info, call Jane Darr at 430-5777 or E-mail her at jedarr@centurytel.net

Food Basket

The Mt. Home Food basket is now helping over 1,000 persons each month. Please help by bring your canned food and staples (especially cereal) to church every Sunday. With children out of school needy families do not have the backpack helps to meet their families' needs. We can be Christ to them during a difficult economic time.

Children's Corner

This week we begin our weekly activities for children entering K through 6th grades. By now we have been to the movies and next week on Thurs. July 22nd we're planning a putt-putt afternoon. Remember last year we were rained out, so maybe this year will be better. The following week on Thurs. July 29th we'll go bowling. So look for announcements about cost and meeting times as they may vary.

On another note it's time to start thinking about fall Sunday School. We have had many great teachers this past year and we are hoping to keep as many as possible. However, some always move on to other areas of ministry in our church and that leaves a few openings. We have experienced amazing volunteers this summer through VBS and we saw first hand incredible leadership and terrific skills in working with children. We now ask those of you who assisted with VBS with such love and success to seriously and prayerfully consider participating in the children's Sunday School department. We work in teams therefore it only requires one, (yes I said 1!) Sunday per month. That's only 12 times all year you would be expected to study, prepare, and present. Each teacher has their own book from which they prepare and the material is good. However, we found out during VBS that many of you have such a depth and commitment to the Scriptures and our faith that you only need a guideline at best; and that we have. I'm talking about SERIOUSLY PRAYING about this....You've got it to give....Please share your gift with our children. How else are they gonna learn to "Love the Lord" LIKE YOU DO!

Back to VBS. We've not had a newsletter since that time and we have not properly thanked all of our support staff, volunteers, workers, and teachers. Listed below are the some 45+ people who made our trip to Egypt a success. The kids are still talking about it, so I know it was what God had planned for us to do! (*cont. on back page*)

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Lindsey Kyle

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Tent Providers

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Steiner Family
Standridge Family
Patrick Family

YOUTH NEWS

We're in the thick of Summer! Throughout the Summer (Wednesday 6:00) Nancy and I will be facilitating a Sr. High inductive Bible study of James. Check your Summer calendars for any time changes.

Our 1010 Youth Mission Project trip is ready to go on Sunday, 25-30th. This year's mission project will offer a different hands-on opportunity to serve the poor. We'll be working with ministries our church actively supports; Heifer International, Arkansas Rice Depot, Little Rock Compassion Center and the Ferncliff Disaster Assistance Center. Each day will provide a different aspect of mission. Our base (hub of operations) will be the Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center. Please keep us in your prayers

Next week: Wednesday 21 Both Jr./Sr. Highs will head to Branson for Lazertag. **Thursday 22** 5:00-- Jr. High Pool Party at Brian and Teresa Bell's home. Dinner served. Our last event of the summer (whew!) will be the yearly overnight Big Dam Walk in Little Rock. The walk is for UMC charities. Friday night from 8:00pm.- 2:00 am. Saturday! The Wild River Country water park has been reserved for all event attendees. Then, we'll spend a night in a local motel. Cost: \$25. We can only take the first 24 paid kids and the Deadline is: Monday August 2.

Thanks for thinking of us but we'll no longer need your plastic bags. Our monthly food collection will start up again in September. For now we are always in need of soda, chips and cookies. Thanks in advance. **Terry M.**