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Summer Thoughts



With the arrival of June come thoughts of children on summer break and graduations and weddings and reunions and vacation trips—all of which are family-oriented. What follows is something for families, adapted from a newspaper clipping from years ago. Hopefully, in these words will be some truths for each one of you (whether you are a child, a parent or a grandparent).

- WE GIVE YOU LIFE, but cannot live it for you.
- WE TEACH YOU THINGS, but cannot make you learn.
- WE CAN GIVE YOU DIRECTIONS, but cannot always be there to see that you follow them.
- WE CAN HELP YOU KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG, but cannot decide for you.
- WE CAN OFFER YOU ADVICE, but cannot accept it for you.
- WE CAN BUY YOU BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES, but cannot assure that you will be lovely on the inside.
- WE CAN TEACH YOU HOW TO BE A FRIENDS, but cannot make you one.
- WE CAN ADVISE YOU ABOUT FRIENDS, but cannot choose them for you.
- WE CAN TELL YOU THE FACTS OF LIFE, but cannot build your reputation.
- WE CAN INSTRUCT YOU ABOUT SEX, but cannot keep you pure.
- WE CAN TELL YOU ABOUT ALCOHOL, but cannot prevent you from drinking.
- WE CAN WARN YOU ABOUT DRUGS, but cannot say NO for you.
- WE CAN CAUTION YOU ABOUT SIN, but cannot make you moral.
- WE CAN DISCUSS LOFTY GOALS WITH YOU, but cannot achieve them for you.
- WE CAN SHOW YOU KINDNESS, but cannot make you gracious.
- WE CAN SHOW YOU LOVE, but cannot force you to be loving.
- WE CAN PRAY FOR YOU, but cannot make you walk with God.
- WE CAN TELL YOU HOW TO LIVE, but cannot give you Eternal life.
- WE CAN LEAD YOU TO JESUS, but cannot make Him your Savior.

Thanks for listening,
Mom & Dad

Pastor Hildebrandt

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Our Vision Statement

We see ourselves as a loving, joy-filled family of believers gathered in celebration and praise around our Lord Jesus Christ. As Bible-based Christians, we seek to share God's word of salvation and to live daily in His healing, hope and guidance. We are committed to reaching out to the whole community, as we embrace and nurture new brothers and sisters with our Savior's own forgiveness and love.

Vicar's Venue

I recently re-watched the film "Good Night and Good Luck" (directed by George Clooney) which portrays a short period of time in which CBS's anchor Edward R. Murrow initiated a struggle against then Jr. Senator McCarthy. [No spoilers – in case you intend to view the film – which I recommend]. This is one of my favorite films – not necessarily for the story being told, but for the means by which it is told.

The film is shot entirely on monochrome film, and produced on a shoestring budget, and distributed through an independent distributor. Its sets are composed through painstaking attention to detail – with every lamp and pencil fitting the 1950's period in which the original story took place. There are no CG (Computer Graphics), there are no explosions. They even employ old TV theatre-style tricks to get the shots they need.

It's with a sense of nostalgia that I remember that George Clooney's father *Nick Cloony* was himself a news director and anchor for WKRC TV (an ABC affiliate). In his stent as a newsman, he adopted a hard-news mentality – where he would not bother the public with the sensational news we see and hear so often today – but reported on the things of true importance – good or bad. In one instance Nick even broke-into prime time Saturday programming to report on a fire in the viewing area. He brought news ratings in that area up to #1 with the quality broadcast produced.

Back then – unlike now, TV was only received through the air – by antenna. The signals upon which those TV and Radio programs were broadcast, one could hear the likes of Edward R. Murrow and Nick Clooney . These were and still are property – not of the stations – but of the citizens. One of the requirements of using the public airwaves is that the station broadcast local and national news at certain intervals. Entertainment was only secondary – and it wasn't until much later that entertainment would turn these little boxes that glow in the corner of our living rooms into a profitable enterprise.

My point? The message. God talks to us daily. Whether he uses the television, the radio, the newspaper, a billboard, the bumper sticker on the run-down Volvo in front of us at the light or the person sitting next to us – there's a message that God is speaking to you. Problem is, in this world there are many distractions. Like interference in a radio or television set – those distractions of sensational fluff and brain softening fiction detract from the real, true and urgent message God has for us. My suggestion? Take a walk outside. Really. Turn off your mobile phone, grab your keys and use the sidewalk or road in front of your home – and see what God is trying to tell you today. This is how God talks to me – maybe it'll work for you too.

><> Vicar George

***"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"***
Psalm 46:10

WORDS FROM OUR CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

Have you ever wondered why improving a road seems to take forever? You and I see the need to widen the road between two points from two lanes to four and government officials say the project is a priority. Yet we sit and wait 4, 5 even 10 years before we see the first shovel of dirt moved. We would all like to have the project approved and the next week crews out there taking on the task of adding to the road surface and doing the final paving in a couple of weeks. Unfortunately, or realistically, that can't happen and we really don't want that kind of action taken without doing the proper engineering, soil studies, environmental studies, cost studies and land acquisition before the crews arrive. So it is with our Revitalization plan. We would all like to say yes, lets revitalize Cross of Christ LCMS and have twenty new people at our church each week. It just doesn't work that way. Believe me, revitalization is under way at COC and progress is being made albeit much of it unseen, at this point.

Just two weeks ago, we had a presentation and call to action by the Communication committee to improve how we receive and send out information. This process has been streamlined and simplified after months of meetings by the committee.

The Zehnders have started another Financial Peace Course using the Dave Ramsey system for getting personal finances under control and working for you. This time there are 10-12 people from outside the church that are taking the course and being exposed to COC.

The Parking Lot Frolic held on May 16th brought in quite a number of visitors as well. Everyone who attended had a good time, good food and good music to listen to. It is unfortunate that the weather was threatening rain so the event was moved indoors, but, people came anyway. The Evangelism Committee needs to be commended for their efforts and I am sure they are encouraged to try an event like this again.

The Staffing committee has been meeting and reviewing positions at the church and establishing job descriptions for all of the employees of the church, paid and unpaid so that everyone will know what is expected of them in their roles.

Our facilities committee has been looking into a location for an elevator to help the less mobile members and guests move from the main level to the lower level. They have also prepared plans for an expansion of the parking area in front of the trailers to accommodate additional parking. This group has also explored the possibility of turning the classroom (Mrs. Hamilton's) into three separate rooms for Sunday school classes and choir rehearsal. Finally, this committee has begun looking at the construction of a new sanctuary which would expand our facility out towards the east from the current glass doors of the narthex. Of course the addition would be predicated on our membership growing and a real space crisis resulting. We can pray that we have such problems.

The leadership panel outlined in our revitalization plan will start meeting in June, refining goals and working with the committee chairs to facilitate projects and lead the revitalization effort.

At the voters meeting on May 17th, new officers and committee chairs were elected for the next two year term with

Nancy McLean - Vice President

Mike Witherby - Head Elder

Carmen Autry - Stewardship Chair,
re-elected was Don Burrows - Trustee.

The position of Education and Evangelism chairperson went unfilled and the Church Council will work on filling those positions by appointing chairpersons until the next election. In that regard, the Church Council has decided to split the Education Chair position into three smaller positions; Sunday School chair, Special Events chair (Christmas program, Easter Egg Hunt, VBS), and Youth Programs. The plan is to reduce the workload and make it more of a team effort.

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The visible signs of our Revitalization effort are starting to show. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our members and fill each heart with the burning desire to touch the lives of co-workers, neighbors and even strangers and introduce them to the Lord. Also, pray that all chair positions will be filled soon as it is vital for Evangelism and Education to have someone at the helm of these committees. The responsibility for action lies with each one of us, not just a few. Jesus has promised to be with us always, even to the ends of the earth. He will hold our hand here in Chattanooga and give us strength to do His will.

Dean Grosskreutz
President COC

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Lori Baier comes to us as a transfer from Good Shepherd here in Chattanooga, Lori works as an accountant clerk at Chattanooga State. Her son, Justin, just graduated from high school and will be attending MTSU in the fall. Lori enjoys cooking and reading in her spare time. We look forward to getting to know you better, Lori! Welcome to our church family.

Dyanna Marler is a receptionist/CSR assistant at Cornerstone Insurance Group. She has a teenage daughter, Madelynne, and enjoys walking, working out at the gym, and crafts. Besides all this, Dyanna is a part time student. We welcome you into our Cross of Christ family.

Susanna Schaefer comes to us from Jesus Christus Lutheran Church in Bonn, Germany. She left her sister and Mom in Germany to join the Volkswagen project here in Chattanooga. She will be here for three years. Her dog, Trixie, accompanied her across the ocean. In her spare time, Susanna enjoys singing in the church choir, swimming and sightseeing. Welcome to Chattanooga and welcome to Cross of Christ.

Received by Confirmation on May 31st

Sam Burrow, Patrick Cooper, Chad Grosskreutz, Jordan Halabrin,
Madeline MacLean, Nick Miller, Hannah Peiffer and Elizabeth Sosna



Young Adults

I know you're out there, and I know I'm not the only one. We're doing stuff this summer - and you don't want to miss out. Topical Discussions, Movie Nights, Pool Excursions, City Wide Scavenger Hunts, Disc Golf, Cake, Concerts, and so much more. Visit cocluth.com/20s or contact vicargeorge@cocluth.com for more information.

THANK YOU From EVANGELISM

Special thanks to everyone who helped make our first annual “Parking Lot Frolic” a huge success! The entertainment was great and we welcomed numerous guests. See the bulletin board across from Vicar’s office for pictures of the Frolic.

The Evangelism committee is still looking for someone to chair the group—please give this prayerful consideration. “The harvest is ready but the workers are few.”

CARE and CONCERN

We share with you congregational members, family members and friends who need our prayers:

- BRENDAN BEADLE— grandson of Ray & LaDonna Brief, safekeeping while in Iraq
- FRANCINE BROWN—Tom Manthey’s supervisor, pray for speedy recovery from anticipated surgery and back problems
- MATTHEW BREWSTER—safekeeping while in Iraq
- BILL BROWN—Wanda Hall’s brother, long recovery after heart attack
- ELAINE BURNS—recent visitor, recovering from serious back surgery
- DARYL CHRISTOPHER—Wyatts’ neighbor, bone marrow transplant, treatment stopped to clear up blood infection and blood clot
- RAY COOPER—friend of Mark Kerr, cancer
- MOLLY COX—Carrie Smith’s neighbor, HOSPICE called in
- TOM DALPINI—brother of Karen Miller, safe keeping while in Iraq
- Family of ELE FRENCH’S step-sister, ELIDA—healing after her injury, and strength and comfort following her husband’s death
- SHIRLEY GOGGIN—friend of John Little, stage 3 colon cancer
- Member of Tennessee Tigers football team—acquaintance of Shelly Land, vertebrae injury during game, required hospitalization
- GINNY MINNINGER—former member, breast cancer– undergoing further surgery
- JOHN NIEVES—former member, recovering from cancer surgery
- WILLIAM PONDER—father of friend of Penni Walpert, being treated for cancer—complications due to other physical issues
- HELEN VELDMAN—Ray Veldman’s sister-in-law, possible adrenal gland tumor
- DON BRUCE WARNER—brother of Bea Lago, cancer has returned, undergoing chemo and radiation

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

The Sending of the Holy Spirit
Our Newly Elected Officers

WOMEN
YOU ARE INVITED



Quilters
Every Tuesday
9:30 A.M.

Regular meetings will resume in September!

QUILTERS - - We will continue meeting through the summer—every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
Come join the fun, no experience or expertise necessary.
We still need sheets to back the quilts—check for these as you visit yard sales.

Birthday Gift Fund

On April 24th, the Birthday Gift Fund balance was 32 cents. Since then it has taken a big step forward and on May 15th our balance is \$7.73. Thank you for your participation. Please keep the pennies coming in order to help feed the hungry people of the world.

Irene Tipps 877-8180



Make sure you sign up for the **Night with the Lookouts** June 19th at 5:30P.M.—picnic and game. As of this reading you only have one more Sunday. I also need to collect the money for the tickets. It's \$9 per person and I must have it by June 7th so I can get the tickets at the chapter meeting on Monday, the 8th, and get your tickets to you on Sunday the 14th. If needed, I will mail the tickets to you on Monday, the 15th.

Also, make an effort to help on the **Habitat Thrivent Builds**, Check the sign up sheet for a date you might could help out. **June 13 and July 18** are the next dates Cross of Christ is to supply volunteers. Sign up now to fill our needs. On last check we are still \$500 or \$600 short of our financial part of the build. There are envelopes in the narthex cabinet for your contribution. I know times are difficult, but I also know how generous you guys are, so do what you can.

Much Thanks!

Please call me if you have questions. Call Bob Timm at 624-2588.

Cross of Christ Adventures Group 2009 Schedule

Date	Time	Location/Event	Reservation Type	Recommended Reservation Deadline	Comments
June 27 th Saturday	5:30 pm 8:00 pm	The Foundary "Dearly Beloved" Chattanooga Theatre Center	Through SM Independent	June 20 th June 15 th	RES: 423-267-8534
		Eagle Bluff Golf Club			
Jul 25 th Saturday	5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Food Works Juke Box Junction	Through SM Not Required	July 20 th July 20 th	
Aug 22 Saturday	10:00 am	"Hair Spray" Cumberland County Playhouse Play is at 2:30 we'll have a picnic prior to show	Independent	August 14 th	Sue will arrange carpooling-leave from church RES: 931-484-5000
Sept 19 Saturday	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Polly Crocket Arts and Crafts festival/ Wine tasting Pearls Foggy Mountain Cafe	Through SM Through SM	Sept 10 th Sept 10 th	No reservation needed for the festival, but Sue will arrange carpooling-leave from church
Oct 24 th Saturday	5:30	Button Willow Dinner Theatre, Whitwell, TN	Through SM	Oct 15 th	Sue can arrange car pool leave from church.
Nov 21 Saturday	6:00	The Station House or Dinner in the Diner	Through SM	Nov. 15	
Dec 12 Saturday	7:30 pm	Portifino Italian restaurant-Rossville "White Christmas" Colonnade, Ringgold, GA	Through SM Independent	Dec 5 Nov 20	RES: 706-935-9000

Please remember we are an outreach GROUP—SO INVITE, INVITE, INVITE. Julia has extra coupons for anyone who does not have a book and would like to attend at discount prices. Regardless. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Sue Manthey will try to coordinate all events: 423-842-2950
or email (preferred) at SEManey@gmail.com**

- Remember to watch the bulletin for dates
- June— Mid-South District Convention
Mid-South District YOUTH Gathering
- August — “Goodbye” to Vicar George
“Hello” to Vicar Jake




BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Elise Collis | 6 Barbara Rule | 18 John Little, Sr. |
| Cameron Dahlke | Jerry Mueller | Wayne Shirk |
| Greg Sedrick | 7 John Savor | 19 Matthew Beadle |
| 2 Ann Hunt | 8 Sara Hunt | 20 Robert Ashby |
| Amber Gardenhire | 10 Haley Halibrin | 23 Barbara Burrow |
| 3 Beth Maury | Doris Shirk | 29 Tom Durham, IV |
| 4 Scott Bumgardner | 11 Heath Autry | Sylvia Hildebrandt |
| Sam Burrow | Thomas Clemmons | 30 Tom Durham, III |
| 5 LaDonna Brief | Sarah Little | |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4th John & Sue Little | 5th Scott & Ann Fiddler |
| 6th Dave & Evelyn Murray | 7th Ed & Becky Stephens |
| 7th Mark & Donna Wachholz | 21st Harold & Dorothy Kelley |
| 25th John & Liz Boyles | |

Looking for the Calendar?

[View the up-to-date version on COCLUTH.COM](http://COCLUTH.COM)

If you haven't got a computer - don't worry.
We'll include a full calendar in next week's bulletin.

Those Who Serve in JUNE

ELDERS OF THE MONTH

8:30 Mike Witherby, Tom Manthey

11:00 Mark Kerr, Vicar George

ALTAR GUILD:

Bernice Lagoo

Monica Witherby

DATE	7	14	21	28
ACOLYTES	Blake & Bradley Burris	Elora Hunt & Hannah Winterbauer	Madeline MacLean & Hannah Peiffer	Sam Burrow & Brandon Land
GREETERS 8:30A.M.	Dave Murray	John & Joan Musser	Richard & Lanette Bagley	Julia Edmundson
READERS 8:30A.M.	Connie Hamilton	Dennis & Karen Savor	Nancy Allen	Tom & Sue Manthey
USHERS	Richard French, Wayne Shirk, Bob Timm, Bill Porter	Richard French, Wayne Shirk, Bob Timm, Bill Porter	Richard French, Wayne Shirk, Bob Timm, Bill Porter	Richard French, Wayne Shirk, Bob Timm, Bill Porter
GREETERS 11:00A.M.	Jim & Sandi Reisenbuechler	Jim & Penni Walpert		
READERS 11:00A.M.	Ann Hunt	Scott & Allison Brewster	Ken Maury	Dave & Cara Welsh

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**Go tell everyone what He has done!
Live IT! Share IT! Show IT!**