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Healing: *"I am the Lord, who heals you."* – Exodus 15:26

As a pastor, I find myself at a lot of funerals. But not just the death of a physical body, but other kinds as well. The death of a marriage. The death of a friendship. The death of a career. Or the death of a dream. Many times it feels like there is nothing I can do. So, I visit and care. I visit and sit. I visit and ask God to allow my presence to somehow bring comfort and healing. Healing of pain that seems so intense and like it will never end.

In the past several weeks I've received quite a few emails and talked with a number of people who are hurting, injured, bruised or bleeding. Not physically mind you, but emotionally, relationally and spiritually. Even this past Sunday as I shared a little of how Jesus is our healer, I could see in the eyes of so many that they long for His healing.

There is so much pain and hurt in this world...in our church. So much loss of health, energy, love, opportunity, family members, happiness, security and employment. These wounds are very, very real. So many are working wounded every day; it's a miracle we accomplish as much as we do. And so I pray...touch us, Father. Console us. Heal us. For I know you love each of us.

The loss we cannot control is bad enough, Father, but I hate it when we do it to ourselves. This church tries to function like a family, but when family members hurt each other, it is worse than if we did not care about each other at all. Our caring for each other binds us together, but the grief is all the more intense when feelings are hurt and relationships are severed. We feel the joy of fellowship, friendship and a bond with people we worship and serve alongside. But unkind words, misunderstandings, fear, doubt, suspicion and gossip tear us in ways that seem like they'll never heal. Don't let us run from our family. Don't allow Satan to snicker at our conflict. We need your healing. Your healing only.

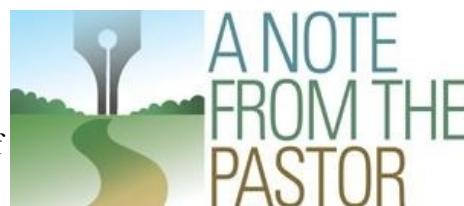
We try and work like a body, and we all feel pain whenever one of us has a problem. It doesn't seem to matter what the problem is; the pain spreads to others. Help us to carry one another burdens with joy. Allow both sympathy and empathy in our church. Never allow us to grow numb to the needs and sufferings of those in our groups, on our teams or in our pew. More than anything Father, we ask that you heal us.

The truth is that sometimes people leave our lives. They may leave our church. They may leave our offices and neighborhoods as well. This can be just as painful. Father, don't let us barricade off our feelings. Keep us from believing the lie that not engaging is better. Help us to embrace the fact that the wonderful days we had together were better than if we'd never met. Father, heal us.

Have mercy on all the hurts and fears among us, including the pain we have inflicted on ourselves. The times we've failed to believe the best. The times we've jumped to conclusion and the times we've made up our mind before we even asked. Oh, Father, may we as people, and corporately as a church, be known for our graciousness, our forgiveness, and our willingness to seek peace when it doesn't seem possible.

Oh, God, heal these wounds.

Pastor Kevin Dean



It's a Very Special Day!

On Sunday, October 25th, we are celebrating the history of Faith Covenant Church by honoring our founding pastor Don Logue and having a church picnic. Thirty-seven years ago Pastor Don and a group of believers formed Faith Covenant. Pastor Don is being honored with the title of Pastor Emeritus during the morning worship as a sign of our respect and love for him. Plan to dress casually for church and to attend the picnic and events of the afternoon! Look for more details to come.

Precious to the Lord

On Sunday, September 27th, 2015, 8-month-old Connor Cadogan-Sanchez was dedicated to the Lord with Pastor Kevin Dean officiating.

In the presence of their family, friends, and church family, his parents Kerry-Ann Cadogan-Sanchez and Marvin Sanchez vowed to bring him up in the knowledge of the Lord. The congregation did so also, promising to support Connor and his family in their Christian walk. We are blessed to have the Cadogan-Sanchez family as part of Faith Covenant Church and look forward to watching Connor grow in faith.



In Memory



Donnie "DJ" Brown went to be with the Lord on Friday, September 18, 2015. She was at home, under the care of hospice after a two year battle with kidney cancer.

DJ is survived by her husband of 47 years, Alan "Bud" Brown; their son Matthew and daughter-in-law Lorie, and two granddaughters, Madison and Kaitlyn, of Lakeland, Florida.

Bud and DJ moved from St. Petersburg to Blairsville, Georgia, after his retirement from Cornerstone Bank in 2010. Her memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on October 10th at the House of Prayer Interdenominational Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the House of Prayer Church, 1400 Pt Colwell Rd., Blairsville, GA 30512 or Homestead Hospice, 0888 Crabapple Rd., Roswell, GA 30075.

Bud's address is 583 Paul Nicholson Rd., Blairsville, GA 30512.

Sunday Stats:

\$12,000 needed weekly

| Date | Attendance | General Fund | Designated Giving |
|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| August 30 | 318 | \$11,983 | \$75 |
| September 6 | 263 | \$12,269 | \$395 |
| September 13 | 248 | \$11,187 | \$135 |
| September 20 | 235 | \$8,257 | \$75 |
| September 27 | 264 | \$9,344 | \$10,000 |

October Dates to Celebrate!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Ted Wade
- 3 Debby Bolen
- 5 Waneatah Ketrow
- 5 Joy Phelps
- 9 Ann Louise Thyreen
- 10 Sonnie Mullins
- 13 Paula Wright
- 13 Nancy VanderPloeg
- 15 Arlene Harmon
- 16 Brandon Arnold
- 16 John Gill
- 16 Erika Gorden
- 16 Trey Howard
- 16 Bernice Willever
- 17 Bob Bushman
- 17 Bryan Tallman
- 19 Nathaniel Cronkite
- 19 Sheila Griffin
- 19 Louise Hoffman
- 21 Denny Elliott
- 28 Sam Mullins
- 29 Kevin Dean
- 29 Andrew Logue
- 31 Josie Dean

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES




- 9 Michelle & Jim Neader (1982)
- 14 **Windy & Barbara Crowder (1950)**
- 18 Kim & Lee Towey (1986)
- 23 Bob & Ajji Bushman (1971)
- 26 **John & Lynette Gill (1985)**

If we don't have your anniversary or birthday listed, please let us know so we can include your special dates!

New Address:

Kathy and Dr. Charles Gardner
10280 Oakhaven Dr. N.
Pinellas Park, FL 33782



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|-----|---|
|  | | | | 1 6:15 am., Men's Bible Study; 9:15, Women's Bible Study; 2 pm, Shower Ministry; 7 pm, Worship Team | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:30 & 11 am, Worship & Communion; 4:30 pm, Puppets; 5 pm, Just Prayer; 6 pm, HS Youth | 5 8:30 am, Shower Ministry | 6 9 am, Pryme Tymers Breakfast at Denny's on 34th St. N. | 7 6:30 pm, Elem. JUMP & MS Youth | 8 6:15 am., Men's Bible Study; 9:15, Women's Bible Study; 11:30 am, Companions on the Journey; 2 pm, Shower Ministry; 7 pm, Worship Team | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:30 & 11 am, Worship; 4:30 pm, Puppets; 5 pm, Just Prayer; 6 pm, HS Youth | 12 8:30 am, Shower Ministry | 13 10 am, Pryme Tymers Bible Study | 14 6:30 pm, Elem. JUMP & MS Youth | 15 6:15 am., Men's Bible Study; 9:15, Women's Bible Study; 10:30 am, REFRESH; 2 pm, Shower Ministry; 7 pm, Worship Team | 16 | 17 8 am, Men & Boys' Breakfast for a Buck  |
| 18 9:30 & 11 am, Worship & Discipleship Classes; 4:30 pm, Puppets; 5 pm, Just Prayer; 6 pm, HS Youth | 19 8:30 am, Shower Ministry | 20 6:30 pm, Council | 21 6:30 pm, Elem. JUMP & MS Youth | 22 6:15 am., Men's Bible Study; 9:15, Women's Bible Study; 2 pm, Shower Ministry; 7 pm, Worship Team | 23 | 24 |
| 25 9:30 & 11 am, Worship & Discipleship Classes; 12:30 pm, 37th Anniv. Celebration! | 26 8:30 am, Shower Ministry | 27 10 am, Pryme Tymers Bible Study | 28 6:30 pm, Elem. JUMP & MS Youth | 29 6:15 am., Men's Bible Study; 9:15, Women's Bible Study; 2 pm, Shower Ministry; 7 pm, Worship Team | 30 | 31  SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK TONIGHT |

Infant Nursery Schedule: (with Amanda Wade)

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| Oct. 4: | 9:30 a.m. | Cathy Wiederecht | 11:00 a.m. | Julie Nichols |
| Oct. 11: | 9:30 a.m. | Judy Herrema | 11:00 a.m. | Barbara Schafer |
| Oct. 18: | 9:30 a.m. | Kit Taylor | 11:00 a.m. | Julie Mitchum |
| Oct. 25: | 9:30 a.m. | Marilou Keener | 11:00 a.m. | Donna Nash |



Toddler-Pre K Nursery Schedule: (with Cary Rahall)

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| Oct. 4: | 9:30 a.m. | Jennifer Geis | 11:00 a.m. | Melissa Howard |
| Oct. 11: | 9:30 a.m. | Michelle Tallman | 11:00 a.m. | Craig Schafer |
| Oct. 18: | 9:30 a.m. | | 11:00 a.m. | Joyce Sperry |
| Oct. 25: | 9:30 a.m. | Robbyn Quandt | 11:00 a.m. | Gail Lancaster |

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Adult Discipleship Classes begin October 18

The Case for Christ, by Lee Strobel, invites you to investigate the truth about Jesus Christ. This video study will lead the class on a quest through historical evidence and compelling expert testimony. It will be led by Anna Rice during *first service* in room 8.

Where do I fit in? Discovering and Using our Spiritual Gifts: The Holy Spirit convicts us, brings us to new birth and comes to our baby shower with gifts. We need to identify and know where to use these gifts to build the Church of Jesus Christ" Led by Deirdre Banks during *first service* in room 13.

33 things that happen at the moment of salvation: "As we unwrap that free gift of God, we discover 33 transforming truths. Life and all eternity can be spent studying God's Word and coming to a true appreciation of the depth, majesty and wonder of all the good things God has done for us." This study, led by Bob Spencer, will meet during *first service* in room 15.

Bible Reading with Intent, *second service*, will cover eight sessions in which we will work together using different methods that can enrich your Bible reading experience. ~ Fran Anderson (room 8)

Sermon Notes continues during *second service* with Hazel Trotman, discussing the morning's message and personal applications. (room 13)

