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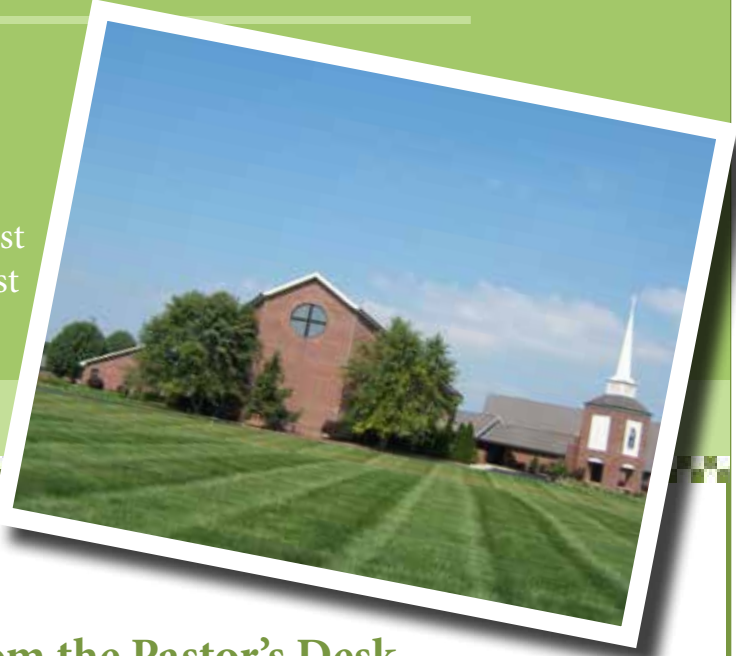
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September 2013

## Upcoming Events

- September 3 FIRST Day for Tomorrow's Promise  
Preschool
- September 4 FIRST Day Wednesday Night Bible  
Study & Activities (Most begins at  
6:30 PM)
- September 8 Special Sunday Morning Worship:  
**Grandparent Recognition**  
Henderson Breakfast: fund  
raising for missions
- September 12 FIRST day for Mommy & Me
- September 14 9-3:00 PM Rummage Sale  
12:00 PM Road Trip to IDT  
(Gospport, IN)
- September 29 Youth Lead Worship

## From the Pastor's Desk

I have been reading the book "I Never Thought I'd See the Day" by Dr. David Jeremiah. He said, "I never thought I'd see the day when the church of Jesus Christ was perceived as irrelevant." Has that day arrived? We live in a time with a lot of technology and media. We can create things virtually which look real. We have high-tech gadgets that were not available to previous generations. The result can be a church that has an "entertainment mentality" that leads to Biblical ignorance and very few close friends.

I want to invite you to consider joining a connect group that will meet at our home on Sunday evenings at 6:30 PM, beginning September 15, for six weeks. We will listen to a song, share a word from the Bible, hear a witness and pray together - AND make some new friends.

Let us know if this group is for you.

*Pastor Dennis*

## Women's Conference

Ladies, come spend some time in the Word with your sisters in Christ as we continue to seek to be women after God's own heart. Join us for a day of fellowship, worship, study, and discussion as Anne Gatts speaks about encountering the freedom of forgiveness that Jesus offers. A \$10.00 ticket admits two participants and includes a delicious lunch. So sign up and bring a friend! To register, call or text Karalee at 317-710-5077 or email her at: stinsonclean@gmail.com.





from our Parish Nurse Cheryl Howard

## Health Notes

There has been a national alert issued on the safety of medication patches, especially pain patches. There have been many tragic stories involving children and accidental exposure and death. A 15 month old boy was taking a nap on his mother's chest when she fell asleep. The mother was wearing a fentanyl patch for pain associated with MS. When the mother awoke, the baby had died - the patch was missing from her chest and it was found the baby had ingested the patch and overdosed on the fentanyl.

Please be aware that patches have a high concentration of the medication and chewing is particularly dangerous because it releases a full dose of the medicine in a shorter period of time and it is more readily absorbed in the mouth. Even in our own community we have been witness to the tragic effects of the misuse of these patches. Please be responsible and safe if you or a family member is prescribed patches. Always remove the patch you have on before you apply another one. Always dispose of the used patch properly - the FDA recommends folding the sticky sides together and flushing it down the toilet. Do not let children see you put patches on or place them on your body in visible places. They think it is like a band-aid and they may put them on to be like you. Do not get the patch warm while on your body - do not expose the patch to heating pads, sauna, hot tubs, concentrated sun exposure or strenuous exercise - all of these things alter the dose. Most of all, please keep these and all medicines in a safe place away from persons who may abuse or misuse these patches. If you have any questions or concerns about your medicine patches, please speak to your Pharmacist or call me.

### Care Takers

Those on the prayer list are very grateful for your prayers. They have placed their name there because they have a specific need- known or unknown. However, there are usually others that are faithfully caring for them. They are the caregivers. Please pray for them, also. Caregivers tend to forget their own needs and neglect their health as they are immersed in their loved ones needs. Please pray for these angels of mercy.

### Health Fair Meeting

Want to help make our congregation healthier and safer? Family Ministries is gearing up for our Fall Health Fair. Anyone interested in helping with this event can contact Penny Handlon at [handlonhome@aol.com](mailto:handlonhome@aol.com) or at 831-0774. Our first meeting will be after 3rd service on September 8th. Look forward to seeing you there!

## Health Tips:

### Fibromyalgia

Have you or a loved one been diagnosed with Fibromyalgia? This autoimmune syndrome is diagnosed when persons start experiencing fatigue, memory and concentration lapses, sleep disturbances, irritable bowel syndrome and headaches. Treatment is focused on relief of symptoms- which can be very limiting as the symptoms come and go. There are many who have this same condition- over 10 million Americans are affected! We will be starting a support group on Wednesday evenings. Please come and learn the latest news and possible treatments to relieve the symptoms. We welcome the caregivers of those who also suffer with Fibromyalgia.

### The Addicted Brain

There is much research being conducted on the "addicted brain". I will be sharing small bites of information each month. We are identifying more people who have a tendency to draw pleasure from a source that may not be healthy in large doses- this would include food, drugs, dangerous activities, pain, sexual activities, alcohol... The list is endless as it involves anything done in excess. Addiction is not a disease and it does not indicate a weak personality or sick person or immoral person or a bad person. This is a behavioral issue with a loss of social judgment. This disease makes the person hypersensitive to judgment, so please show compassion in your interactions. To increase your compassion- pray for God's peace and guidance to share words that will be helpful and not harmful.



## Jason & Rachel Shore, Missionaries

When I look back at my history in the Lord, some of the deepest moments are woven together with art. As I write this three specific moments out of the many come to mind. First, around the same time I gave my life to Christ I started to take an art class. I remember it being such a blessing. It was new, refreshing and one of the many changes happening at that time. As I started to know Jesus as the Creator of all things He planted a seed of desire to create in my heart. I didn't see that connection at the time but looking back it seems obvious. Second, was at a Greek Inter-varsity conference where a speaker created a huge chalk art in just a few minutes and then gave a sermon on what he had created. That presentation opened my eyes to see that art was more than just entertaining. It could be a vessel for God's Word to go forth.

Romans 1:20 connects these, "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood

by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse."

The last moment was the day the Lord began to teach me about how He has always been an artist and has adorned Himself with the most beautiful creations.

Sometimes you hear things and even know or believe them to be true but they are just words or facts until they become more alive in your heart and soul. As an example, I can tell you that the barbecue in Kansas City is some of the best ever and you may in fact agree with me even if you have never had it. However the fact is completely different when you say it is the best because you have experience the smell of smokers penetrating the car a/c half a mile away and your mouth starts involuntarily watering. It becomes different when the smokey sweet and salty meat enters your mouth. The truth becomes all the more real and a change happens. You move from echoing a truth to knowing the

truth and speaking from a place of depth and experience. That was the kind of switch that happened as I began to see the beauty of Jesus, the beauty of His creation that was made through Him. My echo of knowing He was a Creator started falling deeper into my heart, rooting itself in me. From this understanding art slowly moves from just a tool to worship, to creating art because God likes that I do. He not only likes our weak attempts at creating, He likes it so much He can even use it to encounter people.

Jesus has woven art into the tapestry of my history. I look forward to seeing the new threads of truth He places into my heart from it. The first steps of these new threads began a few months ago. At 6:00am on Wednesdays I join an art group that paints/draws in the prayer room. I am excited to see what Jesus is going to teach me through the connection of intercession and prayer with art. For all of us,

*Jason*

### Trunk or Treat

Get ready for the 2nd annual "Trunk or Treat" hosted by Family Ministries. What is a "Trunk or Treat" event? Children go from trunk to trunk collecting candy or trinkets from volunteers who have decorated their vehicles to serve as a backdrop for this "spooktacular" event! Consider participating in this fun event!

### Halloween Hot Dog Roast

Family Ministries is hosting the annual Halloween Hot Dog Roast on October 31 from 5-7:00pm. **HOWEVER, WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed. Please call Kim Webster @ 834-2139, Shelley Duncan @ 437-9344 or Lydia Rychtarczyk @ 834-1787

## Thank You

### The Newcombers

Dear Friends,

Richard and I want to thank you all for your comforting thoughts, prayers, and beautiful cards we received at Paul's passing. And we also want to thank "the Birthday Girls" for the delicious dinner and for just being there.

We miss Paul's sweet, quiet ways, but are comforted in the knowledge, he is with our Lord and Savior.

In God's Love,

*Marge & Richard Newcomer*

### Carnival Workers

Can you believe this ministry is in its twelfth year? The workers appreciate and look forward to this dinner every year. They feel very at home in our church. Isn't that great? Thank you to the volunteers who helped with this important ministry: those who donated food and gave the workers an amazing feast to enjoy. Volunteers worked tirelessly in the kitchen preparing the food and cleaning up afterwards. This year, the workers were given t-shirts, drawstring backpacks, hygiene packets, and gifts from St. Francis-Mooresville that included sunglasses, band aid cases, plastic insulated totes, pens, and MP3 cases. Karen Harmon provided massages for their achy muscles. Sue Klinger and Cheryl Howard teamed up to provide blood pressure checks and counsel workers on any health issues.

Thank you for making it possible to provide this ministry every year! If you've never volunteered at the Carnival Worker's Dinner, join us next year. It will touch your heart.

*Kim Webster and Lydia Rychtarczyk*

# Mission News

## Youth for Christ Needs Volunteers

Central Indiana Youth for Christ (CI-YfC) is asking God to raise up caring adults who are willing to establish relationships with teens and spread the message that God loves them and has a plan for their lives. Is it possible that God could be calling you to this worthy task?

Campus Life is a club that is established in area schools to engage high school students as lifelong followers of Christ. Mooresville currently has a Campus Life Club at Paul

Hadley Middle School but does not have a club at the High School. There are opportunities for anyone who loves Christ and cares about teens both at the middle school and high school level to make a difference for the Kingdom! To find out more please call Pam Taber at 317-446-8226 or Brian Vickery. Or visit [www.ciyfc.org/ministries](http://www.ciyfc.org/ministries).



## Indiana Dream Team Supporter Road Trip

Indiana Dream Team (IDT) Supporter Recognition Day is September 14. Help us fill the church van to attend the Open House at IDT, Gosport, Indiana on September 14, 2013 from Noon to 7:00PM. This is a great chance to learn about this very important local mission that we support and also enjoy a wonderful day of food and fellowship. Please consider joining

us!!! There will be a hog roast, live music, property tours as well as a time to meet the staff and residents.



## Grief Ministry & Memorial Library

### Book of the Month:

"The Cross Gardner": A touching story of loss, faith and growth.

### Helping Others:

Would you like to know how to help others through their grief? Please visit the church website and download "How to Help the Grieving" for great suggestions on how you can help your friends and family down the long road of loss.

### How are you answering God's call to serve?

We all have a role to play. Maybe this is yours. Prayerfully consider being a part of a group that gives support to others in the dark valley of loss. If you'd like to learn more about how you can serve God in this ministry, please contact Melanie Elo at [Melo@BenElo16.org](mailto:Melo@BenElo16.org) or (317) 727-8190.

### Grief Support Groups and Materials:

If you're looking for a support group or materials to help you through your grief, join "Mom's Grief Group," last Saturday of each month; 8am at Bob Evans in Camby

Extensive list of materials available in the Ben Elo Memorial Library.

Daily devotional emailed to you @ <http://dailyemails.griefshare.org/dailyemails/>

**Check it out TODAY!**



## Children's Leaders

### Nursery Coordinator

Shelly Duncan - shelly@mooresvillefumc.org

### Sunday School Coordinator

Ruth Brown - frank138@sbcglobal.net

### Children's Choir Director

Jennifer Burton - jennifer@mooresvillefumc.org

### Preschool & Children's Director

Lydia Rychtarczyk - lydia@mooresvillefumc.org

# Children News

## 8:30 & 11:10 Worship

Children begin in the sanctuary with their family and are released to a teacher after the "Children's Moment." The teacher takes the children to Room 130. We currently are using curriculum called, "One Room Sunday School." Parent's pick-up children after the Worship Service.

## Wednesday 6:30 PM

The Wednesday night Christian Education program for children begins at 6:30 PM in Room 117. During this time they will have a Bible lesson, make crafts, have a snack and just have fun.

## 9:45 Worship

Children begin in the sanctuary with their family and are released to a teacher after the "Children's Moment." The Sunday School Superintendent and some of the teachers escort children to their classes. We encourage new students to be escorted by their parents to see which room their child is in and to meet the teachers. Parents with younger children are also encouraged to walk their child to class. Older children can walk independently to their classes. A hands-on Bible curriculum is used. Parents must pick-up their children from the classrooms immediately after worship.

## Children's Choir

Children's Bell & Singing Choir is for Preschool through 4th Grade. We will practice during the 2nd Service Children's Church. They will perform during the benediction of the first worship service and at the beginning of the second worship service once a month.



# Tomorrow's Promise Preschool

Preschool starts this month. We will continue to enroll children until all classes are filled. If you know anyone who is interested in enrolling please call Lydia @ 834-1787. Thank you for your continued support of our preschool.



Mooresville First United Methodist Church sponsors this Christian oriented preschool operated on a non-profit basis as a community service. Our program is a learn-by-play atmosphere and is theme based.

## Nursery News

### Nursery

Loving, tender care is provided by a consistent staff during all three worship services every Sunday morning (8:30, 9:45; 11:10).

### Mommy & Me

Mommy & Me classes are starting on September 12th. This is a class for infants up to 36 months old and their moms offered at Tomorrow's Promise Preschool. The class meets on Thursday's in room 134 from 9:30 - 10:30. You can pick up a brochure outside the narthex or call Lydia @ 834-1787 to get more information.

# Youth News

Even though summer is over, the fun of camp is still fresh on the minds of the hundreds of campers, counselors, directors, and camp staff. Over the eight weeks of camps, new decisions to follow Christ, commitments to follow Him were renewed, and lives were changed forever!

Director teams and their counselors are already hard at work planning for next summer, and camp sites are making improvements for summer full of fun and Christ in 2014.



Interested in helping make camp better? There are several ways to help! You can support Impact 2818 financially through their scholarship program or their revitalization projects (such as a new lake at Camp Indicoso or new lodges at Epworth Forest). You can also volunteer your time by helping with projects at various campgrounds or join one of the planning teams that put together the various weeks of camp. See [www.impact.com](http://www.impact.com) or Ben Esterline for more information.

## September Calendar Youth Leaders

<b>1</b>	9:45 AM: 7-12th ConfirmationClass NO 5-6th Grade Mtg 5:00 PM: 7-12th Grade
<b>8</b>	9:45 AM: 7-12th ConfirmationClass 4:00 PM: 5-6th Grade Mtg 5:00 PM: 7-12th Grade
<b>15</b>	9:45 AM: 7-12th ConfirmationClass 4:00 PM: 5-6th Grade Mtg 5:00 PM: 7-12th Grade
<b>22</b>	9:45 AM: 7-12th ConfirmationClass 4:00 PM: 5-6th Grade Mtg 5:00 PM: 7-12th Grade
<b>27-28</b>	7:00 PM: Youth Confirmation Lock-In
<b>29</b>	<b>Sunday Worship led by Youth</b> 4:00 PM: 5-6th Grade Mtg 5:00 PM: 7-12th Grade FAMILY picnic (entire family)

### Jr./ Sr. High Contact

- Bryan Vickery -- [bryan@mooresvillefumc.org](mailto:bryan@mooresvillefumc.org)  
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### 5-6th Grade Contact

- Dan Herron -- [dherron59@gmail.com](mailto:dherron59@gmail.com)  
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(317) 407-6624

## Youth News Youth Director Notes

We're seeing students step up to the plate in September! Several are meeting in the youth room on Sunday mornings to learn the foundational teachings of the Christian church as they prepare for Confirmation. Others are teaching their peers about loving one another. Then on Sunday, September 29, students will be leading the worship during all three services! You won't want to miss it as they use their gifts to serve the body of Christ. All of this is great preparation for what's coming up next summer as we venture outside the United States for our first overseas mission trip. Thanks for your support and prayers for the students and leaders of the youth group at Mooresville First UMC!



We'll be serving in Mexico (Cozumel), Belize, Honduras, and the Cayman Islands!



We'll be serving on board the Carnival Glory!

## Cost of Mission Trip

**\$450 DUE November 3**  
(see financial statement for actual remaining balance for your teen)  
**\$450 DUE May 4**  
(TOTAL cost \$900 per student)



# Adult News

As followers of Jesus Christ we are called to live lives **UP** in worship to God, **IN** through ministry inside the congregation, and **OUT** in missions to the world. We worship God together in various ways on Sunday mornings and during special events. We serve side-by-side providing a safe place for kids to learn and grow, learning together in classes and small groups, and comforting friends in need. We go into the community, our state, this country, and throughout the world feeding, visiting, and sharing the love of Christ through our words and deeds.



## Circle of Friends

**Meet: 4th Thursday of the month**  
**Time: 7:00 PM**  
**Location: Church Youth Room**

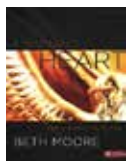
Circle of Friends has begun a new book "Captivating" by John Eldredge which is about unveiling the mystery of a woman's soul. This book can be purchased on amazon.com for only \$2.24. Come join the discussion!



## A Woman's Heart

**Meet: Wednesday**  
**Time: 6:30 PM**  
**Location: Church Room 140**

Perhaps no Old Testament event so dramatically illustrates God's persistent desire to relate to His children as the building of the tabernacle in the wilderness. Through the tabernacle God initiated a deeper relationship with His Chosen People by bringing reconciliation and revealing His glory. And certainly, no Old Testament event so richly prefigures the coming of the true Tabernacle, Jesus Christ. In this 10-week in-depth Bible study you will be challenged to prepare your heart, like the holy of holies, to become a home for His love and glory. Developed by Beth Moore, well-known Christian author and teacher.



## Here & Now

**Meet: Sunday morning**  
**Time: 9:45 AM**  
**Location: Church Parlor**

In September we will begin studying a book by Adam Hamilton, "Confronting the Controversies." Hamilton provides discussion and Biblical references to address some of the more difficult topics of our day. This is a 7 week session group study covering tough issues. The study is video based with an optional book to read along and get deeper into the issues. It is designed as a "fishing expedition." Don't expect answers as much as insight to better understand the issues from a Biblical perspective. Each session covers one topic, thus each class will be somewhat independent. The seven topics are:

- The Separation of Church and State
- Creation and Evolution in the Public Schools
- The Death Penalty
- Euthanasia
- Prayer in Public Schools
- Abortion
- Homosexuality



The class encourages new members to come as they are, when they can. Bring your coffee and snack to the parlor after 1st service or before 3rd service and join us in the parlor for a learning experience.

## Women's Bible Study

**Meet: Begins Sunday, Sept. 29**  
**Time: 4:30 PM**  
**Location: Church Room 140**

What is joy? Why do the scriptures promise that we can have joy even in the midst of sorrow? Why did Jesus have to die for us to receive the gift of joy?



All throughout the Psalms David sings of joy and John tells us that our joy cannot be taken away! Join an amazing group of women beginning Sunday, Sept. 29 at 4:30 for a quick walk in the park followed by the Women of Faith study "Contagious Joy" at 5:00 PM in Room 140 as we search the scriptures to understand these mysteries and learn how we can become women of joy. Study materials are \$7 and available from Sue Klinger (834-2219).

## Christian Foundations

**Meet: Wednesday**  
**Time: 6:30 PM**  
**Location: Church Room 112**

Led by Youth Director Bryan Vickery, discover what are our basic beliefs for our faith. Do you know what our basic beliefs are? Why we take Communion? What is the Trinity? And MORE!



# Adult News con't

## News Flash!

### Grandparent's Honored

On Sunday, September 8, we will honor our grandparents during our worship service. Invite grandparents, grandchildren, and other family members to attend!



### Rummage Sale

Saturday, September 14, is the annual United Methodist Women (UMW) Rummage Sale. We are sure we'll have something for everyone, so stop by. Remember, one person's donations just might be the treasure you have been looking for.

We ask that you do NOT donate clothing, computer equipment, TVs, large exercise equipment or large pieces of furniture.

If you would like to have an early look at the items available, volunteers are needed to set up and price items on September 12-13 (Thursday/ Friday), from 9-12:00 PM.

We also take pie donations! Have your pie at church by Friday, September 15.

**ALL monies earned helps us support our missions.**

### Summer Lunch Program

Our 2013 summer lunch program was a great success! Thanks to all who donated food and money to benefit this program throughout the summer. Thanks also to the great volunteers who consistently gave of their time to help package and deliver lunches. We were able to provide lunches every Wednesday for an average of 165 children each week! We are so proud of this mission and feel very blessed to be a part of it – Karalee Stinson & Lydia Rychtarczyk.

### Song of Solomon

**Meet: Wednesday, Sept. 11**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Church Room 113**

In Song of Solomon: A Study of Love, Marriage, Sex, and Romance pastor Tommy Nelson presents a classic study in a new, dynamic, and stimulating format.



“Romantic relationships affect everyone”, says Nelson. “Do we think that God has given us desire and passion without any instruction? Has God given us romance and tossed it to us like a grenade? Did he just say, ‘play around with it and you’ll figure it out?’ No, he has given us an entire book which deals with all of this and more. It’s called the Song of Solomon.

### Gods at War

**Meet: Wednesday**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Church Room 111**

There may be no wooden or golden idols in your home, such as the ancient Israelites struggled with, but chances are, there are significant idols in your heart. These idols can look like normal, everyday concerns about security, financial stability, desire for attention or affection, but can easily become the ugly reality of anxiety, greed, and seeking approval of man, rather than God. In “Gods at War,” Kyle Idleman addresses the issue of idolatry in the lives of believers by asking insightful questions that will help you determine which false gods are striving to sit on the throne of your heart. Discover the freedom that awaits you when you allow the true God to reside unchallenged in your heart and life.

### Stephen Ministry

**Meet: Wednesday, Begins Sept. 18**

**Time: 6:00 PM**

**Location: Church Room 110**

In order to join the training on Wednesday nights, you must go through an application and interview process. We have many needs for care in our congregation and community: people experiencing divorce, marriage, grief, a terminal illness, new baby, loss of a job, relocation, an empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness, and many others stresses or challenges. Stephen Ministry expands the care First UMC can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with gifts, skills and calling to bring Christ’s love and care to those who need it most.

### 40 Days in the Word

**Meet: Wednesday**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Parlor**

The 40 Days in the Word teaching is a DVD Study that will take participants through Pastor Rick Warren’s six easy to learn methods of Loving, Learning, and Living the Word of God. Many people are intimidated by Bible study, but Pastor Rick makes it easier than ever to unlock deep and life changing meaning in the Scriptures. Best for study alongside the 40 Days in the Word DVD, there is a workbook (\$10) which will guide you through what it means to not just be “hearers” of the Word, but also “doers” of the Word! Reignite and strengthen your passion for God’s Word together with these inspirational teachings.





# Inspirational Articles

## “Choosing Joy” by Anne Gatts

Recently due to a delayed flight I was afforded a little more time in the airport to “people watch”. Fortunately, I was seated where I could easily observe passengers emerging onto the concourse without looking like a stalker. Minutes after the arrival board posted each plane’s landing, throngs of people would pour out through the hallway. Some passengers had loved ones gathered close by the entrance to greet them. Squeals of joy, bear hugs and pats on the back followed. Other travelers arrived with little or no fanfare. Smartly dressed in business suits with briefcases in hand, they strode toward the next meeting. Still others emerged from the hallway with that look of uncertainty that often accompanies travelers in a new city.

Interestingly, even though every arrival had its own story, each person’s eyes

seemed the same in one distinct way.

*They were all searching for something.*

Some were undoubtedly looking for a familiar face in the crowd. Others routinely scanned phone messages on the way to the escalators. A few looked anxiously for the signs that would point them to the baggage claim area. As I watched them parade by it struck me at what a perfect parallel this was for the way I can choose to approach my life. I can either expect business as usual, fearfully contemplate what to do next or anticipate joy.

I have certainly experienced life in all three ways. There have been times when I have fallen into the routine of “the business as usual”, nose to the grindstone, forging ahead with little consideration of the miraculous around me. And on more than one occasion I have lost sleep in fearful anticipation of the unknown

forgetting that God is in control. But the good news is that no matter where I am in any situation I can always choose joy. And in choosing joy I receive the source of my strength. Nehemiah 8:10 tells me that “*The joy of the LORD is my strength.*” I choose to believe Psalms 27 that “*The LORD is my light and my salvation-- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life.*”

Therefore, I must search through life with conscious intent. By choosing the numbness of busyness or permitting paralyzing fear to sideline me, I am allowing the enemy to rob me of the extraordinary. Instead, I must anticipate the best that God has to offer me. And in doing so, I will choose joy.

*Anne Gatts*

## “How Poor Are We?” by Pastor Ben

I want to share a brief story I recently read online:

*One day, the father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the express purpose of showing him how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.*

*On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, “How was the trip?”*

*“It was great, Dad.”*

*“Did you see how poor people live?” the father asked.*

*“Oh yeah,” said the son.*

*“So, tell me, what did you learn from the*

*trip?” asked the father.*

*The son answered: “I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon.*

*“We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight.*

*“We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs.*

*“We have walls around our property to*

*protect us, they have friends to protect them.”*

*The boy’s father was speechless.*

*Then his son added, “Thanks Dad for showing me how poor we are.”*

The lesson learned is that having a rich life doesn’t involve having great wealth. Let me emphasize, that there is nothing wrong with having nice things. However, it’s important that the nice things don’t have us! The truth is the most important things in life aren’t things! Our lives are rich when we love God and others through both our words and deeds.

Blessings,  
*Pastor Ben*

Group Name	Time	Location	Leader	Start Date	Description of Study
<b>Sunday Groups</b>					
Booster Sunday School	9:45 AM	Room 110	Maggie Overpeck	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Seeker Sunday School	9:45 AM	Room 111	Cathy Mosier/ Diana Sparr	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Friendship Class	9:45 AM	Room 113	Karen Yeager/ Jim Harris	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Here and Now	9:45 AM	Parlor	Dave Nance	Meeting Now	Bible Study
Pastor Dennis Connect Group	6:30 PM	Pastor Dennis's Home	Pastor Dennis	Begins Sept. 15	Share a song, study the Bible, share a witness, pray
Women's Bible Study	4:30 PM	Room 140	Sue Klinger	Begins Sept. 29	Walk in the park at 4:30; Bible study begins at 5:00. (\$7)
<b>Tuesday Groups</b>					
Prayer Group	7:30 AM	Chapel	team leaders	Meeting Now	Praying for our church & community
Quilters	9:00 AM	Room 111	team leaders	Meeting Now	Bring your needle & thread
Sewing Ladies	9:00 AM	Parlor	team leaders	Meeting Now	Bring your sewing machine
Asbury Circle	1:00 PM	Parlor	team leaders	3rd Tuesday	Mission focused women's group
<b>Wednesday Groups</b>					
Bell Choir	5:45 PM	Room 143	Jennifer Burton	Meeting Now	For ALL Ages: Practicing bells for 8:30 Traditional Sunday worship
Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM	Room 110	Cathy Mosier/ Dale DePoy	Begins Sept. 18	Application & interview process is required in order to join this group
Traditional Choir	6:30 PM	Room 143	Jennifer Burton	Meeting Now	For ALL Ages: Practicing songs for 8:30 Traditional Sunday worship
Holy Yoga	6:30 PM	Youth Room	team leaders	Meeting Now	For ALL Ages: yoga with a Christian theme
40 Days in the Word	6:30 PM	Parlor	Rev. Dennis	Meeting Now	Developed by Pastor Rick Warren, learn how to study the Bible (\$10)
Song of Solomon	6:30 PM	Room 113	Jamie & Shelly Wilson	Begins Sept. 11	For couples wanting to develop their marriage (\$10)
Gods at War	6:30 PM	Room 111	Jeremiah & Amy Curbeaux	Meeting Now	Defeating the idols that battle for your heart
A Woman's Heart	6:30 PM	Room 140	Ruth Brown	Meeting Now	A Beth Moore study with a focus on the Tabernacle (\$15)
Fibromyalgia Support	6:30 PM	Chapel	6:30 PM	Meeting Now	Chronic illness support group
Christian Foundations	6:30 PM	Room 112	Bryan Vickery	Meeting Now	For ALL ages: Discovering what are our basic beliefs
<b>Thursday Groups</b>					
Mommy & Me	9:30 AM	Room 134	Lydia Rychtarczyk	Begins Sep.12	For moms with 0-3yrs. old babies
Judge's Mens Group	11:30 AM	Downtown Indy	team leaders	3rd Thurs.	Connect Group format
Beals Home Group	6:30 PM	Beals' Home	Rev. Gene Young	Begins Sep.12	Studying book "Jesus in the Gospels"
High Street Connect Group	7:00 PM	Ruth Brown's Home	team leaders	Meets 1st & 3rd Thurs.	Home Bible Study
Circle of Friends	6:30 PM	Church: Room 114	team leaders	Meets 3rd Thursday	Reading the book "Captivating" by John Eldredge
<b>Saturday Group</b>					
Genesis	7:00 AM	Biff's Cafe	Dave Nance	Meeting Now	Connect Group format

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<b>1</b> 8:30-9:45-11:10 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Confirmation Class 11:10 Children's SS 4pm AA NO 5th-6th Youth NO 7-12 Youth	<b>2</b>  <b>Labor Day Office Closed</b> 7:30 AA meeting	<b>3</b> 7:30-8:30 Prayer 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 9:00 Sewing & Quilting 6:30 Lay Leadership meeting 6:30 Heartland Mom's meeting	<b>4</b> 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 5:45 Bell Choir 6:00 Band Practice 6:30 Children & Adult Classes 6:30 Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 10:00 Visitation Team meets	<b>6</b> 9:00 Pre School 8:00 AA 8:00 Alanon	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Grandparent Sunday</b> 8:30-9:45-11:10 Worship 9:00 Henderson Breakfast 9:45 Sunday School 9:45 Confirmation Class 11:00 Mission Meeting 11:10 Children's SS 4pm AA 4:00 5th-6th Youth 5:00-7-12 Youth meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 6:15 LRE Visit meet 6:30 Girl Scout meeting 7:00 Sewing Guild 7:30 AA meeting	<b>10</b> 7:30-8:30 Prayer 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 9:00 Sewing & Quilting 6:00 Trustee meeting 7:00 Finance meeting 7:00 Communication meeting	<b>11</b> 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 5:45 Bell Choir 6:00 Band Practice 6:30 Children & Adult Classes 6:30 Choir Practice	<b>12</b> Set up Rummage Sale 9:00 & 12:15 Pre School 9:30 Mommy & Me	<b>13</b> Set up Rummage Sale 9:00 Pre School 8:00 AA 8:00 Alanon	<b>14</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:00-3:00 Rummage Sale Noon: Trip to Indiana Dream Team meets
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<b>Henderson Mission Trip</b>						
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## Special Worship Service

### **Master Sergeant Cedric King** **“The High Cost of Freedom”** **Sunday Worship, October 13**

Master Sergeant Cedric King recently spoke at Pastor Charles Stanley worship service. He brings a message of hope and faith wrapped in the story of the high cost for our freedom. Begin inviting friends and family to hear his inspirational message! More details including flier and a picture slideshow are on our web site.



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