

SANDY PLAINS NEWSLETTER

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



SUMMER CAMP



PRE-TEEN CAMP



 **WinShape
Camps**



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SUMMER of a LIFETIME

(or... a lifetime of summer)

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

It takes quite a long time to see some things come to pass. In our instant society, our measure of time is probably not the same measure that God uses. He is deliberate and can wait to see his plan fulfilled. We are impatient and want our results now - if not sooner!

As you probably know, the Leadership Team meets at least once a month. We handle the business that is necessary for our existence as a church body. We kick around ideas and discuss details both in the meetings and by email as necessary.

One of the projects that has been discussed for about 3 years is the Cobb DOT plan to widen Sandy Plains Road. We have come to a settlement agreement with the county and now we can begin to do what needs to be done to make way for the construction to begin by some time early next year. We will need to move some graves in the cemetery and trim or cut some trees that are too large to stay in the easement area. Our back road will be repaired along with some parking lot improvements. When it's all said and done, there will be much that has been said and done by the Easement Team and the Leadership Team! Thanks to all those involved, especially Ed England, Ron Stone, David Braswell and Betsy Moody.

Another project that we discussed beginning last year is the conversion to Realm. Realm is an opportunity for our church to communicate by modern technology. All you need is an email address and you can begin the process. Thanks to Mike Anderson who has spent many hours behind the scenes getting us to this point and to Nanci Maples who is also playing a role in managing the system. Please take advantage of this new program.

Last year we discussed sponsoring WinShape Camps for communities. Now we have those two weeks behind us. Thanks to everyone who participated by praying, giving or working during the weeks. And VBS was in the middle! Thanks especially to Janet, Terri and Gary for heading up these ministries.

The Leadership Team also discussed our transition to one worship service. We did not wait long for that decision to be implemented and we pray that everyone is enjoying being together and worshipping as one Body of Christ.

We should not forget to pray for the Worship Pastor search team as they seek our next Worship Pastor. Jon Carr is doing a terrific job as our Interim Worship Pastor!

As school begins again, remember that God's timing is not necessarily our timing. Pray for each other as we seek to follow His calling in our lives and pray that we are on His perfect timetable.

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YOUNG IN HEART

The July 20th meeting of the Young in Heart group was held in the church fellowship hall with 39 members and 1 visitor attending. The meeting was opened by Don Mason who led the pledge of allegiance. Birthdays for Kathleen Carden and Frank Coons were acknowledged by the members and then Don blessed the food prior to lining up for lunch.

The catered lunch was enjoyed by all including the two guest speakers from Ross Berry Farm. The lunch was provided Carolyn and Jackie Smith (Wally and Roland assisted).

With lunch completed, the speakers were introduced by Sandra Mason. Terry and Jeannie Ross gave a very interesting talk with slides on domestic Honey bees and other bees from different areas of the world.

The next meeting will be a covered dish on August 17th in the church fellowship hall.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Weekday Preschool will begin on August 21st this year. We have more kids enrolled than we have in several years! A new class has been added and 3 new teachers hired. The staff returns on August 14th. Please be in prayer for the staff and the preschool families as we begin our school year.

Orientation is Thursday, August 17th for students to meet their teachers. While the kids are with the teachers, the parents will be in a meeting to learn our procedures. Some of the one and two year olds have never been away from mommy and there might be some crying. If you would like to lend a hand on August 17th from 10:45-12:00, we would welcome a few volunteers to help hold and comfort the little ones. If interested, please email me at terri@sandyplains.org.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Sandra Abney

Bill Barksdale

Sara Bell

Dot Bounds

Hazel Burns

Marilyn Carlile

Jane Drake

Charlie & Mary Duncan

Preston & Allene Mangum

Sue Moyer

William Ross

Amanda Williams

Cecil & Ina Wray

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MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL—Gary McEntire

Beginning in August, our Sunday evening program will be transformed from a focused teaching type of event to a get out and serve type of event. We are hoping students of all ages will want to participate in this activity but we are especially eager for our middle school / high school students and their parents to get involved with this.

This program will involve creating student led drama and activity teams that we will use to go into our communities and reach out to the children there. Our hope is to develop those relationships that we started with WinShape and VBS.

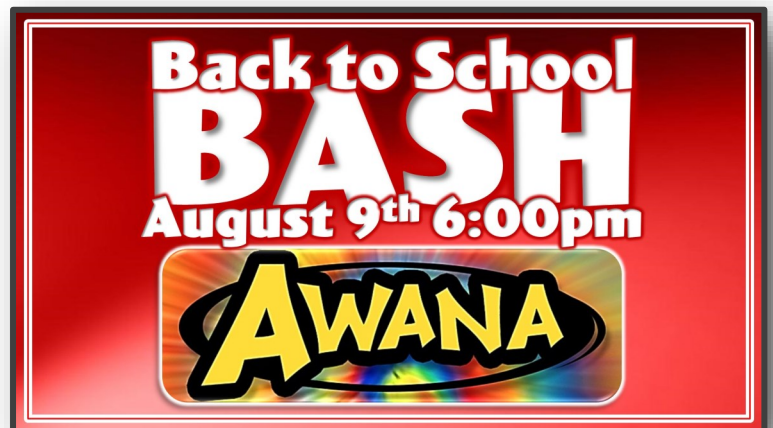
We could use a lot of parent / adult help. Contact Gary and let him know you want to serve in this ministry.



CHILDREN—Janet Porter

AWANA — We are so excited... Awana season begins on August 9th at 6:00 pm!! Join us on the playground as we kick-off our season with a Back to School Bash. As the parents register kids for AWANA, the kids can enjoy water play, snacks and fun! Be sure to wear your bathing suit and bring a towel...you will get wet. :)

The following Wednesday, on August 16th, we will begin our AWANA rotations. This year club will run from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and we will follow the Cobb county School break schedule. More details will be handed out at the Back to School Bash. See you soon!



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WEDNESDAY DINNERS

Fellowship Dinners are on hiatus for the summer. More information will be available soon.

UP AND COMING

8/3 W.O.M.:Mission seekers, 10:30am (C18)
8/6 Leadership Meeting, 4pm (C18)
8/9 AWANA Kickoff, 6pm
8/10 Caring and Sharing, 7pm (Janice Ashley's home)
8/14 Preschool Teachers return
8/17 Young In Heart, 11am (FH)
8/21 Preschool Starts

8/27 Heritage, 4pm
8/29 Senior Men's Meeting, 10am (FH)

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30am Bible Study
11:00am Worship Service
5:00pm Middle and High School

Monday

6:00pm GriefShare (C14)

Wednesday

6:00pm AWANA
6:30pm Adult Bible Study (FH)

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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

August 6th	August 13th	August 20th	August 27th
<i>Lock Up</i>			
Willie Terrell	Willie Terrell	Chad Conrey	Chad Conrey
Dick Porter	Dick Porter	Ed England	Ed England
<i>Security</i>			
Wally Harris	Lewis Casey	Danny Ashley	Wayne Cole
Earl Gossage	Sam Hill	Robert Moody	Wayne Bartlett
<i>Ushers</i>			
<i>Team 2</i>	<i>Team 3</i>	<i>Team 1</i>	<i>Team 2</i>
Chad Conrey	Don Singletary	David Braswell	Chad Conrey
Danny Ashley	Lewis Casey	Wayne Bartlett	Danny Ashley
Joe Ballew	Wayne Cole	Bob Hayes	Joe Ballew
Earl Gossage	John Downer	Jim Kennedy	Earl Gossage
Robert Moody	Roy Earnest	John LaRue	Robert Moody
Ron Stone	Fran Florian	Steve Stephens	Ron Stone
Don Walker	Wally Harris		Don Walker
	Sam Hill		