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## Standard Time

This month I feel I need to offer an apology for what happened (or did not happen) at our last church conference.

I understand that there were a number of people there who had come expecting a presentation and discussion of the proposed idea related to worship service times and Sunday School times. That discussion not happening that night is entirely my mistake. I had written my newsletter article about it around two weeks prior to the conference. The schedule for the presentation and discussion of the worship/Sunday School idea had been decided in a meeting of the Worship Survey Panel some weeks before (May 13) so I put it in the newsletter that way. However, after the newsletter had been printed, several leaders in the church (along with me) agreed that adequate information and time had not been given for our congregation to be prepared to make a decision on this matter. And, just as important, our church is facing a major budget shortfall which has taken center stage in our discussions and planning. Realizing that we may have to make some fairly major decisions in order to reduce our church budget, we felt that too much change all at once was not a good thing.

We decided to postpone discussion of the proposed new schedule. That is the reason I did not say anything about it in church on Sunday morning. But, I had totally forgotten that I had written about it in my newsletter article! I also had forgotten when I wrote the newsletter article that Laura and I were supposed to attend the wedding of a close family friend on the day of the conference. That was another reason to postpone discussion of the issue - I certainly would want to be there when the idea is presented. I completely overlooked the fact that people might show up expecting that discussion having read it in my newsletter article. (It is good to know that some people do read the newsletter!).

Anyway, I apologize for any inconvenience or disappointment this may have caused you and/or your family. Please be assured that ample time will be given for understanding and discussing the issue before a decision is made by the church. Thank you for understanding and for giving this forgetful pastor the benefit of the doubt.

*Pastor Rick*

Quotes:

- "I want a Krispy Kreme girlfriend, hot and holy!"
- "I call my wife my Brown Sugar!"
  - Ed Newton
- "Reverennnnnd! And Simple Ike"
  - Forrest
- "NJ's" - Mr. Kenny
- "Mr. Tommy's back hair braids itself."
  - unknown
- "Your grandmamma makes great sweet tea!"
  - Matthew", Mike, "That's why they call her Grandmamma!"
- "...I believe this dirt ain't where I am from!"
  - Joel Goddard

Other Stuff:

Swimming with Dolphins while Shrimmpin' Saint Simons, Water Park, Big Jake, Mid-night guest, big turtle!

Others from the Summer!

- "Dear God, I believe you can move mountains. So please help a brother not just this once."
  - Mike the Intern on the Hiking Trip
- "Impact is the bomb!" - Forrest
- "Huh, Huh, yeah!" - Wes

Momma Mae Mae! Shout Out!

Hey lovely ladies!

SuperWow was a wonderful time of bonding and encouragement with one another. I pray that we will continue to prepare to be "a sanctuary" for our Lord.

—Love you girls!

Mae Mae Eph. 5:2-3

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Augusts' Prime Time Events!

Party on Wednesday! Food and Fun! Friends and Family lets do it! Back to School Bang! ...Aug 4th

Back to School with Style!

Romans 12:1-2...<sup>1</sup> And so, dear brothers and sisters,

I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice -the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Missionaries Report!

On August 1 in big church we will enjoy a mission trip adventure Sunday when Briarwood's summer missionaries will give a praise report on all of God's work this summer!

Sunday Night Shout!

Coming August 29, 2010 at 7 PM

Location: Outback in the 5 wide trailer beside the Fellowship Hall!

A worship event for High School and College Students and their sponsors (aka people who love them).

Where are they NOW!

Our church family has invested millions of dollars and hours in students who are blessing the Lord all over the globe. This month we introduce the first segment of where are they now!

Congratulations! to Katie Manley



Actually, we should congratulate Bruce!

Katie is a former Briarwood student and worship leader. She married on July 17 to the dude named Bruce who is a great guy. Katie has another year of college then she plans to teach in South Carolina.

P.S. Katie's older brother Chris is married with a beautiful baby girl and is moving to St. Louis for seminary.

All-Niter Shout Out!

Debra Hunter moved mountains with the help of Mike Hunter and Robin Brooks at the All-Niter. Her love helped raise incredible funds for our youth ministry.



## MUSIC & WORSHIP NOTES

July/August



"Didn't Know Who He Was"

Matt. 3:1-12

As we all experience "the dog days of summer," I'm spending time thinking of Christmas. That's right. Every year at this time, in all this heat, I begin to finalize Christmas plans for the church. In listening to a musical today I heard the familiar song "Sweet Little Jesus Boy." This old Spiritual speaks for many of us. It is often hard in our busy lives to take time to really know who Jesus Christ is.

John the baptizer was Jesus' cousin and yet he didn't realize that Jesus was the Messiah until He came to be baptized by John.

John spent his adult life trying to help people understand what it meant to change their whole way of living, and through repentance be ready to meet and accept the Messiah. John was more than ready to meet the Messiah when Jesus came to be baptized at the river.

How often do we encounter religious people who seem to know everything about the Scriptures, but not how to love and care for those around them. They do not know who Christ really is.

Every day we have many opportunities to help others to know the Messiah, but we can't help others to know Christ until we know and accept Christ in our hearts. To know Christ means letting Christ know the real you and allowing Him to change you. It means letting go of our old life and turning around to follow Christ. To know Christ is to be in full relationship with him.

Whether you are thinking about the recent heat wave, upcoming vacations or Christmas, NOW is a wonderful time to begin a new and meaningful relationship with the Christ who loves us.

Grace & Peace,

Greg

**Educators' Appreciation Day!**

**Sunday, August 8 - 10:45 a.m.**

Speaker: Darrell Huckaby

Lunch will be provided for all educators and their families.

**Women on Mission**

**Tuesday, August 10 - 6:30 p.m.** at the home of Ramona Lord.

Contact Ramona at 770-725-2749. Bring a salad to share.

**Sunday School Leaders' Appreciation Banquet**

**Saturday, August 28**

Dr. Steve Parr, Special Guest Speaker

5:30 p.m. - Training; 7:00 p.m. - Dinner; Fellowship Hall

**Jesus offers an open relationship with everyone...including our children.**

*A point to consider: If our children do not know Jesus, then our future will not know Jesus.*

**Outreach/Visitation Continues in August**

Join us the first and third Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm as we continue to reach our prospects. Those that are "new" to visitation are invited to a 5-minute introduction to what we are about and how we let God use us to reach those that need a visit or a call or even a note of reassurance.

**This month's dates are:**

**Tuesday, August 3; Tuesday, August 17**

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