

Prayer Requests

Members & Attendees

Caregivers
Lisa (Mrs. James)
 Hammack
Herbert Edwards
David Hammack
Jim Smalfelt
Jim Howell
Ruth Cannon
Delbra Davis
Wadis & Marian
 Hedgepeth
Greg Shaffer
Marie Berry

Friends & Other Requests

Motorcycle group accident
 victims
Doug Baird

Friends & Other Requests

A.T. Carter (Larry Beale's
 brother-in-law): leukemia
Linda Simpson (Jaye Jones'
 cousin): car accident
Michael Howell (Jessie
 Spence's nephew)
Faye Lewis
Bahnson & Nelda Newsome
Jared Burch
Phillip Kidd
Sarah Iles
Dwight Berry
Matt Kayser
Ingrid Williams
Ames Hudson
Vonda Mills
Heidi May

Friends & Other Requests

Katy Keeter
Agnes Jenkins
Robin Proctor
Bernard Scott

The following families, in
 the passing of their loved
 ones:
The family of:
Wayne Boseman
Maxine Berkley (Pat Smith's
 cousin)
Chris Dildy
Steven Craig Shearin, Jr.
Linwood Ricks (Mary
 Snead's brother)
Bobby Davis
Cleveland Hawkins

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Sunday School 10:00
Morning Worship 11:00
Sunday Evening 6:00

(Sunday evening resumes in Sept.)

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Dave's Devotions

Lots of people have asked me, “**How was the youth trip?**” So I thought I’d let all of you know about it today. At the end of June, we took a group of 2 adults (Ginny Lewis and me) and 8 youth, ages 12-15, to Shocco Springs Conference Center near Talladega, Alabama.

By the way, in the past we have been attending a particular Christian churches conference, and loving it! Unfortunately that organization is no longer offering any conferences for combined middle/high school groups. There are many tens of thousands of churches out there with youth groups our size, which need one combined conference for middle and high school. Just in case any Christian churches leaders out there happen to read this article, I have a plea for you: Don’t neglect these many, many, many churches that need one combined middle/high school conference!

Thankfully Student Life did offer us something, and we were very pleased with it! First, it was a beautiful facility. Our youth had normal kid complaints about the food. (I believe one youth group member passed up almost all of the free food, and bought snack bar nachos every meal for the entire week.) But personally, I thought the actual food was really good—not at all what I expect at camp. We had air conditioning; a beautiful campus; and lots of fun.

It was also a well-run camp. Since we did have to go outside of our fellowship this year, I am

glad I was there to address a couple doctrinal differences from the messages and printed materials. With that said, the worship and speaker were excellent, and the conference as a whole was very well designed.

But what really excited me about this trip was our own youth. Even though for several of our young people, this was the furthest they had ever been from home—or even their first week away from family—our students had a great attitude. I was very proud of each of our young people. And, I was extremely grateful to Ginny for taking a week away from work, at the last minute, to chaperone our young people!

I was especially pleased with how hard the youth worked. Cindy said a word about this in church recently. In the past, our youth have attended service conferences, which means that *everyone* at the conference was serving in some community project. In those other years, there was also time built into the schedule for some recreation.

However, as I said, this was a different organization. This conference had two, simultaneous tracks: service or recreation. I would estimate that about 80% of the participants were on the recreation track, while our group was among the 20% on the service track. What that meant was that everyone attended the same worship, heard the same speaker, and had the same kind of small groups. *(Continued inside)*

Dave's Devotions, continued from front

But during the day, while many participants played, our youth and the other service groups, went and served other people.

Obviously our youth were aware of this, and we discussed it as a group one night. Some of the youth were understandably disappointed to miss out on some fun. But with no prompting from Ginny or me, one of the young people spoke up and said, "You know what? I hate working! *But...* I always feel good when I do serve. I'd rather be doing this, than playing." Other youth shared similar remarks, about the opportunity we had to make a difference.

And let me say a little more about the work ethic among our kids. It was a very hot here in North Carolina that week. In Alabama, it was a little hotter, and (believe it or not) way more humid. The result was that we once found ourselves working, outside, with a heat index of 106 degrees (not an exaggeration). Of course we drank lots of water, took breaks, and made sure everyone was safe. But through it all, the kids (almost) always worked hard and (almost) never whined. Parents, I know that's hard to believe—but it's true!

Our particular project was, along with two other youth groups, to serve at the Alabama Presbyterian Home for Children. Over three days, our group cleaned out a large storage building, sorting and/or disposing of items. We worked in their thrift store (lots more organizing and cleaning). And we tore down what I would estimate was a 400' fence, to make room for some future projects.

The children's home where we served was very welcoming, and it was a joy to be with

them. Their staff as a whole, as well as the CEO of the Home, took the time to tell us about the history and current offerings of their ministry. They thanked us repeatedly, and put a nice post on our church Facebook page. We really enjoyed this opportunity!

On our last full day there, a very severe thunderstorm cut off our service project a little early, and also knocked out power to the conference campus for many hours. In the midst of that, I appreciated a text that the conference director sent out. Along with updates and information on how our programs were being affected, he said, "Excited to see how the Lord uses tonight."

What a great outlook! Sometimes when people face hardship or uncertainty, they give up, complain, or get angry. But for this ministry director, trying to figure out how to do a worship service for 1100 people...at night...with no power...his response was *excitement*: "Let's see what God does now!"

And sure enough: we still had worship. They had enough generator power to keep on minimal lights. The worship band led us in a quiet, acoustic worship set, which was my favorite—and surprisingly, was the favorite of our youth group, too! It was a great end to the conference. I think there was a lesson in this: Don't define yourself by the limitations you face. Instead, pray, with hope and faith and even excitement, "God, what can you do with my circumstances?"

It was so much fun for me to get to know these eight young people much better. I challenge all of you to come and serve with our young people as well, and build relationships with them.

I hope to see you Sunday—or sooner!

Serving July 15, 2018

Building and Communion: Andy Tart

Meditations: Dave Chapman

Serving at the Table: George Lewis,
Mark Snead

Serving Communion: James
Hammack, Jaye Jones, Terry Wheeler,
Bill Harris, Andy Tart

Sound Technician: Mike Williams

Greeters: FD: F.D. Snead; EE: Evelyn
Spence; L: Lisa Hammack FG: Becky
Allen

Closing Prayer: Terry Wheeler

Tabulators: Wayne Smith, Pat Smith,
Susan Wilson

Alternate Tabulator: Mark Snead

Serving July 22, 2018

Building and Communion: Terry
Wheeler

Meditations: Dave Chapman

Serving at the Table: Jaye Jones,
Andy Tart

Serving Communion: Larry Beale,
George Lewis, F.D. Snead, David Ham-
mack, Mark Snead

Sound Technician: Don Cagle

Greeters: FD: Al & Dot Smith; EE:
Ginny Lewis; L: Lisa Hammack; FG:
Becky Allen

Closing Prayer: Mark Snead

Tabulators: Dot Smith, George Lewis,
Mark Snead

Alternate Tabulator: F.D. Snead

Statistics

Weekly Budget Needs
\$4,885

Yearly Budget Needs
\$254,027

June 17, 2018

Sunday School 47
Morning Worship 100
No Night Services for
Summer

Offering \$ 2,322

Memorial & Special

Offerings: \$ 40

June 24, 2018

Sunday School 62
Morning Worship 97
Offering \$ 3,435

July 1, 2018

Sunday Brunch 50
Morning Worship 80
Offering \$ 6,132

July 8, 2018

Sunday School 71
Morning Worship 104
Offering \$ 5,420

Announcements

Our **continental breakfast** (before Sunday School in the fellowship hall); **children's worship time** (at the beginning of Sunday school, in the worship center); and the **vital signs check** (following the morning worship service, in the choir practice room) continue every Sunday. Contact the church office for more information on any of these programs.

The **Dollar Club** is ongoing! All attendees are asked to continue giving an extra \$1 per person, per week, on top of your regular giving.

- We give a dollar amount equal to our total Sunday morning worship attendance to help a special need each week. This is in addition to all of the other missions that your giving supports.

- Our recipient for 7/1, 7/8 and 7/15 is Phillip Kid, who was injured in a hit-and-run accident

- To nominate someone to receive the Dollar Club, please contact George Lewis, or contact Dave at the church. All nominees are evaluated for need, and for fit with our program. Recipients are assisted in the order they are nominated and approved.

Announcements

VBS will be July 23-27. Dinner will be served at 5:15 pm, and the program will be 6-8:30 pm each night. This year's theme is *Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus*. Please sign up now to volunteer at VBS, using the poster in the education building hallway. There is something for everyone to do! In addition, please note that we recently learned that the school system will not be able to provide our meals, as they had done in recent years. We appreciate all of the help they gave us with that! If you would like to help with food preparation, service, and/or with menu planning and food purchasing, please speak to Lauren.

Things still needed from **Wish List for VBS:**

For Decorating: Cardboard boxes, Brown Streamers & Balloons, Fish Netting, Green poster board, Fish netting, Wall Command Strips, Colored Cellophane, Seashells, Oars, Rope (all sizes/colors), Toilet paper/Paper towel rolls

For Daily Snacks: Hug Fruit Barrels, juice boxes, Capri suns.

If you have a kayak or anything water related, we can probably use them as props.

See other Events Below:

Tuesday, July 17: VBS meeting 6-8 pm

Wednesday, July 18: Water Wednesday*

Saturday, July 21: 9am-12 noon VBS Setup

Sunday, July 22: VBS prep starting at 5 pm

* Volunteers and Supplies needed for Water Wednesday:

Supplies: Water balloons (the kind easy to fill), sidewalk chalk, chalk bombs, water activity games

Forms for background checks for all youth and children's ministry workers are available on the lobby table. If you have not already completed your background check, please do so immediately. For your security, please submit background check forms directly to Dave, Lauren or Susan. Thanks for your support, as we protect and care for children!

The **Lookout** magazine is available on the lobby table and in your Sunday school class. There is also a quarterly **devotion book**, and more free resources for you, on the lobby table.

The **2018 meditation calendar** is posted on the lobby bulletin board. You can still sign up here if you would like to bring both the communion and/or stewardship meditations on one or more Sundays this year. Most Sundays from August through December are still open. Church leaders are reminded to sign up here. If you have never shared meditations before, or would like more information on this, please contact Dave at the church prior to signing up.

The **2018 flower calendar** is posted on the lobby bulletin board. You can still sign up to provide flowers for the worship center on one or more Sundays this year. If you are providing flowers and you want there to be an announcement in the bulletin that you are giving them in honor or memory of someone, please contact the church office with that information early in the week before. If we don't hear from you, the bulletin will simply contain the name of the donor providing the flowers. Thank you for beautifying our worship center in this way!

