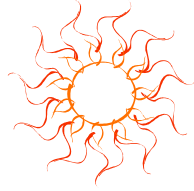


AROUND FCC....



It was hot, “wicked hot” out there.

Our church picnic was held on June 8 and it may well be the shortest picnic we’ve ever had! The burgers and hot dogs were on the grill at noon and the parking lot was almost empty at 1:45. We set up the food tables in the choir room and the beverages in the back entryway. The chairs were circled up under the shade of the pine trees in the parking lot. We ate. We complimented each other’s cooking. We left.



Thanks to Pastor Brian for manning the grill and to everyone who brought a side dish.

*The stage of Canton High School will be alive with the **Sound of Music** August 1, 2 and 3rd as the Canton Community Players put on this wonderful Rogers and Hammerstein musical. Why would you want to go? To see Arlene in a nun’s habit! Dave Coccia is the music director, and seeing as how this was Arlene’s most favorite of all musicals when she was young she just couldn’t pass up a chance to be a part of it.*



Bill and Naomi Beckman had no sooner returned from their annual trek to North Carolina than they got the sad news that Naomi’s brother-in-law Joe Perkovich had passed away. We extend our sympathy to the Beckmans and all of Naomi’s family who has been left behind to mourn the loss of their loved one.

A few months back someone asked about Jim Horton who had apparently moved from one nursing home to another. If you would like to send a greeting to Jim or visit him, he’s not too far away:

Serenity Hill Nursing Home
Room # 6
655 Dedham Street
Wrentham, Ma 02093



Share the News!

Vacation Bible School 2008
July 28-August 1 9:30-11:30



Jesus is Your Savior!

Children ages 4-11 are welcome

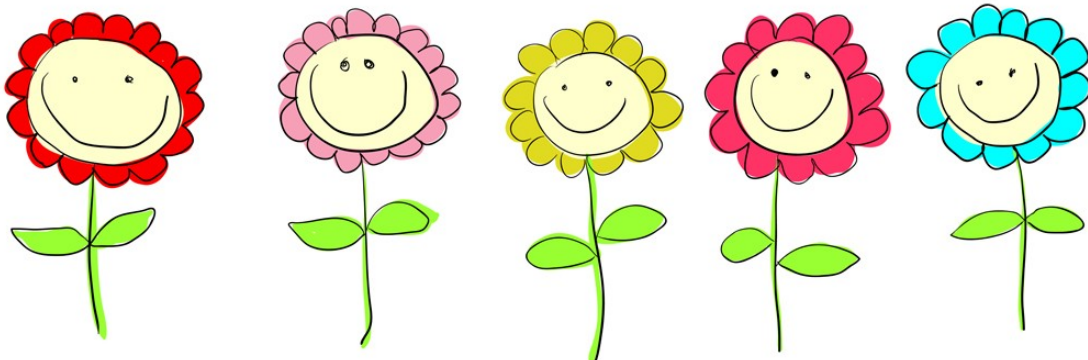
A CEF team will be here to lead the children in Bible story time,
memory work and other activities
We provide music, snacks and games

Lessons are based on stories of Jesus as he heals the paralyzed man, calms the storm, talks to the Samaritan woman, heals the centurion's servant and tells the story of the good Samaritan

Post cards are available in the entry hall for you to take to give to any children you know who might be interested.

Information will also be given out at the
Mansfield Family Fun night

If you would like to help by providing a snack for one of the days that week, please speak to Arlene or Pastor Brian



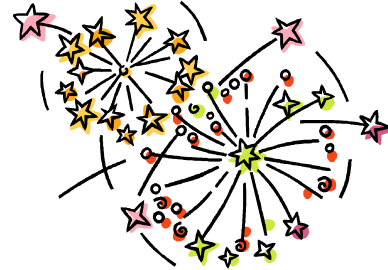
JULY

Birthday

- 5 Charlie Scott
- 6 Betty Harding
- 7 Ingrid Hem
- 8 Christiana Nilson
- 12 Muriel Peterson
- 13 A J Carine
- 14 Bruce Nilson, Jr.
- 18 Bryan Nilson
- 25 Olivia Coccia
- 27 Merle Hansel
- 28 Cassandra Holloway
- 29 Ashley Goodale
- 31 George Krueck

Anniversary

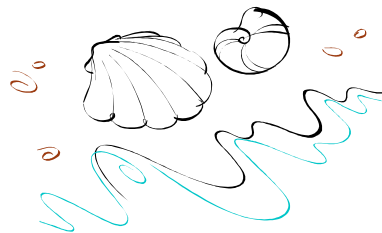
- 3 Steve & Barbara LaBossiere
- 9 David & Debby White
- 19 Fred & Norma Harkness



AUGUST

- 1 Norma Harkness
- 2 Shannon Clary
- 6 Evelyn Cook
- 14 Tracy (Scott) Sivak
- 18 Marguerite Engrassia
- 19 Amy Coccia
Robyn Coccia
Austin (Butch) Harding III
Katrina Toland
- 25 Austin Harding IV
- 26 Donna Scott
- 27 Katy Pacheco
- 29 Nancy Pierce
Joseph Toland

- 12 Brian & Anne Pendleton
- 15 Paul & Amy Pelletier
Chris & Chris Sanford
- 24 Frank & Jane Andrews
- 26 Duane & Betty Kepner
Tim & Katy Pacheco
- 30 Bill & Sandy Klepsak



MAN'S HEART IS AS A FIBRE UNENDING IN HAPPINESS.

THOU HAST CREATED US, O LORD, FOR THYSELF

AND OUR HEARTS REST IN THEE SINCE WE WERE BORN IN THEE.

ST. AUGUSTINE

Pastoral Ponderings

“Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.” 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (ESV)

Did you know that the church is God's dwelling place? No I don't mean the building on 11 Otis Street. I mean the church! Simply put, the church is a group of worshipers. It is those who have trusted in Christ, gathering together to worship the Living God! We don't go to church; we are the church, when we gather together for worship.

The church is the dwelling place for God. In 1 Corinthians 3 (quoted above) the 'you' is in the plural. This passage has typically been used to emphasize the individual being the temple of God, but the fact is, it's talking about the church. A good Bible commentary will make this clear.

Why this emphasis on the church being the dwelling place of God? First, if we want to be where God is, we need to be in His church. Currently our church meets twice a week to worship God: on Sundays and Wednesdays. These are times when God comes and dwells with us. If you heard that Jesus was hanging out at the local coffee shop at the same time every week, would you go to see him? I am sure you would. What Christian doesn't want to be in the presence of his Savior? This is what happens when we gather weekly, God is present. Not in the same way that He is everywhere – He is present in a special way with His church. So when you neglect church you miss out on the opportunity to be in God's presence in a way you cannot experience at any other time. Then why aren't you more faithful in your attendance?

Second, notice how important the church is to God: “If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him...” Should that make us think twice before we sow seeds of discord? When we gossip about or slander brothers and sisters in Christ, when we speak ill of our pastor and other spiritual leaders we are hurting the dwelling place of God. We should flee from such things for God does not take lightly those who would try and destroy His church, which He purchased with His own blood.

Finally, the way we relate to God is largely dependent on how we relate to the church. Do you see Sunday mornings as a mere social time? Do you see the purpose of our church more as a social club than the temple of Holy Spirit? This will effect how you relate to God as well. Do you see the weekly gathering of the saints nice, but not necessary? In my short ministry life I have seen how the spiritual life of the individual is affected by their views of the church. For example: time and time again when people start to drift in the attendance at the weekly worship services in the

church, their spiritual health starts to drift as well. How long can a foot live without the rest of the body?

It is truly amazing that God has made His dwelling place with His people! It is a wonder that when we gather together to worship Him, that He is present with us, but this is what the Bible proclaims, “For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, ‘I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.’” 2 Corinthians 6:16 (ESV). Thanks be to God!

grace and peace,

Brian A. Pendleton

Brian Pendleton, Pastor



MANSFIELD FAMILY FUN NIGHT

TUESDAY July 8, 2008

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Join Pastor Brian as he meets and greets residents and friends of the Mansfield community at this annual event that draws hundreds of people to the downtown area.

Pastor Brian would like to continue the tradition of handing out free bottles of water to people who pass by. If you can provide a case of bottled water or a cooler to store them in, please let him know. If you would like to join him in the meeting and greeting and passing out of water and VBS literature as well, that would be great!



DEACON'S BENCH



A VACATION SURPRISE -- A VACATION BLESSING

For many years Mother's Day has fallen while Bill and I were in Kitty Hawk, N.C. We found the right church, "Son Rise Church of Christ" and it has become our church away from home. It is a Bible preaching church and the service is much like ours -- scripture, prayer, hymns, songs of praise and sermon by Rev. Homer Styons. It is always good to renew friendships each year we return. One difference is that they serve communion every Sunday.

This past Mother's Day, Pastor Styons paid tribute to and prayed for all mothers, past and present. His sermon was on, "Women of Faith" and he focused on Hannah. Hannah was a woman of faith who endured many childless years. She prayed to God that if He would bless her with a son, she would dedicate the child to Him. God answered her prayer and Hannah bore a son, Samuel. Hannah kept her promise and gave Samuel to God to serve His purpose. What a blessed mother! She was indeed a woman of endurance, faith, patience, trust, prayer and love! What virtues and inspiration for all mothers today!

At the conclusion of the service, Son Rise Church presented to all mothers a long-stemmed red rose. On my way out the door a young boy of about 7 rushed up to me and gave me a Mother's Day card he had made in Sunday School. I was so surprised! And then, he reached up to me and gave me a big hug. His older brother, standing near by, came over with a hug and wishes for a Happy Day! I doubt if Luke and his brother realized just how truly happy they made me. Two young boys I had never met, and will never forget, filled my day with a special love. And they also filled the void of not having my own two sons with me on Mother's Day. Of all the mothers there, they chose me? God knew and God supplied, two special little boys to fill that void.

N.F.B.

Special Meeting Report

A special meeting of the church was called for Sunday June 22 following the worship service to vote on a proposal from the pastor and deacons to suspend many of the committees of the church. The proposal, first presented at the June Board of Directors meeting, stated that there are many more vacancies on committees than there are members and others in the congregation to fill, and that the Nominating Committee would be over burdened with the responsibility to fill the spots.

After a time of discussion at the special meeting, a vote was taken. The proposal failed to win a majority of the votes and so was defeated. Please be in prayer for wisdom for the Pastor and deacons as they continue to lead the church. Pray also for guidance for members of the Nominating Committee who will begin their search for committee members this summer.

IN OUR PRAYERS

*“All day long the presence lingered
All day long He stayed with me
And we sailed the perfect calmness
O’er a very troubled sea.”*

(Did you keep last month’s first verse? See me for a copy. lmn)

Praise!

- We met our quarterly monetary commitment for our missionaries
- We enjoyed a HOT sunny day for our annual outdoor luncheon after church on June 8th
- For “someone” who recently graced our Communion table with beautiful fresh peonies
- For Joey as he helps to provide music for us each Sunday morning

Prayer:

Children’s Summer Ministries by a Child Evangelism team to take place July 28 – Aug 1. (our VBS this year). Please pray for people to fill the vacancies we need helping with music and refreshments

Health Needs:

- Comfort and peace for Kenna Shute, Rob Pierce, Andy Bennett, Matt McCue and Bob Geagan (all suffering with cancer)
- Earle Clare healing from foot surgery
- Susan Rafferty (David Coffey’s friend) with multiple health problems

Employment for Lisa Cope

Nursing Home Residents:

Lottie Scott

Nancy Pierce

Jim Horton

Special Missions:

Emily and Kelsey Ryan to Mexico in July

David and Moira Pierce to Honduras in July

Our Missionary Families:

“Butch” and Betty Harding (Life Mission Center, New Jersey)

Dennis and Linda Ryan (Campus Crusade, France and Middle East)

Duane and Betty Kepner (special prayers for Betty as she recovers from heart surgery)

Dottie Cook (Wycliffe Bible Translators)

Jackie Fowler (retired SIM)

Carol Rosseau (Source of Light Correspondence Bible Studies, Georgia)

Bethany Project, Haiti

Teen Challenge, New England

PTL! A young man doing work on our house recently reported to us that he has been ministered to by Teen Challenge and is finding his way to Christ!

LMN

In Memoriam

Don't Let the Amens Die

Many of us have seen Diane Muisse in concert, heard her testimony and her songs. Many of us have her CD's or tapes and have been uplifted and encouraged by what we hear.

On Monday June 9th Leo Muisse sent word to all who receive Diane's letters via email that Diane had gone home to the Lord. He said she is singing in glory now. Her illness was relatively brief and an autopsy is being performed to try to discover why treatment was ineffective. The doctors and family believe it was a heart problem. They also believe that God is in control and knew what He was doing.

The following are the words to two of her many inspiring songs:

You Send a Rainbow

On the verge of despair,
 burdens too hard to bear,
At the end of my rope, troubles abound
Life gets me down, so unable to cope,
 Then out of the blue,
Some daylight breaks through,
 There's reason to hope;
In the midst of my tears,
Lord I feel you so near
You send a rainbow,

***A rainbow,
You send a rainbow, A reminder
of the presence that I needed so.
You send a rainbow, a rainbow,
At the point of despair,
the way I know that you care,
you send a rainbow.***

During times of rain and unbearable pain,
It's hard for me to know,
Why those darkening clouds
of sorrow and doubt
should surround me so.
I pray and I pray, but day after day,
those storm clouds hang low,
Then out of the blue,
an answer comes through,
You send a rainbow...

***A note from a friend or a telephone call,
Gift in the mail or a poem on the wall
A scripture verse I never noticed at all,
You send a rainbow.***

More Than I Do

I look into the eyes of this child of mine,
A stranger looks back at me.
This child that once thought I
 knew everything
Now doubts that I know anything
I listen to doubts, the pain and fear
I hear more than the words that are said,
I would give my life to help this
 child of mine,
Then I recall Christ already did.

**Child, my Lord loves you
 even more than I do
My Lord cares for you
 even more than I do
Don't you know trust, in spite of doubt
 Is what faith is all about.
My Lord loves you even more than I do.**

Child, I could tell you of the times the Lord
has touched my life,
The times that He has worked on my behalf
I could tell you how that He created all that
we see, how He gave to us all that we have.
I could tell you how that He gave His life for
you and me, but child I know that you've
heard all of that
What it comes down to is that you must
choose to believe.

Cleaning Schedule

July 6 Bob Shute
 13 Bill Beckman
 20 Pam Verrochi
 27 Austin Harding

Aug 3 John Hansel
 10 Bob shute
 17 Bill Beckman
 24 Pam Verrochi
 31 Austin Harding

July 2008

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Bible Study and Prayer 7 pm			
6 9 am Sunday School 10:05 Prayer 10:30 Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
		FAMILY FUN NIGHT 6-9 PM	Bible Study and Prayer 7 pm			
13 9 am Sunday School 10:05 Prayer 10:30 Worship	14	15	16	17	18	19
			2 pm Caregivers Pleasant Manor Bible Study and Prayer 7 pm			
20 9 am Sunday School 10:05 Prayer 10:30 Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Bible Study and Prayer 7 pm	10 am Caregivers Epoch		
27 9 am Sunday School 10:05 Prayer 10:30 Worship	28	29	30	31		
	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:30-11:30	VBS	VBS Bible Study and Prayer 7 pm	VBS	VBS	

Your August calendar is the same for Sunday meetings, Wednesday meetings and Caregiver outings. There are no special events as of this printing. APC