

Sing To The Lord!

The Pastor's Pen

Beloved Ones in Christ,



How good it is to write to you this morning in Jesus' wonderful Name. Our Lord is ever faithful (Lam. 3:23)! April was a good month for His church at Grant's Creek. We rejoice as Mark Snyder came to Christ and was baptized. We rejoice that Josh and Jessica Maguire united with us by letter. We rejoice that our Sunday School attendance moved upward. We rejoice as our Lord continues to bring new faces to our worship services and gives us opportunities to minister to these precious souls in Jesus' name. And let me say just a word about our second Stand in the Gap project, which is reaching out and touching people in our community and being the hands and feet of Jesus to meet their needs. Our Lord used a number of His saints this year to minister His love to a number of people during this effort, and I am so grateful to each and every one who participated. I pray that as He leads, each year this great work will continue to grow and grow. Again, for all of you who participated, thank you!

Please mark May 7th on your calendar and do your best to attend our community-wide Day of Prayer service at the Fosters PARA park. This is our first Day of Prayer event, and we trust that many saints from many churches will be present to lift our petitions up to our Heavenly Father for revival in our land. The time is 6:00 p.m.

Let me leave you with a thought to ponder. Recently I traveled to Houston to attend the graveside service of my 94 year-old uncle. What a godly man was Earl Primm! What an impact he had on so many people. What a close relationship he had with Jesus. I've never met anyone, preacher or layperson, who was so looking forward to going to Heaven. He couldn't wait to get there to see His Savior first, and then to see Aunt Doris. Uncle Earl will live on with some people through his writings, but his 94 years on earth are past, and they passed so quickly! Dear ones, life is truly a vapor. So, dear Lord, "...teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom" (Psalm 90:12). And dear Lord, help us to be "redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Eph. 4:16). Think about it!

In Jesus Great Love,

Bro. Mike

Musical Notes



Why You Need to Sing Loudly in Church by Keith Getty



1. We are commanded to sing.

We are called to sing — indeed, the Scriptures command us more than 250 times to sing.

2. Singing together completes our joy.

CS Lewis believed that singing completes our faith. In his *Reflections on the Psalms*, he writes, "I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is appointed consumption."

3. Singing is an expression of brotherhood and unites generations.

Singing together is a picture here on earth of the hope of heaven where every tribe, tongue, and nation will sing to God.

4. We are what we sing.

Singing affects how we pray, think, and feel. It influences our memory banks and even the deepest parts of our subconscious. In Deuteronomy 31, we read the instruction of the Lord to Moses to write down the words of the song he was given and to teach it to his children so that when many evils and trouble befell them, the song would be a reminder to them lest they turn away.

5. Singing bears testimony to our faith.

How we sing, if we sing, how passionately we sing — our singing itself — is a witness to those looking on. There is no choice in the matter. In the level of our engagement with the songs and participation in the singing, we testify to the joy of an excited believer or betray the chill of a disinterested spectator.

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Service Opportunities

SUNDAY ~

Sunday School—9:45 am
Worship—11:00 am
Children's Classes — 6:30 pm
Evening Worship—5:30 pm
Discipleship Training—6:30 pm

1st & 3rd TUESDAY ~

Men's Prayer Meeting —9:30 am at the home of Tommy Wood

2nd, 4th & 5th TUESDAY ~

Men's Prayer Meeting—9:00 am CLC

WEDNESDAY ~

Prayer Meeting—6:30 pm
Youth/Children's Activities—6:30 pm
Adult Choir Practice—7:30 pm

Wacky Wednesday - 6:15-7:15 pm

For the Record

April 01 - April 30

Weekly Budget Requirement— \$ 5,705.49
Average weekly offering — \$ 6,098.82
Year-to-Date receipts — \$ 95,460.90
Avg. Sunday School Attendance — 146
Discipleship Training Att. — 41

Website



Audio files from the Sunday morning sermons are now available online.

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Activities and Events Calendar

May 03 Homecoming
May 07 National Day of Prayer - Fosters PARA Park 6:00 p.m.
May 10 Mother's Day
May 12 B.A.L.L. - going to The Front Porch
May 17 Graduation
June 01-05 VBS

Up Coming Events / Announcements



Beginning Sunday, May 3, 2015 bring your gently used shoes (any gender, type and size) in a plastic bag to Grant's Creek Baptist Church to help our VBS mission project. Monetary donations will also be accepted to help with shipping cost (\$1 per lb. of shoes).



GRADUATE RECOGNITION MAY 17, 2015



National Day Of Prayer Service
Fosters PARA Park
May 7, at 6:00 p.m.

B. A. L. L.
Lunch at
The Front
Porch
11:30 a.m.

B.A.L.L. (Be Active, Live Longer)

B.A.L.L. will meet May 12 at The Front Porch on Hwy. 43 for lunch at 11:30 a.m.
Hope you will join us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

God's Love In Action: G-Force

JUNE
1-5
2015



9 A.M.
to
Noon

Children's Activities Schedule

Wacky Wednesday Nights

6:30 - 7:15 p.m. — Children's and Preschool classes

Sunday Nights

1st - 6th grade

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. — Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills in Bruce's large room Church Basement

6:30 - 7:15 p.m. — Music Makers in the youth room

Preschool

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. — Music in choir room

6:30 - 7:15 p.m. — Class