

CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER — AUGUST 2013



We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God. The Scriptures are inerrant, infallible, and God-breathed and, therefore, are the final authority for faith and life.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

By the time this goes out the summer break will be almost over and most of our activities here at Cedar Grove will be completed for the summer. As I think about the things that are going on here I am excited, there are people working on every hand. I was thinking about Nehemiah, he said the people had a mind to work (Neh. 4:6) and this is true of Cedar Grove. In order to keep God's blessing on our church, I believe we must continue to keep that mind to work.

One of the things that we must keep in mind is that the Devil does not like to see God's people busy and he will try to cause discouragement and discord, again Nehemiah's people met with these things and when they did, the work stopped (Neh 5:1-2). We must search ourselves to make sure the Devil is not using us to be that instrument of destruction among the brethren regardless of how spiritual or mature we may think of ourselves, we can be a stumbling block to the work.

Finally, we need to stay the course and stay faithful to that which God has put into our hearts. Regardless of how much we think has been accomplished the work is not finished. Nehemiah again shows us the way as he refused to cease the great work of God

SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR AUGUST

August 11	Jon Wiley & Covered Dish Dinner after Morning Service
August 12	Planning meeting, 6PM
August 24	Men's Leadership Conference @ Gospel Baptist
TBA	Randolph Baptist Assoc Meeting @ Huldah

until it was finished (Neh. 6:3). Let's not be weary of well doing as we push into the fall and winter months because there is no telling what God has in store for us. God is good and He is good all the time!

When you are tempted to sin, do you feel like you're being led into a trap? Do you feel it's not always coincidence that certain factors work together to tempt you, as if there's an underlying force working against you? The objective of Satan in the world is to deceive and ultimately destroy us.

Robert J. Morgan, *Nelson's Annual Preacher's Sourcebook*, 2007 Edition. (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers)

Paul prayed for the Ephesian Christians that the eyes of their (spiritual) understanding might be enlightened (Ephesians 1:18). The ministry of Cedar Grove Baptist Church best equipped to accomplish this for you is Sunday School. We have a variety of classes which meet each Sunday morning at 10:00AM. You owe it to your own spiritual welfare to participate

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2013 VBS



Some Kids seemed larger than others

KERRY BIDLESPACHER

I am so thankful to have been able to participate in VBS for the past three years and each time in a different capacity. This year was an amazing one for the Mighty God, six plus months of preparation all dropped into one crazy wonderful week. It is so clear when God's hand is in what we do and it definitely was during our VBS. The excitement and energy, from the children learning Gods message, was passed on to all who were there supporting the ministry.

We here at Cedar Grove Baptist Church should not only be inspired by seeing God work his wonderful magic, but let's keep this momentum going to work with our young people outside of VBS and continue to share Gods word and grow his church.



PASTOR MARTY

Vacation Bible School – WOW!! What a great time! I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all who made VBS 2013 happen. This is the first time in 18 years, at all the churches I have attended, that I have not been a teacher in the VBS programs, and quite frankly I enjoyed watching everyone else make things happen. The planning, promoting, financing, praying, playing, singing, decorating, craft making, teaching, and

my favorite the eating all happened because of you. We averaged 57 children each night and had 160 plus in attendance for commencement on Friday night. Because of your faithfulness there were 7 people who made a profession of faith, which should make the greatest difference in their lives of anything that could have happened. Thanks again Cedar Grove for your efforts in making 2013 VBS the greatest ever.





David Hantla (hahnt-luh)—shown in this picture with his sister Elianna (Eli)—has Leukemia and recently began a 3-1/2 year regimen of chemotherapy. Yet in every picture, he has this same big smile. Please keep him in your prayers. His most intense treatment occurs every Monday morning at 7AM Phoenix time. We will strive to keep you informed concerning his progress.



God is not a concept or a doctrine. He is a Person who seeks a close, one-on-one relationship with you and me. God does not want us to merely believe in Him, He wants to relate to us on a personal level. He does not just want to hear us recite prayers. He wants to converse with us. God's plan is not to abandon Christians once we are born again, leaving us to build the best life we can. He does not intend that we simply use our wits to "get by," to bravely "survive" until we are finally ushered into heaven. God wants to be actively involved in our lives each day.

God knows what your life can become. Only He understands your full potential as His child. He does not want you to miss out on anything He has for you. I believe that within the heart of every Christian is an innate desire to know God and to do His will.

When you became a Christian, you were immediately adopted as a child of the heavenly King. The King's business became your business. And now, as your Savior and Lord, Christ wants to bring your life into the middle of His activity, which offers salvation to every person on earth. God Himself will give you the desire to serve and obey Him. The Holy Spirit will create within you a longing to know the Father's will and to become involved in what God is doing around you.

Yet God has far more in store for your life than merely giving you an assignment to accomplish for Him. He wants you to have an intimate love relationship with Him that is real and personal. Jesus said: "This is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and the One You have sent — Jesus Christ" (John 17:3, HCSB).

—Henry Blackaby, *How Great Is Our God* (Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2012).

ANNIVERSARIES	
Michael & Dawn Bell	August 15
Scott & Kerry Bidlespacher	August 22



BIRTHDAYS	
Brenda Johnson	August 2
Donna Franklin	August 5
Marty Grainger	August 6
David Voncannon	August 11
Laurin Owens	August 14
Nancy Brenner	August 15
Amber Grainger	August 18
Sabrina Owens	August 20
Barbara Owens	August 23
Seth Jones	August 26
Anita Grainger	August 29

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