

CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 2013

NEWSLETTER



A Word from the Pastor:

Warm weather is finally here to stay or so it seems. I would encourage each one as you work on those outside projects to be mindful of your opportunities to interact with neighbors, whether next door, at the home improvement center or at the ball field. Jesus said as He saw the Samaritans coming toward Him, "Lift up your eyes the field is white unto harvest". If we will be looking as we enjoy the things that we do, like work outside, we may have more opportunities to build relationships with neighbors and to share our faith with others, and become more fruitful.

I would like to address one other issue regarding the warm weather. This is something in the past that I have not said much about but as our church grows and the world's standards regress, it is something that I feel needs to be addressed. I would ask that each one be mindful of your attire, both at church and at play. God calls us to be modest, not like the world, but as godly believers, holy and separate from the world and its standards. We must remember that we belong to a Holy God, and we serve and worship every day in every place and not just in a building we call church. We are representing our God as ambassadors even when we do not realize it. The Bible says no man hath seen God but the Son testify of Him. The world watches us and they see a changed life that reflects our God. They also look to see if there is anything to our religion, so we must be mindful to not cast stumbling blocks before other believers or non-believers, both at church and at play. I would also add that it only takes a momentary lapse to destroy your testimony with the world. I trust that God will give us a great summer filled with fun and great opportunities.

Pastor Marty

Upcoming events for May

May 5 Covered Dish
Sunday

May 12 Mothers Day

May 13 Planning
meeting 6:00

May 25 Cottage
Prayer Meeting/Hot
Dog supper @ Jack
& Lynn's house

May 27 Memorial
Day

2013 Disaster Relief Training

It was so exciting to be with over 475 Christians so willing to learn in the training class we took and be there for those in times of need. Some of the classes that Tom and I took in Recovery included showing us how to strip out and repair water damage in dry, repair roofing, flooring, chain saw maintenance and proper usage. We also had classes regarding Stress Management and Evangelism. What a great time we had... God is Good! Thanks, Cedar Grove for the opportunity.
-Andy Carter



Birthdays

Jack Caviness May 1

Tom Alderin May 10

Jacob Whitehead May 28

Anniversaries

Marty & Anita Grainger's 30th May 7

Buddy & Sharon Grainger May 16

Bill & Linda Heath May 20

Bill & Barbara Owens May 30



APRIL ENCOURAGERS week of TEAMS

May 5th Tony W & Tom

May 12th Doris & Lynn

May 19th Jack & Scott

May 26th Jack & Lynn

**If for some reason you can't
serve your week please call
Lynn at 626-0794**

Don't forget about all the different Sunday School classes offered at 10 am every Sunday. There is sure to be one that is a perfect fit!

Visit the Cedar Grove Baptist Church's website

<http://www.cedargrovebaptistchurch.net/>



Congratulations to all the Cedar Grove Baptist Church members who participated in the 5K Health Run & Smile Mile. Let's get some more people to participate next year!

Food For Thought

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened.

Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement.

The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit beside the bed. All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused.

Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited.

Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her, "Who was that man?" he asked.

The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered.

"No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life."

"Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

"I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me, I stayed. I came here tonight to find a Mr. William Grey. His Son was killed in Iraq today, and I was sent to inform him. What was this Gentleman's Name? "

The nurse with tears in her eyes answered, "Mr. William Grey....."

The next time someone needs you ... just be there...STAY