

THE BELTON BEACON

June - July - August 2008

Belton Presbyterian Church

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A note from Tom

Dear friends:

The lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are upon us. It's time to kick back, enjoy vacations, enjoy family, and, I hope, enjoy your church.

Two activities are planned for our entire congregation for this summer. The first is our annual *"Swim Party/Ice Cream Social"* at the Wiley's which will be on Sunday, June 8th, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. This event is always fun, and the ice cream and other goodies are always delicious, so don't miss it! The second is our annual *FACE-UP "Afternoon at Camp Fellowship."* The date for this event (usually held in early August) has not been set. Watch bulletins for the date.

In addition, Vacation Bible School for our children (ages 3-5th grade) will be held on August 3rd through August 6th in the evening. Our theme this year is "Jerusalem Marketplace." Our children, who will be divided into tribes named after the tribes of Israel, will hear stories in the Synagogue School, enjoy walking through shops in the marketplace, playing games, and enjoying refreshments similar to those boys and girls in Jesus' day would have eaten.

Finally, beginning this next Sunday, June 1st, our *Summer Sunday School* will begin. Our preschool class will meet as usual. Both of our elementary classes (grades 1-5) will meet together to study "Old Testament Heroes/Heroines." Over the summer, our children will spend two weeks each studying Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, Elijah, and Ruth. Two of our adult classes will also be doing a parallel study of these same Biblical characters, and I will be preaching on these characters as well during the summer. Youth will be assisting in children's classes for the summer. It is a great time to come and hear for the first time or review these six Old Testament people!

Please be present each Sunday that you can during the summer! I miss you when you are away. Also, remember to keep your contributions up to date. The church's bills do not take a vacation.

See you in church!

Tom

Prayer Concerns

- Cheyenne Headrick, age 5, is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.
- Jim Woody who is undergoing chemotherapy for cancer.
- Jordan Thomason, 5th grader who has Leukemia.
- Vera Gilbert, sister of Ruth Wilson, who is not doing well.
- Sara Stegall who had surgery on her hand.
- Tammy Atwood who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- George Hammett who is receiving rehabilitation.
- Bill King who will have surgery on Tuesday, June 10th at Greenville Memorial.
- Dickie Tarleton, brother-in law of Mary Anne Lake, who has suffered a stroke.
- George Hammett is now recuperating at home.
- Bill King is at home recovering from surgery on June 10th.

Announcements

A musical benefit supporting The Belton Center for the Arts will be held today, June 1, at 3:00 at First Baptist Church. Organ and piano favorites will be performed by Joe Greer and Adair Rogers. A contribution of \$12 is asked for this performance.

The Teacher Appreciation Dinner will be held today, June 1, at 5:00 at the home of Richard and Eleanor Dorn. This dinner is hosted by the Christian Education Committee for the church staff and teachers of Sunday school and the Wednesday Night Children's Program.

There will be a meeting to plan for the upcoming auction on June 4th at 6:00. We need everyone who is able to help with the auction to attend this meeting.

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring our annual Pool Party and Ice Cream Social on Sunday, June 8, from 3:00 until 5:00 at the residence of John and Sarah Wiley, 126 West Road, Belton. We ask that those attending bring either a churn of ice cream or a plate of cookies. We hope to see everyone there for this time of fellowship.

The Facilities Committee will meet June 10th at 7:00 pm.

Our Christian Education Committee has voted to once again pay 1/2 of the registration fee for any of our children or youth who wish to attend camps at either Camp Buc or Camp Fellowship. We have campers already registered for both camps. Why not join them? There are camps for those completing 1st grade through graduation from high school. Go to the Web Site for schedules and descriptions of all camps. You can also register online.

Thank you to our youth who did a wonderful job leading our worship service on Sunday, May 11th. Our church is in good hands for the future with such talented, gifted leaders coming up in our ranks. Thanks, also, to advisors Carrie and Jerry Place who assisted our youth in this endeavor.

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The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for June 22nd to elect our Officer Nominating Committee. Ballots will be accepted until June 22nd.

ICE CREAM AND SWIM SOCIAL

On June 8th, from 3:00 -5:00, Sarah and John Wiley will host an Ice Cream and Swim Social again this year. This is a great outing for the entire family. Bring a churn of ice cream or cookies along with your appetite and bathing suit.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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SERVING OUR CHURCH DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

Greeter:	Richard Dorn
Nursery:	
June 1	Jerry and Carrie Place
June 8	Warren and Karen Hardin
June 15	J.T. Epting
June 22	Joe and Barbie Sherard
June 29	Mattie Cobb

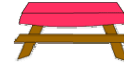
SERVING OUR CHURCH DURING THE MONTH OF JULY

Greeter:	David Epting
Nursery:	
July 6	Jim and Rebecca Bright
July 13	Elizabeth Epting
July 20	David and Beth Cobb
July 27	Thomas Stevens

SERVING OUR CHURCH DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Greeter:	Chris Galloway
Nursery:	
Aug. 3	Megan Sherard
Aug. 10	Sam and Bethany Wiley
Aug. 17	Emma Sherard
Aug. 24	Richard Dorn, Jr.
Aug. 31	Caroline Jones

FACE UP EVENT Camp Fellowship



The date for this event has not been set. Watch Sunday bulletins for details.

R.E.A.C.H.



Yeah!... We made it! The members of R.E.A.C.H. did an outstanding job on their first Youth Sunday! Wouldn't you agree? Jerry and I are so very proud of their hard work and dedication!

Thank you to all those who helped at our fundraiser; we couldn't have done it without you!!! We made enough money to go to Carowinds this summer and had some left over to start our mission trip fund to Mexico... which brings me to our next fundraiser!

On a Saturday, near the end of July or beginning of August, we are planning to have a yard sale/hotdog sale/bake sale to raise money for our mission trip. This trip will cost approximately \$1,000 for each person going!

We need your help in the following areas:

- * Items for our yard sale
- * Items for the bake sale
- * Hotdogs, buns, baked beans, chili, chips, pickles, drinks, or grill
- * Advertising contacts
- * Work with us at this event

Please call us at:

864-369-1028(home),
864-353-2122 (Carrie's cell),
864-353-2442(Jerry's cell), and
carriepace@bellsouth.net , or
placec@anderson1.k12.sc.us

Thank you again for your support! Jerry and I, along with the members of R.E.A.C.H. really appreciate YOU! We look forward to the exciting new year planned for the youth and our church!

Love in Christ,
Carrie and Jerry Place... and the members of
R.E.A.C.H!



June 2	Sandra Gaillard
June 3	Mary Hester
June 5	Dick Gaillard
June 6	William Leach
June 8	Carrie Place
June 11	Elizabeth Epting
June 13	James Bright
June 15	Sara Stegall
June 16	Kelli Watt
June 19	Jill Addis
June 22	Mark Hembree
	Betty Gathings
June 26	Audrey Coleman
June 27	Blanch Stewart
June 28	Johnny Shirley
June 29	Janet Chapman
	Polly Etchberger
	Casey Bolton
June 30	Brandon Shirley



July 3	Sherry Haynie
	Sydney Place
July 6	Sarah Wiley
	Gracie Newton
July 10	George Hammett
	Zachary Bolton
	Jordan Watson
July 11	Joe Park
July 12	Frances Russell
	Davey Bolton
July 19	Kathleen Maynard
	John Douglas Partain
July 21	Mattie Cobb
	Tonya Locke
July 24	Ann Berry
July 26	Joejee Jamison
July 27	Julie Galloway
July 28	Janet Waggett
	Jim Russell
	Carrie Blasco
July 29	Molly Cheshire



Aug. 1	Tommy Chapman
Aug. 2	Lewis Epting
Aug. 3	Frances Saville
	Margaret Haynie
Aug. 6	Beth Cobb
Aug. 8	Anna Grace Galloway
Aug. 9	Mike Wilson
Aug. 10	Tommy Buchanan
Aug. 13	Keith Buchanan
Aug. 17	Russell Locke
Aug. 19	Sam Wiley
	Arthur Evans
	Lita Wilson
Aug. 21	Larry Hembree
	Ted Haynie
Aug. 22	Kelli Hembree
Aug. 27	Carol Booker
Aug. 30	Dottie LeCroy
	Katie Newton
Aug. 31	Abigail Stevens
	Tracy Shirley