



NEWS FROM THE WELL

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Making A Difference In Our World In Christ's Name



Operation Christmas Child

Our goal for 2017 is to pack 150 shoeboxes. We will be targeting girls 10 to 14 years old. Our items for August is small toys (jump ropes, Slinkys, jewelry, playing cards, dolls, and play-doh). Please pick up a couple of items and place them in the container in the Narthex. We will also be collecting loose change for mailing the shoeboxes on the last Sunday of each month so make sure you bring your change on the 24th.

Congregational Church Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday August 20, to approve changes to the Church Constitution. These changes were presented by the Board of Deacons and approved by the Church Council. This change would reduce the number of Deacons from 12, down to 9. This is the result of reduced membership over the past few years. Other changes include: changing the amount the Board of Trustees can spend on emergency repairs from \$5,000 to \$8,000; add the Associate Pastor position as a voting member of the Church Council, and some minor "housekeeping" items. Changes will be posted on the church website and there will be copies in the Narthex next week.



Youth News

There will be a Youth Meeting on Sunday, August 6 from 12:05-2:00. This is for all youth.

The Back to School Bash will be on August 19 from 9:30-2:00 at the Ebenezer Church Recreation Center. This is for all youth and their families.



Well Wishers

The Shallow Well Myrtle Beach Trip to Dayton House is scheduled for November 6, 7, 8. We will enjoy two nights in Ocean Front Efficiency Unit, Dinner at Original Benjamins and Chesapeake House, Admissions to Alabama Theatre and Carolina Opry Christmas Shows, Breakfast daily, and bus transportation for 36 participants. The cost is the same as last year and is as follows: Single-\$260, Double-\$195 per person, Triple-\$180 per person, Quad-\$172 per person. The trip is offered only to Shallow Well Church Members through Rally Day. After that date, friends and relatives are welcome to sign up. Full payment is due to Larry or Patricia Thomas by October 1. Information Sheets will be available in the Narthex beginning August 6, 2017.

Rally Day

Rally Day will be September 10. There will be lunch and games at the Fellowship Building following the Worship Service. Please put this date on your calendar.

August Birthdays

1	Donald Suggs
1	John Godfrey
1	Mike Thomas
1	Dustin Thomas
2	Pete Sturm
3	Travis Buchanan
4	Matthew Rubinosky
4	Sherry Kent
4	Cameron Wells
5	Jaxson Owen
5	Carolina Hardy
6	Ann Kelly
7	Connor Gardner
8	Bryant Buchanan
8	Martha Shepherd
9	Sandra Batchelor
10	Ruth Morris
10	Richard Thompson
10	Sandra Cotten
13	Kooper Jones
14	Jerry McNeill
14	Scot Garneau
16	Linda Berryman
19	Brandy Nordan
20	Elba Annis
21	Laura Jones
21	Adam Thompson
23	Ayden Griffin
24	Clarence Rosser
25	Phyllis Simeth
26	Herman Spivey
31	Rodney Nordan
31	Amber Doberstein Brown



and any other school item you desire. We will run our East Lee supply donations July 30th, August 6th, 13, and 20th.

Speaking of the week of the 20th, that's the week we partner with Morris Chapel. We provide meals and 5-8 volunteers, 8pm-7am. Volunteers Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (Aug. 22, 23, and 24.) Family Promise of Lee County needs our help. Have you stepped out of your comfort zone and become a part of our volunteer network? Come on, the job you do is rewarding!

We are fast approaching Cardboard Box City when you receive this newsletter. Thank you for being responsive as a sponsor. We hope as you look at the display the reality of homelessness moves you to become more involved.

We, Shallow Well Church, are making a difference in our part of the world. What is **your** role?

Bible Readings for August

- 1 - Philippians 1:1-30
- 2 - Philippians 2:1-30
- 3 - Philippians 3:1-21
- 4 - Philippians 4:1-23
- 5 - Colossians 1:1-23
- 6 - Colossians 1:24—2:5
- 7 - Colossians 2:6-19
- 8 - Colossians 2:20—3:17
- 9 - Colossians 4:2-18
- 10 - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
- 11 - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
- 12 - 1 Thessalonians 2:17—3:13
- 13 - 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
- 14 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-28
- 15 - 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
- 16 - 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
- 17 - 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
- 18 - 1 Timothy 1:1-20
- 19 - 1 Timothy 2:1-15
- 20 - 1 Timothy 3:1-16
- 21 - 1 Timothy 4:1-16
- 22 - 1 Timothy 5:1-25
- 23 - 1 Timothy 6:3-21
- 24 - 2 Timothy 1:1-18
- 25 - 2 Timothy 2:1-26
- 26 - 2 Timothy 3:1-17
- 27 - 2 Timothy 4:1-22
- 28 - Titus 1:1-16
- 29 - Titus 2:1-15
- 30 - Titus 3:1-15
- 31 - Philemon 1-25

No rest for the weary. "There are two ways of spreading light: be the candle or the mirror that reflects it." -Edith Wharton

Which do you prefer? There are only so many reasons to serve. Certainly, there are so many ways to serve through this church: donating food, being a sponsor of hunger walk, cardboard box city, mission trips and the list goes on



All the month of August we ask all of you to donate rice and a couple of personal hygiene items to the mission of CUOC.

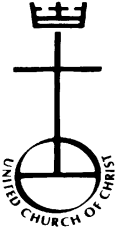
We have added donating emergency school supplies to our yearly system of support for our partner school, **East Lee Middle School**. We will be receiving #2 pencils, lined notebook paper, note cards, spiral composition books, blue/black ink pens, erasers



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August Ministry Assistants



Acolytes: Aug. 6: Jackson Godfrey, Caleb Johnston; Aug. 13: Darah Douglas, Aubrey Bond; Aug. 20: Steven McNeill, Griff Griffin; Aug. 27: Lauren Godfrey, Layton Griffin.

Altar Flowers: Aug. 6: open; Aug. 13: open; Aug. 20: Larry Thomas; Aug. 27: open.

Deacon on Call: Aug. 6: Jerry Parson; Aug. 13: John Godfrey; Aug. 20: Mitzy Douglas; Aug. 27: Barbara Norris.

Greeters: Sammy Poe, Linda Strauch.

Trustee to lock/unlock: Johnny Watson

Ushers: Jim Annis, Chris Godfrey, Gary Bullock, Sloan Griffin, Jack Fallin, Jimmy Maddox, Ray Norris.

Jr. Ushers: Elijah Godfrey, Corbin Gunter, Macy Gunter, Kolby Harrison, Jada Holifield, Katie Kelly, Cortney Maness, Alex McKenzie, Thomas McNeill, Abby Thomas, Luke Thomas

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A couple of days ago, as I came home from work, a lady from our apartments was riding her bike around the complex. This was about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and it was extremely hot. I mean cook eggs on the concrete hot, and she was just riding her bike around, like it was April. I was sweating just getting out of the car. We made small talk, mostly about what I thought was the unbearable heat. I asked her how she managed to ride her bike in this heat. She just kind of looked at me and smiled. She told me that she spends all year waiting for this weather. I shook my head and walked away thinking that I probably need to call the looney bin because nobody looks forward to the hot, humid summers of the South. Obviously, she does. I see her all the time out in the heat with a smile on her face.



This lady has embraced what many of us try to avoid. I would rather take a beating than spend a lot of time in this heat. I imagine that there are, also, many people who try to avoid the things *I* love. We are all different like that, and in some cases, that is okay. We do not all have to like the same things.

There are some things, as Christians, that we cannot avoid even if it is something that we do not embrace. We are called to be salt and light in this world. We are called to share and show Jesus with the world. I know that some people like to think that they can keep their faith private, but Jesus does not really give us that option. He tells us that if we deny him before man, He will deny us before His Father (Matthew 10:33.) This means that our faith must be public (relax, this does not mean that you must stand on every street corner and start proclaiming your faith.) People should be able to see Jesus in us.

I hope that this August we will show our faith. If you are wondering how, here are a few suggestions. Pray for our mission team. We will need all the prayers we can get. Give to the Cardboard Box City fundraiser (this goes to help homeless people in our community.) Volunteer to help at every chance you get. Say an encouraging word to someone who looks like they need it. Remember that school starts this month, so help a teacher or student with a donation or let them know that you will be praying for them all year. There are many ways to show Jesus. Pick a few of these and *Just Do It*.

In Christ, Pastor Marty