

NEWS2USE

July 30, 2009-August 12, 2009

PASTOR'S CORNER

“May my meditation be pleasing to God ...”

I will get back to meditations on the book of Job in the next newsletter. In this issue, I pause to praise God. I see the work of God in our church and it was been a joy to watch. Throughout this summer, the Spirit has moved through our people. Here are some examples of the works of the Lord.

For a third straight year, our church provided breakfast and lunch for World Changer missionaries in Durham. Thank you Brenda Stiles for being the leader of this missionary effort.

The Tuesday morning women's group, on hiatus from Bible Study for the summer, got together one Tuesday and prepared meals for the Ronald McDonald house.

The Dental Bus came and was again a tremendous success. In fact, people were lining up 7:30 Saturday morning in anticipation of the bus coming.

Our Associate Pastor, Heather, has been working as a chaplain at UNC hospital in the CPE (clinical pastoral education) training program. She has been bedside providing the love of Jesus for families in crisis. It has been intense, but she has stuck with it, given significant spiritual encouragement, and continued her excellent work at our church including representing the church at the annual Cooperative Baptist Fellowship national meeting (*see Heather's article on p. 5*).

Our Associate Pastor Jonathan and the youth group were a part of a tremendous mission effort in Roanoke, VA, where they did home construction with the World Changers Ministry. And David Seng, one of our deacons, did World Changers in Georgia.

One of the people we are praying for who is hospitalized made the decision to receive Jesus as Savior.

We had commissioning services. We commissioned Katelynn Poulton as this young woman energetically follows God's call in her life. We commissioned Laura Shrewsbury as she prepares for her journey with other North Carolina Baptists to do missions in Ukraine.

Our VBS was a tremendous success.

We gathered food for the Durham Rescue Mission at a time when they have significant need.

I have personally had conversations with multiple couples who feel convicted of the Lord that they belong at HillSong Church, and that God intends to do significant things in their lives.

One of the teens on the World Changers trip made the decision to accept Jesus.

Our church picnic was successful – over 90 people came and all had a blast. (*see article p. 4*)

HillSong, I write all of this for a couple of reasons. First, celebrate! God is at work among us and it is good. Second, take note! God is at work among us and there is more work to be done. When mission opportunities are presented in worship services, in the newsletter, in the worship bulletin, on the website, and in emails, pray about how God is calling you to be involved.

One of my favorite Psalms is 104. I am thinking specifically of verses 31 & 34. “*May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works- May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.*” I see what is happening in our fellowship as the work of the Lord, and I rejoice in it.

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**Community Conversation
Saturday, Sept 12
9am to 11am**

Everyone from HillSong Church is invited to come to a community conversation sponsored by the pastoral staff and the elders. The topic will be our church's denominational partnerships. As a Baptist Church, we are autonomous. This means we don't answer to any higher denominational body. However, we are members of two distinct groups and we partner with several others. At the meeting on September 12, we will **clarify** all of our partnerships. We will **identify** benefits and possible conflicts within our two main partnerships – the Baptist State Convention (and thus the Southern Baptist Convention), and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. We will **anticipate** our future denominational partnership & alignment (as well as anticipating any possible changes and the accompanying ramifications), and finally, we will do our best to **answer** questions. Please do your best to be at this important community conversation.

Give a Helping Hand This Sunday



On the first Sunday of each month, you have the opportunity to give to the Helping Hand Fund. This fund is used to give financial assistance to people in our church and in the surrounding community who are in need. You are welcome to make donations to this fund at any time, not just on the 1st Sunday. However, your donation should be in addition to your normal tithes and offerings. The Helping Hand fund is not part of the general budget, so please make out a separate check to "HillSong" and designate "helping hand" on the memo line or on the offering envelope.

**Financial Snapshot
June 2009**

General Fund

6/1/09	Beginning Balance	\$ 66,492.85
	Receipts:	
	Offerings	26,185.96
	Parking	400.00
	Building	575.00
	Expense Offsets	1,227.07
	Expenses	(36,870.86)
6/30/09	Ending Balance	\$ 58,010.02

Specials Fund

6/1/09	Beginning Balance	\$11,291.40
	Receipts	1,435.00
	Expenses	(1,647.14)
6/30/09	Ending Balance	\$11,079.26

Savings Account (Long Range Fund, CD, Ministry & Missions Reserves)

6/1/09	Beginning Balance	\$ 146,682.92
	Receipts	137.44
	Expenses	-
6/30/09	Ending Balance	\$ 146,820.36

NEWS 4 YOUTH

Summer's not over yet!

CONNECTION Bible Study Wed.
Nights at 6:45pm

Upcoming Youth Stuff

- * Saturday, August 8 - Trip to the North Carolina Zoo
- * Friday, August 14 - Afternoon at the movies
- * Friday, August 28 to Sunday, August 30 - Back 2 School Retreat : Surviving Middle School (or High School)

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NOTES

Are children valued? Are children important to our church and to the health of our church?

We as adults (parents, teachers and church congregations) are given mandates for teaching our children so that they will know God and His ways from Psalm 78:4-7: v.4 "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power and the wonders He has done." and v.7, "Then they would put their trust in God." From Deuteronomy 6:1-7 and 11:18-19 we're commanded: "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds;... Teach them to your children."

We're given an awesome privilege and responsibility to lay spiritual foundations. We're preparing them to hear and know God's voice; to respond to Him; to know Him personally; to love Him; follow Him; and to obey Him. George Barna calls this an opportunity to have a "lasting and positive spiritual imprint."

Here in the middle of summer vacation , we need to be getting ready for classes in September.

Staffing for Children's Ministries for the Fall

Please be in prayer for our church, our families, our children and our ministry to them each week. **Pray that God will bring the right people to meet the needs that we will have. Ask God to call out teachers with a passion of God and a passion for teaching and working with children.**

To staff one typical Sunday morning requires 18-20 committed adults (at least 2 for each classroom.) 10 Sunday School Teachers; 6-8 Extended Session Teachers, and 2 Kingdom Kids teachers. Prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to work with children this year. Follow our progress on the charts in the hallway between the bathrooms. This gives a visual of the praises (positions filled) and the needs.

Opportunities for the Fall

There are many opportunities - **perhaps 1 hour per month in Extended Session or Kingdom Kids: Two teachers per class** serving one time each month on a rotating basis for the year (Sept. to Aug.)

Sunday School teachers: Two per class serve 1 hour each week for the year (Sept. to Aug.) **When we can have two teams of teachers (4 people) for each class, the responsibility is shared through rotating months and allows for some flexibility.**

An Extended Session Director is needed for the Fall to recruit and schedule workers for the worship hour for babies - K.

Substitute Teachers: needed for all classes and all ages (Birth - 5th grade)

There are also one time opportunities in October and December and other times during the year.

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Children's Ministry Notes (Continued from page 3)

Please see Faye if you have questions or need more information (967-3056 or 967-8694).

Upcoming Event - Aug. 15, 2009 - Training Extravaganza at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh (8am-noon)-choice of 10 conferences to help with our ministry to children.

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

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- 1 Rachel Morris
 - 2 Marion Charles
 - 3 Jane Hollingsworth
 - 7 Lisa Roche
 - 9 Justin Phillips
 - Bryce Sit
 - 10 Mary Gay Collier
 - 13 Nancy Rhodes
 - 18 Carla Adams
 - 26 Liam Roche
 - 28 Vickie Pashion
 - 29 Joe Morris

Thank You Dental Bus Helpers

Thanks to all who helped with the Dental Bus on July 18. We served 26 people, had all the dentists, hygienists, assistants we needed. And had lots of wonderful, caring HillSong volunteers. I think all the volunteers would agree that the fellowship and relationship building was the highlight of the clinic this time. We are so thankful for the opportunity to share Jesus in this way.

-Laura and Bob Shrewsbury-

90 IN THE SHADE

Okay, so it may have been hotter than that, but there were about 90 of us brave enough to take on a July afternoon to spend some time together as a church family! Rather than do Summer Supper Clubs this year, the Fellowship Ministry group worked with the Elders to set up a churchwide picnic. We gathered at Anderson Park in Carrboro on Sunday July 26 for some softball (Final Score: US Team - 5; RED Team - 3), great food and fantastic fellowship. We also learned a lot about each other!

Did you know...

At least 8 of us have lived in another country

At least 6 have been members of HillSong (or Carrboro Baptist) for more than 15 years

HillSong is a place that if you leave, you just might come back (at least 6 of us!)

HillSong was formerly known as Carrboro Baptist, Venable Chapel, & Union Chapel

We learned lots more too – if you weren't able to be there, we missed you! Look for upcoming photos and more opportunities to fellowship. If you would like to be a part of the Fellowship Ministry group, please contact Ginger Burks (heeldawg@juno.com) or Daniel Marcy (dmarcy@nc.rr.com).

Special thanks go out to Troy and Rose Barnes for their grilling services, to John Folliard for organizing the softball game, and to James and Diane Asbill for overall organization, planning, ETC ETC!

Website News

- ▶ Check out recent HillSong events:
http://www.hillsong.org/ministries_recentevents.htm
- ▶ Praying for our military & the people of Iraq:
<http://www.christianitytoday.com/tcw/2009/julaug/findinggodiniraq.html?start=4>

Discipleship/Small Groups Update

As many of you know, I had the opportunity to attend the national gathering of the Co-operative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) in Houston, TX from July 1st-4th. The theme was **Embrace the World**. The emphasis was on cultural diversity in worship, fellowship, and missions. While there I attended three types of worship services led by pastors from all over the world; business sessions to discuss upcoming missions emphases and church benefits; a leadership conference for divinity students in church leadership; and various workshops. The four specific workshops which I participated in focused on preaching, missions education, "being green" - how the church can honor the earth, and leading small groups.

I had a great time in Houston and learned many ways in which our church can grow spiritually through the ministries we currently offer. I also met many pastors and lay leaders from our area and from around the world. These national gatherings always help me channel the vision I feel God gives me for HillSong, especially our small groups ministry. These gatherings also help renew my energy so that I may share my vision with you all. Over the next few newsletters, I hope to share more ideas I have regarding small groups and shared discipleship and I look forward to hearing your responses and ideas.

I am so excited to report to you now, that during this conference three pastors from churches in North Carolina came to speak with me regarding our small groups ministry. These pastors are all trying to implement the small group model in their congregations and have somehow heard - through the praises of our Small Groups' members and leaders - how our groups foster spiritual growth, devotion to a life of following Jesus, and genuine intimacy that enables shared discipleship. I believe this affirms the work of the Holy Spirit within our whole church body, and acknowledges the hard work and dedication of our leaders and members. I hope that our groups continue to grow in this manner, but I pray that we can build new groups to serve those not currently involved in a group, or those that serve new or changing needs. If you have ideas for a new small group focus, or would like to join an existing small group, please contact me.

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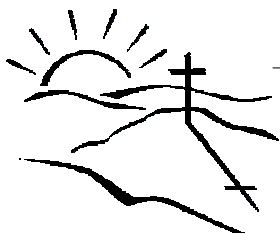
Fellowship Meal, Sunday August 23rd

Several months ago, we started a HillSong tradition that whenever we celebrate Communion together, we will also share a meal together. During worship on August 23rd, we will be celebrating Communion. Plan to bring a covered dish to share and stay after the morning worship for a fellowship luncheon.

AUGUST 2009

"THE HILLS WILL BURST INTO SONG!" ISAIAH 55

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 4:00pm Aubry/ Strang Wedding
2 9:45am Sun. School 11:00am Worship 4:00pm Grace CC	3	4 7:00pm Elders Meeting 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	5 6:30pm ConnecXion 6:30pm Financial Peace University 7:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal	6	7 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	8 Youth Trip to NC Zoo
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