



News Bulletin | August 23, 2019

Upcoming Events, Opportunities to Serve, Ministry Teams



Aug. 28th | Join Pastor Harold for last night of Evangelism Training. The training will be 6:15-7:00 pm in the old fellowship hall. Everyone is invited!

Aug. 31st | Upward Basketball Season is here for boys & girls, grades 1st - 6th. Upward Registration forms are available at the Starting Point Desk or you can access it online at burlingtonbaptist.org. We need volunteers to assist with evaluations. If you can count, we can use you to assist with the evaluation. Also, we have **yard signs**. If you want to place a sign in your yard, they will be available for pickup on Sunday. For questions, please see Carl Smith or Dan Fields.

Sept. 4th | We resume all our Wednesday night activities, including: Dinner, Bible Studies, Kidz Rock & Youth! Check out the groups that are meeting at the Starting Point Desk.

Sept. 8th | Invite Your One to attend church with you on Sept. 8th. Immediately following the 10:30 service, we will have lunch in the Activities Center. Please bring a side dish to share. The church will provide meat and drinks! Sign up at the sign up desk.



Aug. 24th | Jim Mosley, Gary Wever

Aug. 25th | Karen Dewar, Jake Pelley, Connie Hunley, Gage Hawkins

Aug. 26th | Cathy Poston, Lilly Perry

Aug. 30th | Kelly Hacker, Betty McDavid

Aug. 31st | Edna Kendall, Lewis Perry, Ben Fleckenstein, Lachlyn Allen

Sept. 2nd | Erik Ball, Michael Renfro, Easton Price

Sept. 3rd | Wyatt Perkin

Sept. 4th | Blaine Wainscott, Phyllis Proffitt, Laura Michels, Cassie Ball

Sept. 6th | Wanda Hickman, Jeff Hudgens, Colton Kohrs

Sept. 7th | Mike Fields, Jack Tucker, Yvonne Wyckoff, Lexus Ramsey, Jack Cannon



DEACONS ON CALL FOR AUGUST

David Hunley | 859-466-1002

Carl Smith | 859-468-0331

USHERS

8/25: Ron & Toni Barrett, Lynda McNeely, Carl Smith

9/1: Larry & Bev Burcham, Bob & Joy Walton

FIRST IMPRESSION TEAM

8/25: Team 4

9/1: Team 1

DOLLAR CLUB MEMBERS FOR AUGUST

Marianne Stork | 859-586-6902

John Stork | 859-394-4085 & Laura Stork | 859-620-7821

Spencer Stork | 859-394-4086 &

Therese Stork | 859-547-2613

MEDICAL TEAM

8/25: Kayla Ford

9/1: Stacey Weber



Pastoral Care is taking donations for the Welcome House. They are in need of **Soap**. Please place your donated soap in the baskets next to the Starting Point Desks on both levels.

The **Activities Council is collecting school supplies** for Burlington Elementary School: Tissues, Hand Sanitizer, Disinfectant Wipes, Twistable Crayons, Ticonderoga Brand Pencils. Please items in the bins at the Starting Point Desk now through Sept. 2nd.

Our Diaper "Doo-ty" Ministry is in need of **Sizes 1, 2, 3 & 4 diapers!** Please support this ministry as they "shower" our expecting families with diapers for a full year. Please drop off diapers at the Pre-school check-in area.

Our next **Commodities Food Distribution** will be Sept. 10th. Volunteers are needed! If you would like to help, sign up at the sign up desk. The supplemental items needed are: Jelly, Soup, Shampoo, Deodorant, and Toilet Paper.



Sept. 3rd | Join us in the Activities Center Fellowship Hall for Friends & Neighbors at 12 noon. Bring a covered dish & enjoy the food and fellowship.

Sept. 23-27 | Senior Adult trip to Nashville, TN. Cost is \$475 per person. There are detailed itineraries available at the Starting Point Desk.



Please welcome **Kris & Stacey Weber** as they professed their faith in Christ last Sunday! They are being baptized this Sunday, 8/25, during the 2nd Service. They have 3 children: Kennedy, Bodhi, and Jack!



"Christ-Centered Living"

August 25th | Beginning with Thanks
Sept. 1st | The Christian Life
Sept. 8th | The Question of Lordship
Sept. 15th | What's Your Purpose
Sept. 22nd | Growing in Christlikeness
Sept. 29th | Guarding Against Legalism
Oct. 6th | When Christ is All
Oct. 13th | Christian Apparel
Oct. 20th | Working on Our Relationships
Oct. 27th | What Should We Be Praying For?
Nov. 3rd | Why We Need Each Other



Weekly Budget: \$19,270.00
Last Week's Giving: \$16,085.12
Budgeted YTD: \$635,910.00
Giving YTD: \$651,463.54
Difference: +\$15,553.54
Property/Debt Retirement Giving: \$1,126.11
Property/Debt Retirement YTD: \$45,892.88
Loan Balance: \$62,636.34
Line of Credit: \$40,000.00
Other Designated Gifts: \$162.00



Creating a Church Culture - Part 2

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ. **1 Corinthians 11:1**

Last week I began writing about culture and how important it is to strive to have a culture of Christlikeness. This Sunday we will start through the book of Colossians in a series called Christ-Centered Living. Christ is the foundation of the church (1 Cor. 3:11) and Colossians highlights the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ. I would love to invite you to weekly read through Colossians and come with high expectations that God will speak through His Word to accomplish His purposes in our lives and conform us more and more into the image of Christ.

Back to culture, last week we talked about having a "Great Commission" culture where evangelism and discipleship become part of our DNA. We are always on the lookout for opportunities to talk to people about the Lord and helping others become growing disciples of Jesus. Next, we want to have a culture of **Prayer**. Prayer should be our first course of

action. We need God's help in every area of life and ministry. As a matter of fact, a few weeks ago the staff went up to the worship center and prayed for the sound system. We know how distracting our sound issues were throughout July. I think there was some spiritual warfare going on and the enemy will use whatever means he can to bring frustrations, discouragements and chaos into our lives. We did all we knew to do (and even had sound professionals helping us) but we continued to have issues. We did everything we knew to do except pray. I know this sounds silly but I've been praying for our sound system ever since.

Jesus was pretty clear in John 15:5 when He said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." So often I've tried to accomplish things based on my abilities, experience, or understanding without relying upon God or seeking His divine assistance in prayer. Most of the time it has been a flop. I can't tell you how many times I have laid a sermon before the Lord on Sunday morning and said this is all I've got and asked Him to bless it for His purposes and for His glory. He is able to do so much more than we even expect. God wants us to live in dependence upon Him. As with so many spiritual disciplines, Jesus gave us the best example. Jesus regularly got alone with the Father and lived His earthly life in dependence upon the Father.

While we have so many Biblical exhortations to pray, to pray without ceasing, to ask, seek and knock, and to persevere in prayer, so often we neglect praying for spiritual matters. Yes, we can do church stuff on our own and even make it look pretty nice. But there is very little power and little lasting fruit apart from the powerful work of the Spirit. We need to live in dependence upon God. We must be careful not to trust in our personalities, performances, facilities, finances, cleverness or our concoctions. We need the Spirit's wisdom, guidance and power that we find through seeking Him in prayer. So, how is your prayer life?

A Great Commission culture and a culture of prayer are very connected. We really should begin each day by asking God for opportunities to have gospel conversations and encounters. As we go throughout the day, we need to ask the Lord for eyes to see both needs and opportunities around us. We should also pray for boldness to speak as we ought to speak (Eph. 6:18-20). Let us be a people of prayer. Let us be a church of prayer.

Bro. Harold

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