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**Sunday, June 28 • 5–9:30 p.m. • at the ROC**

**Inflatables**    **Patriotic Celebration**  
**Great Food**    **Concert** by Celebrate  
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**Carnival Games**    **Salute to Veterans**  
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One of the largest  
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Salute to our  
Veterans!

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Call 927-3316 for more information. Celebration will go on RAIN OR SHINE!

## Deacon Nomination

What is a deacon? The term “deacon” comes from the Greek work *diakonos*, which normally means “servant” or “messenger.” The majority of the uses of the word do not refer to the office of deacon; but rather to someone serving in ministry.

There are three times when the word is clearly referring to an office in the church (Phil. 1:1, and 1 Tim. 3:8, 12). Of these three only one passage, 1 Timothy 3, gives us any information regarding the qualifications of those in this office. The qualifications are as follows:

- Dignified: a deacon must be a man who is respected and honored by those who know him.
- Not Double-Tongued: a deacon must be a man who is trustworthy and will consistently tell the truth.
- Not Given to Much Wine: a deacon must be a man who is not given to the influence of alcohol
- Not Greedy: a deacon must be a man who is not swayed by money and who is a faithful giver
- Sound in Faith and Life: a deacon must be a man who holds to the Gospel and be consistent with his beliefs.
- Tested: a deacon must be a man whose moral character, theological beliefs and servant's heart have been proven to the church.
- Godly Wife: a deacon must be a man whose wife is respected, honored, and one who does not gossip or slander.
- Husband of One Wife: a deacon must be a “one woman man” who is devoted to his wife
- Managing Well His Household: a deacon must have control over his home.

What does a deacon do? The Bible doesn't describe what a deacon does; however, many believe that Acts 6 is the prototype of deacon ministry. In that passage, seven men were selected to take care of the needs of the widows in the church thereby freeing up the apostles to continue their ministry of prayer and ministry of the Word. Thus, most understand the function of deacons as men who take care of the day-to-day needs of the congregation.

Please pray about men whom you believe meet these qualifications and who are proving themselves to be servants of the church.

## New Members in April, May & June

(8 Baptisms & 11 Letter)

Lance Asmussen

Hunter Cochran

Neil & Deb Colbert

Brian & Joyce Ducar

Conner Elrod

Kyle, Luanne, Kelsey & Taylor Hayes

Alanna Huskey

Donna & Greg Lumpkin

John Plummer

Doug & Marvine Spinks

James & Mary Wade

# Steven's SCOOP

## UPCOMING DATES

- July 2—Children's Lake Winnie trip  
Cost \$20 includes lunch. Sign-up by June 28
- July 6-12—Florida Youth Group coming for mission trip
- July 17—Children's trip to Birmingham Zoo
- July 24—Youth Trip to White Water Atlanta
- August 1—Youth floating Terrapin Creek
- August 16—Centrefest 09

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Sunday School is experiencing a period of growth which is great! This does present some problems and raise questions that we need to think about.

Why do we want or need to grow? Let's answer this question with another – When Jesus began his ministry he selected 12 disciples to assist him in spreading the gospel – Did this group stay within itself or did it grow? Jesus commanded his followers to spread the word and win souls to him. When this command is followed by a church it can't help but grow as Christians want to worship and fellowship together. The Sunday School should be the outreach arm of the church as it is the care-giving organization for the members. Is your class reaching out to others or is it looking within? Do you have an outreach leader? Do you contact absentees and new prospects?

Is bigger better? If you are asking this question then I would ask – Is smaller better? A larger group of people with an effective organization and willing workers can accomplish more than a smaller group. Is your class organized for caring for its members. Do you solicit prayer requests and actually pray for the requests. Do you check on the class members when they are absent? I can vouch from experience that a class member that stops coming and is not contacted will not return on their own. They think that we do not care about them and we are validating that feeling. According to the Hometown Locator there are 119 churches in Cherokee County. The estimated population of our county is 24,000. This gives us a fantastic opportunity to reach out to residents of the county who are un-churched or are not saved. Have you asked your neighbor to come to church? Why not begin with the next door neighbor then go out beyond that. If we all ask our neighbors then spread out from there we can reach all of the population of the county.

Remember this:

### **Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV) The Great Commission**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

## SYMPATHY NOTE

Christian love and sympathy is extended to James Gilliland and family on the loss of his brother, Ralph Gilliland; Beverly Edwards and family on the loss of her grandmother, Lena Hardman; and to Anne Shumaker and family on the death of her aunt, Velma Williamson.

## Tactical Leadership

Without a doubt one of the greatest illustrations of vision and tactical leadership in human history is the account of Nehemiah. We don't know a great deal about Nehemiah previous to the account that begins in the book of Nehemiah, other than he was one of those who returned from being in captivity under King Nebuchadnezzar (Ezra 2:2). From there the account of Nehemiah picks back up with his own account beginning in Nehemiah 1:1. We find that Nehemiah had been told that Jerusalem, his native city, was in great turmoil and was in danger because the wall surrounding the city had been broken down and destroyed. Notice Nehemiah's response. "So it was, when I heard these words that I sat down and wept and mourned for many days. I was fasting and praying before God of Heaven" (Neh. 1:4). The important part of this is that in the midst of his sorrow Nehemiah fasted and sought the council of God before making another step in any direction. **Seeking God was his first step of tactical leadership.** Soon afterwards we find that Nehemiah was asking permission of the King (he was a highly regarded royal servant) to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the wall.

Once in Jerusalem Nehemiah made another tactical leadership move. We find that the first thing he did was assess the situation. At night he went up onto the wall and observed. He even went to surrounding hills to see the big picture. He obviously wanted to get a realistic picture of what his task was. **Assessing the situation was his second step of tactical leadership.**

Now that the situation had been fairly assessed Nehemiah began talking to the people, gathering help, and finding much needed support. He began to share what he believed could happen. That the wall could be rebuilt, and that Jerusalem could once again be a safe place to live. **Spreading his vision was his third step of tactical leadership.**

At this point it is found that some opposition began to arise. Some of the surrounding leaders began laughing and mocking the people for what they were trying to accomplish. The wall had been so torn down that it was totally inconceivable to them that it could be rebuilt. What they failed to realize was that God had ordained this work. The surrounding city-states even organized armies to "attack" the city if they didn't cease labor. What Nehemiah did to combat this was a stroke of genius. Because everyone was working on the wall he outfitted the workers with weapons and armor. He put them in family groups on, behind, and inside the walls to defend against the coming on slot. He stated, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses!" Wow! What a rally speech! It was no doubt compounded by the fact that they were all standing ready to do battle right next to the very people they were fighting for; their brethren, sons, daughters, and wives! If someone ever doubted what they were about to go to war for all they had to do was look next to them. **Nehemiah's fourth step of tactical leadership was enabling the workers to defend their own work, and reminding them that they were all in it together and that no one was alone.**

From my understanding of the scripture the battle never came. The enemy backed down, and the wall was finished in an amazing 52 days. However, the leadership of Nehemiah did not end with the completion of the wall. He was later elected as governor and kept the wall fortified with guards. **Nehemiah's fifth step of tactical leadership was that he learned from the enemy and anticipated their actions.** See bottom of next column

# Church News/Events

## COMMUNICATION

A blog has been set up at blogger.com to provide information gleaned by the Long Range Planning Committee. To access this information go to:

<http://fbc-centreurovision.blogspot.com>

*Note: This is a private address and cannot be found with search engines.*

The pastor also has a blog at:

<http://jwrigh10.blogspot.com>

## NOTICE

This summer Shepherd's Fold Daycare will be offering a class for 1st-5th graders. This is for June and July only. Space is limited. For more info call 927-6345.


## YOUNG AT HEART

The YAH will meet Tues., July 14, 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and join the fun.

## YOUNG AT HEART TRIP

On August 19 the Young at Heart has planned a trip to Crossville, TN to see the play "Showtime at First Baptist", a sequel to "First Baptist of Ivy Gap" The cost of the trip will be \$54.00 which will include transportation, lunch, and admission to the play. Please come by the church office (at the ROC) to sign-up as soon as possible so that we will know if we will have enough people to make the trip.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

 Jayden Keith McIntyre was born on May 26. He weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Jayden is the son of Josh & Leigh McIntyre. Proud grandparents are Greg & Theresa Garrett.

## THANK YOU

*Thank you is not enough to say for the love, care and concern you have shown John and me the past two years, especially the last 3 1/2 months. It has been stormy, but storms in our lives help us grow in Christ. Your kindness through the phone calls, cards, visits, food, and most of all the prayers has touched my heart. I'm so glad God placed us in such a wonderful church family. Remember-Satan cannot destroy our joy in Christ no matter what the circumstances are.*  
*Love in Christ, Lana Evans*

## Tactical Leadership Continued...

As a leader, whether it be in your family or the church, I believe that we can all learn from these few tactical steps of leadership. Seek God. Realistically assess the situation. Share the vision you have. Equip workers to defend their work, and remind them that they are all pulling together. Finally learn from past attacks, and anticipate and be ready for what may be on the horizon.

Brandon Snow

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Wednesday at the ROC</i>
8:40 a.m. <i>IMPACT Contemporary Worship</i>	6:00 p.m. <i>CHAOS-Youth Bible Study</i>
9:50 a.m. <i>Bible Study</i>	
11:00 a.m. <i>Traditional Worship</i>	<i>Fridays at the ROC</i>
6:00 p.m. <i>Small groups on &amp; off campus</i>	5:15 p.m. <i>Celebrate Recovery</i>

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A safe place to  
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### WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

- 7-5 Ruth Brannon, Bonnie Murphy, Matt Woodfin
- 7-12 Graham & Billie Brown, Lana Evans
- 7-19 Scott & Lynn Curry, Ruth Matthews
- 7-26 Doug & Frances Newman, Gail Hayes

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

June 28-July 4  
*Don Price 927-5409*

July 5-11  
*Larry Maddox 927-5242*

July 12-18  
*Dennis Trammell 526-8794*

July 19-25  
*Merle Grimes 927-8134*

July 26-August 1  
*John Ward 927-4454*

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