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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

You could say that the Trenton community has experienced its fair share of rain. I know that rain will definitely fall on somebody's parade; I just regret that it had to be our Teapot Parade. Well, I suppose the old adage is ever so true: "You can't have your pie and cake at the same time." For example, there are some folks who actually believe that you can serve both God and Satan and remain in good standing with the Lord. No person will ever inherit the Kingdom of God who maintains this specific standard of divided loyalty! We, as disciples, may not always be successful regarding our spiritual endeavors, but God tells us, through His Holy Word, that we must "above all" be faithful and obedient.

There is absolutely nothing that we can change about the rainy weather except to adapt and persevere until the sunshine once again returns. Are there some spiritual changes that you and I need to be making throughout the years of our spiritual journey? When Jesus comes into our hearts, there is always radical change and revitalization. What happens when we shut the Savior's door to our hearts? I can tell you without any hesitation--you absolutely feel like you have endured 40 days and nights of unrelenting rain!

Last Sunday it was a tremendous thrill to hear those wonderful handbells ringing out the glorious message of Christ's love and grace. If you came to church on that rainy Sunday with thoughts of disappointment and grief, you definitely left with a heart full of sunshine and happiness, especially when those talented young ladies, Shannon Moore and Annie Williams, played their musical instruments along with the Love Notes Handbell Choir, Leah Jean Rollins' accompaniment, and a special solo by one of these young ladies, Annie Williams. You can always be assured that even on a rainy day, up above the clouds the sun is always shining! Keep your eyes focused on the Savior in all types of weather, and you will always be able to find your way back home to everlasting happiness and heart-changing fulfillment.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

NEW INTERNATIONAL LESSION ANNUAL

The latest edition is now available. We have 6 copies. Those teachers who use this resource, please pick up on outside the church office.

MOTHER'S DAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 10!

All mothers will be honored during our morning worship service, and we encourage all parents to bring their children, too.

Another exciting worship event will be the baptism of Greyson Abbott Buchanan, infant son of Cicily and Clint Buchanan.

KEEPING OUR SANCTUARY CLEAN

We need everyone's help to keep our sanctuary clean and neat. It is important that we all pick up any paper in the pews. Please either take your bulletin home with you after church or put bulletins and other paper into the recycling container in the vestibule. Our new Southeast Corner Sunday School Class, has placed that trash can in the vestibule as a service project of theirs to help us be better stewards of our resources.

YOUTH NEWS by Jacob Ross

The youth will be going to Lakeshore May 22-25 for their end-of-the-year trip. The cost is \$70 per student to cover the cost of lodging, food, and canoe rental. If you are interested in going as an adult counselor, please contact me A.S.A.P.

POT-LUCK TO HONOR OUR GRADUATES WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, AT 7:00 P.M.

We have two high school seniors, Lindsey Peterson and Nathan Baker, whom we will honor with a dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, in lieu of Wonderific Wednesday activities. Please bring a large recipe of your favorite dish, and remember to see the photos of Lindsey and Nathan on the memory table set up in the fellowship hall during this dinner. Congratulations also Bill Joyner, Jill Mischke, Jordan Leigh Grant and Noble Grant, Beth Phelan who are also graduating from their schools of higher education.

BENEFIT CONCERT

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2:00 PM, IN OUR SANCTUARY FOR TUCKER GLIDEWELL, PERCUSSIONIST AND ZACK MCCOY, FRENCH HORN

These two exceptional musicians from the Peabody Band of Gold were chosen for the *2009 All State High School Band*. Tucker has been accepted to the *Interlochen Arts Camp* in Michigan this summer. Zack was accepted at *Sewanee Arts Camp* in Tennessee. Although Tucker and Zack received partial scholarships to the camps, the remaining amount needed is substantial. If you cannot attend the concert, you may donate by writing a check to FUMC and marking it "Concert." In the concert will also be Leah Jean Rollins, accompanying; Tucker's sister and brother-in-law, Courtney and John Stedman, vocalists; Shannon Moore, flute, and Annie Williams, oboe.

Phone 855-0561 to win a golden dollar by identifying this lovely cheerleader. Give your photos from your childhood or youth to Carolyn or Gary Blankinship. The last photo in the newsletter was of **Janice Dickey**. The person to identify her first was **Judy Woods**.

PRAYER AND CARE: Mattie & Finis Carr, Neil Ernest, Pat Goodrich, Bill Goodrich, Lennie Mai Hicks, Jay Hooper (grandson of neighbor of Bettye Jackson), Kenny Hughes (neighbor of Harold & Barbara Griggs), Charlene Lemond, Louise Potts, Debbie Martin, Terry Rivas (sister of Lori Michel), Janice Singleton, C.B. Singleton, Lynda Wyrick.

SYMPATHY is shared with Sonny Lane and his family on the death of his mother, Claudine Lane.

HOSPITAL NEWS: Charlene Lemond fell and broke her hip. She is in Room 4117 Baptist Hospital East. John Wallin, husband of Beverly Joyner Wallin, is out of Intensive Care but still in Baptist Hospital East in Memphis, with Guillaume Barre paralysis. Debbie Martin (daughter of Glenda Lane) is Room 4214 in Baptist Hospital East.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Otto and Hans Bauer (nephews of Gina Williams), James Patrick Inman, Paul Michael Ross (brother of Jacob Ross), Chris Smith, Jesse Vinson (grandson of Harold & Barbara Griggs), Chais Milligan Wallsmith.

IN RETIREMENT HOMES: Agnes Evans, Greenbriar Meadows, 436 Hannings Lane, Martin, TN 38237; Dorothy Hardaway, Room 5, Harlan Morris Home, 400 Harlan Morris Drive, Trenton, TN.

IN NURSING HOMES: Finis & Mattie Carr, Dyer Nursing Home, 1124 North Main Street; Vivian Hight, Humboldt Manor, 2031 Avondale Road., Humboldt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY: Franky Hodges

USHERS FOR MAY

*Judy Estes	Carol Ann Halliburton	Cicily Buchanan
Christy Wallsmith	Kari Alexander	Gina Williams

MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

To volunteer to feed the youth, call Glenna Helms 692-3531

May 10	No UMYF, Mother's Day
May 17	Sandy & Franky Hodges
May 24	Leah Jean & Gil Rollins
May 31	Betty Denton & Glenda Helms

Supper volunteers need to be present from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The meal is served at 5:30. If you are unable to come at 5:30 or to stay after the meal until 7:00, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

GREETERS

May 10	Terrie & William Joyner
May 17	Becky & Billy George
May 24	Dorothy & Charlie Lancaster
May 31	Henry Phillips & Gary Buchanan

ACOLYTES

May 10	Daniel Hodges & Logan Wallsmith
May 17	Gracey Estes & Blake Estes
May 24	Sydney Phelan & Bailey Williams
May 31	TBA

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

May 10	Proverbs 31:10-31	Judy Estes
May 17	TBA	Joyce Flack
May 24	St. Matthew 24:3-14	TBA
May 31	TBA	TBA

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

May 10	Marilyn Holder
May 17	Beth Thompson
May 24	Jacob Ross
May 31	Faye Campbell

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:50 a.m. - Worship Service
No UMYF
No Love Notes Handbell Choir rehearsal

Tuesday, May 12

6:45 a.m. - UMYF Breakfast Club: Come fellowship with our youth.
7:00 p.m. - Staff-ParishRC meeting at the home of Jim & Debbie Grant

Wednesday, May 13

6:00 p.m. - Dinner in Honor of our Graduates--Pot-Luck
No Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 20

5:30 p.m. - Last Wonderific Wednesday Meal until next fall

Sunday, May 24

2:00 to 3:30 p.m. - Concert to Benefit two Peabody HS Band Members
Tucker Glidewell and Zack McCoy will perform along with Leah Jean Rollins as accompanist and John & Courtney Stedman as vocalists. Shannon Moore on flute and Annie Williams on oboe will also perform in concert with the other musicians. Donations will be used help Tucker and Zack attend prestigious arts camps this summer.

2009 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES

Monday through Thursday, July 13-16, 6-8 p.m.
Theme: CAMP EDGE, "Experiencing God Anywhere"

ATTENDANCE MAY 3, 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 83 MORNING WORSHIP: 127

VISITORS IN WORSHIP MAY 3:

Tom Proctor, Renee Proctor, Julia Proctor, Sterling Proctor, Randall Hensley, Sally Taylor, Jean Pollard, Jim Williams, Rene Williams, Annie Williams, Lisa Brown, Susan & Russell Moore, Austin Selph, Brooke Selph, Glenda Criswell, Laverne Harper, Cy Young, Luke Blanton, Marley Hendrix, Susan & Shawn Wortman, Lynda Hammonds, Mollie Hinton.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER on the attendance pad every Sunday morning during worship so that our visitors will do that, too.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2-Sherry Buchanan 3-Taylor Lindsey. 8-Pat Haltom. 12-Donna Carr. 13-Gary Buchanan. 13-Sammy Dickey. 14-Jane Maule. 14-Thomas Cherry 18-Carolyn Blankinship 18-Jeff Carr. 18-Kellie Joyner. 19-Michelle Wallsmith. 20-Beth Davis Winn. 25-Charlene Lemond 29-Marion Crisp Pipkin. 31-Jean Smith. 31-Tony Smith.

MEMORIALS

TO MEMORIAL FUND IN MEMORY OF TERRY AGEE

Sandy & Franky Hodges	Barbara & Murray Jones
Peggy & Fred Davis	Sally & Carl Wyatt
The Loyal Workers	Mary & Neil Ernest
Patricia & Henry Tritsch	

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 3

TO SANCTUARY DEBT ON MAY 3	\$10
YEAR TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT:	\$783
TO YOUTH FUND ON MAY 3	\$115
YEAR TO DATE FOR YOUTH FUND	\$1057
BUDGET OFFERING ON MAY 3	\$4,586.25

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2009

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN APRIL 2009	\$15,872.14
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN APRIL 2009	\$12,368.27
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	\$31,160.00