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We will observe
The Lord's Supper
 during both morning
 worship services
Sunday, July 10th

On this occasion, both the 8:30 AM and the 11:00 AM services will be in traditional style.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

This is the season for mission teams to go out from here for a week or two of ministry. Currently we have one team in Manhattan and another team in Paraguay. A third team is preparing for their ministry at bit later in Mississippi.

What's this all about? A fun vacation? Well, it may be fun, but it's not a vacation. A summer lark? It may be summer, but it's definitely not a lark.

To get at the answer, let me direct your attention to a passage in Revelation 7:

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

This is the scene around the throne of God in heaven. When all the believers have finally been brought in, this is what it will be: **"A great multitude ... from every nation, tribe, people and language"** worshipping God.

This is where all things are heading, the final state. But how do we get from here to there? Who is this great multitude? How is it that they come from every ethnicity, every language group, every corner of the earth?

They are the redeemed, the saved, **"they who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb."** And they are a diverse group. Yet, for all their differences, for all their variety, those in this great multitude all have this in common: someone told them about Jesus. **"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,"** the Bible says. But **"how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?"**

And that is what our summer mission teams are all about. We're sending them out. The good news concerning Jesus is going with them. And the diverse multitude is being gathered.

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A number of members of our church family have spent time in area hospitals recently. **Roxi Smith** was at Carolinas Medical Center several days for surgery; and **Harrison Revels** was there overnight for a surgical procedure. **Mike Abernathy** was at Gaston Memorial Hospital for a couple of days, as was **Richard Rhyne**. All have now been discharged. Roxi and Harrison are at home; Mike is back at the Stanley Total Living Center; and Richard is at his daughter's home for rehabilitation.

We hope all our **Vacation Bible School Volunteers**, led by children's Ministry Director **Lauren Fox**, feel a deep sense of satisfaction. Our entire church family was proud of the job you did taking our children to **Egypt** for VBS adventures. Thank you to all who contributed!

With Loving Thanks

Thank you so much for all the kind expressions of sympathy during the recent death of my mother, Lelia Long. All the cards, calls and food meant so much to all of us. We could feel the power of your prayers every day. It is such a blessing to have a caring and loving church family.

*Bill, Freida and Will Robinson
Anna, Mason and Aiden Friesenhahn*

MERCY MINISTRIES

Items needed for our **Food Pantry** at this time include:



pasta	macaroni and cheese	crackers
pasta sauce	canned meat/fish	rice

Thank you for your continued support!

MISSIONS AROUND THE WORLD



Roger and Laura Dye and two of their four children return to Chile on July 12. Their two oldest children stay behind to complete their high school education at Ben Lippen High School in Columbia, SC. where Deanna is a senior and Isaac a junior.

David and Beth Knott are coming to the states on a home visit in August. We look forward to having them at our missions conference in October.

Omari and Cherise Hill have a new addition to their family. Their son Preston was born May 26th.

This note comes from **Amber Rhyne** who just celebrated her birthday in Belize!

Hola Todos!!! (Hello everyone!) I am writing to let you know that the Presbyterian Medical Clinic here in Belize has a new website!!! We hope you will check it out, share it with your friends, your churches and anyone who may be interested in volunteering here at the clinic. We hope that the information is useful and that you can navigate the site easily. Please let us know if you have any trouble or any questions about the site. The site is <http://presbyterianmedicalclinicbze.weebly.com> Since it is new, it may take a little while for it to be easily searchable in search engines like Google and Bing. The more clicks to the site will help to make it more searchable. So click away!!! :) Thank you for all of your support and prayers! Much love to all of you!

Always in Christ, Amber <><

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Outing at



Wednesday, July 13th

Meet at the church at 5 PM. We'll take the bus, eat supper at Birkdale, shop, and just enjoy our time together. We'll be back at the church at 9:30 PM.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Our Wednesday weekly sessions at the church are continuing thru the summer. **Gold Rush is free to all children.** Preschoolers will meet here at the church from 10:00 AM until Noon (snack included) and our School-age session (entering 1st-6th grade) will meet from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM. These 'in house' sessions will be on **Wednesday, July 6th and July 27th.**



Kate's Skating Party!

Our Children's Ministry has reserved Kate's Skating Rink for a private party on **Tuesday, July 12th from 5:30-7:30 PM.** The bus will leave the church at 5:00 PM. Prepayment is REQUIRED for this event. We have a limited number of people who are allowed in the facility. If you plan on attending (adult or child) please **let Lauren Fox know by Sunday, July 10th.** The cost is \$5 and includes skating and pizza.

ON THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FRONT

Meet our preschoolers whose pictures are featured on the bulletin board just outside the church offices.

Headed for a week's adventure at a Christian camp this summer are: Madison and Jennings Black – Bonclarken; Kathryn, Alex and Vicka Cavin, Micah Deneen, Ryan Grice, Conner and Tanner McMinn – Ridge Haven; Anna Prather – The Wilds.

Visit our church library and find a book to read on these hot summer days. Pick up a free copy of Our Daily Bread on the literature display for use in your personal or family devotions.

20-SOMETHINGS EVENTS

LUNCHEON

The next lunch will be **SUNDAY, JULY 17TH**. It will be hosted by the Haleys and the Lasleys at the home of Clyde and Ginny Haley. Make plans to enjoy a great meal and time of fellowship!



BEACH GETAWAY

Enjoy a weekend at the beach **AUGUST 12TH - 14TH**. Cost is only \$40.00 and this includes gas and meals. See sign up sheet on bulletin board in main hallway for more information and to reserve your spot!



For more information on either of these events, you may contact Stewart Neely: neelysm@gmail.com or 704.718.0534.



July 10, 6:30 pm - Family Worship and Children's Service

July 17, 6:30 pm - Family Worship and Children's Service

July 24, 6:30 pm - Family Worship and Children's Service

July 31, 6:30 pm - Ask the Pastor and Children's Service

MISSION TRIP TO UTAH AUGUST 12 - 19

*Sign up on the Mission Trip
bulletin board. See Jimmie
Mitchell for more information.*



Where: West End PCA in Salt Lake City with our missionaries Daniel and Stephanie McKinney

What: "Paint Your Heart Out" – one day when many paint to improve conditions in the community; all week - painting, landscaping, working on houses in community around the church and ministry with the West End congregation

Cost: \$750 (approximately)