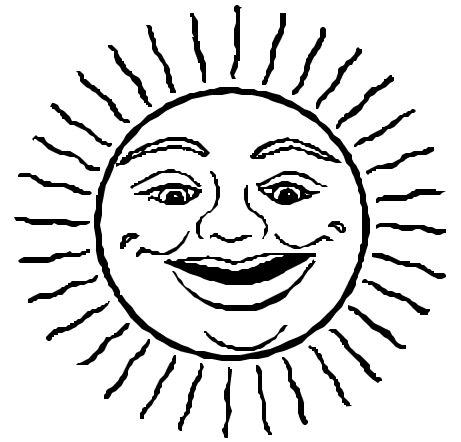


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Church Chat

June, July, August, 2010 In the year of our Lord Jesus Christ



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Pastor's Note:

Summer, 2010

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every Christian is filled with the Holy Spirit of the Risen Christ! And when we take time to create the space for God to work in us – through prayer, digging into the scriptures, worship and fellowship, then the power of the Holy Spirit is released within us more and more, taking control of every area of our lives, as we give the Spirit permission. It is in this power of the Holy Spirit that Christ sends us into our families, our workplaces, our schools and our communities to be WITNESSES of God's restoring and healing power of love. This is the MISSION that Christ has given the Church around the world!

In order to accomplish this mission as

Christ's agents in this world, we must be people of prayer. In the words of N.T. Wright Christians must invoke "the Spirit of Jesus daily and hourly as they go about their tasks, lest they be betrayed into the arrogance of their own agendas or into the cowardice of relativism." (In *Living at the Crossroads* by Goheen and Bartholomew)

The book of Acts points us to the Holy Spirit of the Risen Christ. During worship beginning May 30 – July 25, we are going to explore the witness of the early church as it is recorded in the book of Acts. I invite you to prepare and pray for what the Lord will reveal to us, as we seek to faithfully carry out the mission he has given us in this community and world where he has planted and blessed us!

Commit to memorizing these short scriptures and the accompanying action for

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... And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
Acts 2:4

each week. We will truly be blessed and empowered more and more by the Holy Spirit!

Week 1 Memory Verse – May 30

Witness as Central Task of the Church

... But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

Week 1 Action

As a member of Christ's body, I will seek every opportunity to make my church a more effective witness for Christ.

Week 2 Memory Verse – June 6

What Is the Church's Witness?

Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38

Week 2 Action

I resolve to help keep the church's message focused on Christ.

Week 3 Memory Verse – June 20

The Church's Witness of Compassion

But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but I give you what I have; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Acts 3:6



"Mission is not a burden laid upon the church; it is a gift and a promise to the church that is faithful. The command arises from the gift. Jesus reigns and all authority has been given to him in earth and heaven.

When we understand that, we shall not need to be told to let it be known. Rather, we shall not be able to keep silent."

Lesslie Newbigin, from *Mission in Christ's Way*

Week 3 Action

I promise to support my church in responding to human need wherever it appears.

Week 4 Memory Verse – June 27

The Church's Witness of Evangelism

But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19-20

Week 4 Action

I will strive to be holistic in my witness.

Week 5 Memory Verse – July 18

The Church's Witness of Structure

Therefore, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty." Acts 6:3

Week 5 Action

I will value the form, but will keep alive the spirit of the organization.

Week 6 Memory Verse – July 25

The Church's Witness of Hospitality

"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him." Acts 10:34-35

Week 6 Action

I will lay no undue burden upon those from another culture or sub-culture who believe in Christ.

Shalom in Christ,

Rev. Joy

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Adult Vacation Bible School Children and Youth at Risk

"As we walk with Christ into the world, how might WPC provide missional support for at-risk children and youth?" Come explore this topic with us during VBS.

Monday, June 7: Sheltering Wings.

Speaker: Maria Larrison, Executive Director

Children and youth may find themselves fleeing with their mothers from an abusive situation. From a home filled with turmoil and fear to a strange building filled with strangers and the uncertainty of what happens next. Maria Larrison talks about Sheltering Wings ministries with the children and youth in their care.

Tuesday, June 8: Get Real. Speaker:

Kendra Mallory

Kendra Mallory shares her experiences of what teenagers face from two perspectives: her work with Get Real ministries

and her work as a bail bondsman in Hendricks County. Get Real has touched hundreds of teens in the area who come from very diverse back-

grounds. Many meet Jesus for the first time through Get Real. Can a strong faith keep at-risk teens out of the court system?

Wednesday, June 9: Becoming a

Change Agent: Glenn Santner, discus-

sion leader

The recent situation at Carmel High School in which four basketball players crossed the line reflects on a society that has lost respect for the individual. Blame, punishment, and life altering consequences are the outcomes of an environment that enables teasing and horseplay to escalate to hazing then battery and finally ends in criminal charges. Our teens have recently spoken up against this behavior through their rap and video. We will use our teens' video to launch our discussion on stopping negative behavior in our families, schools, and workplaces.

Thursday, June 10: Mission Project

Night: Beth Harmon, coordinator

Children receive an exit bag when they leave Sheltering Wings. We will assemble bags from your donations. Here are some suggestions from Sheltering Wings. Add your own creative ideas that would make a child or teen feel special.

A sucker to remind you of how sweet you are!

A bookmark to mark your spot after reading to family and friends.

A pencil & eraser so you can write out or draw your feelings.

Hugs and Kisses for those times you need them!

Small picture book, puzzle book, or reading book.

Sheltering Wings will gratefully accept quantities of:

Suckers

Ziploc bags for the above items

Erasers

Candy kisses

Food coloring

Craft sticks

1 gallon Ziploc bags

Coffee filters

Bookmarkers



Youth Discipleship Ministry Team:

Learn the Books of the Bible

This is a fun activity that families can do together. Here are some tips to help you memorize all 66 books of the Bible.

1. Learn 5 books at a time, then move on for 5 more
2. Review what you know every day
3. Write them out by hand once a week
4. Use a video song to make it easy, just sing along once a day
5. Recite your books in front of other people.

Here is a link to an online video and song to help you learn the books of the Bible.

<http://ministry-to-children.com/video-bible-books/>

– Submitted by Beth McGuire

Vacation Bible School (VBS):

June 7-10 for all ages.

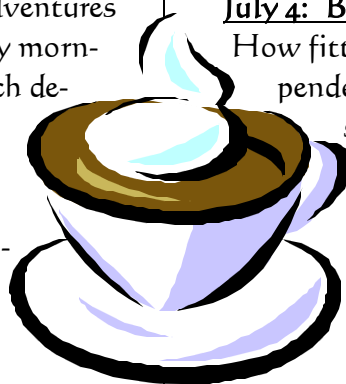
Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!

Coffee Conversations for June

We complete all but one chapter in McLaren and Campolo's book *Adventures in Missing the Point*. Our Sunday morning discussions have provoked much debate and thoughtful discussion. We turn our attention away from worldly issues to our inward growth. Where do the church, society, and our personal needs create barriers in becoming spirit-filled disciples?

June 6: Sin

Jesus knew it is much easier to see the



speck in someone else's eye than the log in our own. One of the most personal chapters in the entire book will leave each of us thinking deeply about the topic of this week: Sin.

June 13: Worship

Worship is the heart of the community of Christ. Worship brings the community together once a week. The togetherness frequently ends when the music begins to play. People stay or leave a church due to its selections of music. McLaren contends that neither the tempo of the tune nor the instruments used reflect how we should think of music in worship.

June 20: Doubt

Doubt can be healthy or destructive. McLaren compares doubt to a watchdog. The dog can warn of danger or turn around and destroy its owner. Our response to our own doubt or others is often unhelpful clichés.

June 27: Truth

McLaren uses the writings of Jane Goodall to describe our growing relationship with God. Just as Jane Goodall gained a trust with the wild chimpanzees until each could relate as special creations, God draws us into an ever deepening relationship with Him. Life is not about scientific analysis of facts but of coming face-to-face with Truth.

July 4: Being Post Modern

How fitting to end our series on Independence Day. Our country has struggled and survived challenges that have defeated others. Similarly, the church has been threatened with extinction yet continues to strive forward to prepare and send spirit-filled disciples into a post modern world.

– Submitted by Ginny Sheets

Living Waters — *Pass It On!* A WPC Youth Mission Project

Youth Mission Initiative (ymiLIVE), a program sponsored by the Presbyterian Foundation Group, has created a Video Challenge to tap into the creativity of youth members by providing a means to explore and express their faith.

Our youth at White Lick have decided to take on the challenge! They created a great video interpreting John 7:38 "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water" the theme of the 219th General Assembly. The video will be posted on the ymiLIVE web site and the congregation, family, and friends will be asked to vote.

The top 10 videos will be shown at General Assembly, and two videos will be chosen to receive a \$25,000 endowment fund to support our youth.

The youth started this project by exploring what "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water" really means. Three scenarios emerged, all centering around "acceptance." The youth shared examples of times when they had not been accepted by some group at school, such as athletes, "cool" kids in the cafeteria, or upperclassmen. They talked about how unChristian it was to not accept someone just because he/she was different. Wisely, they pointed out that Jesus accepted everyone.

The group decided to act out scenes and tell a story through a Rap (for us old folks: Rap -Verb; Slang. To talk rhythmically to the beat of rap music.). Working closely with Ginny Sheets, they wrote Drink From The Living Waters. "I drafted the rap in couplets because that's the way

rappers do it." says Ginny. You can find a copy of the rap, as well as fun photos of the youth during filming, on the White Lick Presbyterian Church web site. Use it to follow along when you watch the video.

This project was a real team effort between ministry team leaders and our youth. A special thanks goes out to Karen Viefhaus, who helped out as videographer and Jacob Pruis, who provided the "beat" for the rap.

Now it is time for you to do your part! From June 1 to June 7, you can log in to the ymiLIVE web site highlighted below and register to vote for the White Lick Presbyterian Church video, "Living Waters — Pass It On!" Please invite all your family members, friends, co-workers, etc. to log in and vote, too. Together, we can help our youth earn \$25,000 for ministry and missions.

Questions? Contact Beth McGuire at 837-8666 or Ginny Sheets at 852-5514.

<http://app.ymilive.org/teams/whitelick-presbyterian-church-avon-in>

– Submitted by Toni Sanford

SESSION ACTIONS 5/18/2010 Whitelick Presbyterian Church

The following actions were approved or received by the Session on 5/18/2010:

- Word-Share-Prayer on Ephesians 1:15-23
- Update on review of Long Range Financial Plan and schedule for final review and approval on July 20
- Settlement on roofing claim approved by GAF-Elk Corporation of Wayne, New Jersey
- Paint the double doors at the south entrance of the church, a brick red (Dutch Boy Kimono Red).
- Profits from the Fellowship luncheon

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– GINNY SHEETS



donations for 2010-2011 above the hosting Ministry Team needs to be directed toward support of Student Pastor and then Choir Director.

- Amended current Child Protection Policy to permit the parent(s) of a youth to count as one or both of the two adult volunteers in the classroom or at a WPC event or activity.
- Vision MT was applauded and thanked for completion of their outstanding work. Vision MT is dismissed.
- Treasurer's Report
Balance as of 4/30/2010 is \$85,160.16. This still reflects a \$13,670 shortfall in anticipated contributions.
- Membership Report:

New Members: Erik and Nan Johnson by Reaffirmation of Faith; Carl George and Gerald George by Profession of Faith on May 2

Baptisms: Carl Royce George and Gerald Ray George on May 1

Transfers: Lisa (Bickel) Hensley to Pleasant View Baptist Church in Indianapolis effective 3/30/10.

Deaths: Carl George on May 10
Toby Frost on May 13

Our Summer Birthdays

- June 1st Rodger Watson
7th Sydney King (15)
10th Greg Nash
10th David Perkins
11th Karen Viefhaus
12th Ben Bendetti
13th Kathy Wagner
15th Hunter Truitt (5)
16th Abby Brus
16th Brandon Johnson (16)
17th Tom Rupe
17th Richard Stent



- 17th Roberta Stent
17th June Thompson
21st Carrie Kristine Lawson (12)
22nd Kathie Bush
22nd Joe Jandura
24th Willem Brus (1st birthday!)
24th Bob Cornell
25th Dorothy Kingery
27th Kennedy Kiger (7)
30th Michelle Jandura
30th Marcus Schadee



- July 1st Lauren Bryant
1st Shirley Halterman
1st Jaxon Kirby (13)
1st Michael Zachary
6th Barb Gibson
6th Melissa Mann (13)
8th Hudson Dane Rowe (2)
9th Lori Parker
10th Sheldon "Tim" Logan
10th Toni Sanford
10th Lynn Turner
14th Charlotte Clissold (2)
16th Angie Eggers
16th Dave Fancher
17th Diane Buxton
17th Barbara Rodgers
18th Will Kirby (10)
20th Scott Viefhaus (13)
21st Bill Blank
21st Janet Schadee
21st Briana Wagner (12)
23rd Les Berens
23rd Michael McGuire
24th Gina Blank
25th Susie DeHart
25th Ginny Sheets
26th Beth Harmon
28th John Eichinger
29th Roberta Pettigrew

AUGUST

- 2nd Fran Lucas
4th Peggy King

6th Martha Poole
 6th Wayne Sheets
 7th Donna Jones
 8th Alberta "Tim" Burress
 10th Jeremy Watson
 11th Jimmy Lawson (13)
 11th Hannah Faye Mallory (18)
 13th Tom Jackson
 13th Beth McGuire
 14th Katie Ann DiBenedetto (8)
 16th Maureen Boulanger
 17th Haley Wagner (11)
 19th Diana Kirby
 20th Carol Berens
 24th Annetta Davis
 25th Christian Bickel (16)
 27th Bill Lucas
 27th Jeff Mallory
 27th Jared Sanford (16)
 28th Dorothy Coolbaugh
 28th Zachary Parker (7)
 31st Carol McGowan
 31st Steve Schorling

The 3rd Sunday of each month after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Wildwood Café we'll sing "Happy Birthday to You!"

— Submitted by Marilyn Brinkley

Editor's Column:

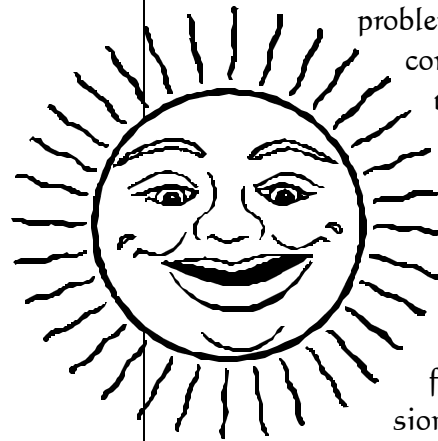
By Jerry Bennett

You never know where you will find a piece of the puzzle but you know it when you see it. There are stories in the Bible that are like an onion. You peel away layer after layer expecting to find more of the same but looking for something different. Some mysterious ultimate truth that always eludes you and then in a blinding flash of the obvious you find it hiding in plain sight.

This is how I felt recently while watching a program on The Big Bang theory on The Discovery Channel. I had

even come up with my own formula, $G=mc^3$, which is an obvious reprise of Einstein's formula, $E=mc^2$, for relativity. My equation can be interpreted to mean that God created the universe out of his own energy, his word.

What struck me in watching this program was that it shed some light on Genesis: 1-1 thru 1-19, the first four days of creation. I had considered the account in Genesis as practically allegorical; something that contains truth or expresses truth in a non literal way. My



problem with Genesis comes from the creation of light prior to creating the sun. In the Discovery Channel program there were several physicists and mathematicians following the expansion of the universe

back in time to the moment of creation. We know from Einstein that matter and energy are two states of matter just as ice and water are the solid and liquid state of the same substance. The scientists calculated and 'proved' that in the first milliseconds of creation that "matter acted differently"... "there was much more light than traditional matter and possibly that first there was only light and everything else followed".

In the beginning God said... let there be light! *Shazam!* There it is. God made the light before he made the Sun. As a child I had a problem with the account in Genesis because I saw the Sun as the source of light but I was wrong. God was the source of the light.

It is so simple... how could I have missed that one. — JB

Whitelick Presbyterian CHURCH CALENDAR
(Note: New calendar items are in bold print.)
 June 2010

Sunday Worship:	
1st, 3rd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of Month:	8:30 am Worship (Holy Communion) 9:40-10:20 am Coffee Conversations 10:30 am Worship After Children's Sermon: Teens Discipleship
Beginning June 20th thru summer months	11:45 am Fellowship Lunch
2nd Sunday of Month:	8:30 am Worship (Holy Communion) 9:40-10:20 am Coffee Conversations 10:30 am Worship (Holy Communion) 11:45 am Fellowship Lunch
3rd Sunday of Month:	11:30 am Birthday Sunday

Each Tuesday:	11:00 am Morning Prayers (Sanctuary)
Each Thursday:	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
15th of Each Month:	Church Chat Deadline

Date(s)	Time	
Jun 1	7:00 pm	Ministry Team Meetings: ADMT, YDMT, Finance, Fundraising, Personnel, Stewardship, Worship, Evangelism, Mission, B&G, Hospitality, Healing Prayer, TLC
	8:30-9:00	All MT Leaders (Teach – Care – Feed) to meet
Jun 2	7:00-9:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting
Jun 4	TBD	Setup & Decorate for VBS
Jun 5	9:00-12:00 9:00 am	Saturday Outdoor Workday Setup & Decorate for VBS
Jun 6	10:30 am 12:00 Noon	Worship (Holy Communion) All Church Picnic (Williams Park, Brownsburg)
Jun 7-10	6:00-8:30 pm	Vacation Bible Study (All Ages)
Jun 12	1:30 pm	Mission Ministry to meet at church to car pool to Good News Mission; serve dinner @ 2:30 pm
Jun 15	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Jun 16	7:00-9:00 pm	ADMT Meeting
Jun 18	11:00 am	Brunch Bunch
Jun 21	7:00 pm	Presbyterian Women

Please see Worship Bulletins for updates and/or changes throughout the month.

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 into the World to Glorify God!

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 Preparing and Sending
 Spirit-filled Disciples of Christ!
TEACH – CARE – FEED!