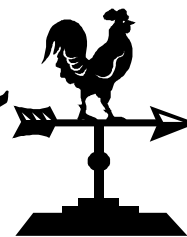


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The Weatherly Spirit...

Perhaps Children the Answer to Peace?

I read this quote from the southern writer, farmer, essayist, poet, and professor of English Wendell Berry. I heard him speak years ago, and I have always found his writings to be challenging. This was published in an article entitled "A Citizen's Response to the National Security Strategy of the United States." It is about radical forgiveness.

It is useless to try to adjudicate a longstanding animosity by asking who started it or who is the most wrong. The only sufficient answer is to give up the animosity and try forgiveness, to try to love our enemies and to talk to them and (if we pray) to pray for them. If we can't do any of that, then we must begin again by trying to imagine our enemies' children who, like our children, are in mortal danger because of enmity that they did not cause.

Where do longstanding animosities end? They end either with destruction and death or forgiveness. Cultures pass on to their children and grandchildren hatreds the children do not rightly own. They were not personally wronged, but they were taught to hate anyway. At some point the animosity must and will end. The question sane people must ask is, how will it end? Will it end with the continued destruction of people who hold no direct stake in the animosity, or will it end with forgiveness?

Of course, Berry's proposal will work only if all parties agree to "imagine our enemies' children" and forgive. One party cannot hold onto the animosity and then annihilate the unsuspecting, defenseless enemy.

Is Wendell Berry's proposal really possible? Is it possible that our children are the answer to the question of peace? I doubt we will ever know.

Peace anyway,
David

Called Business Meeting

There will be a called business meeting on March 26 to hear a motion from the Ordination Council of Ellin Jimmerson that she be ordained to the Gospel ministry.

Worship News For This Week

Palm Sunday

The Hungry Spirit... Faithful

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday. It is the day we remember Jesus' entry into the city of Jerusalem. The people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David!" And "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Oh, how things would change. The children will process with palm branches this Sunday. Don't miss this important day. Invite a friend to be your guest.

Kentucky Mission Trip June 8-13

Help build a house for a needy family! There are places of service to fit any skill and experience level. Sign up on the Missions bulletin board outside the office area. For more information, contact Steven Pinke at 881-9163.



If accessing *The Weathervane* online at www.weatherly.org would be more convenient for you than receiving a copy in the mail, please notify the church office to remove your name from the mailing list.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Flashlight Easter egg hunt for 1st-6th grade
Pizza will be served.

Sponsored by the Families with Children Committee

Saturday, March 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Easter egg hunt for birth-kindergarten
Sponsored by Women on Mission



Saturday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Church-wide Easter Walk
with crafts and snacks

Sponsored by the Families with Children Committee

**Donations of candy and plastic eggs
can be brought to the church office.**

Stations of the Cross

Noon, Good Friday, March 21
Aldridge Creek Greenway
at Mountain Gap



Senior Adults

Senior Adults will travel to the Old Greenbriar Restaurant on Thursday, March 20. Following lunch, we will spend a leisurely afternoon in the shops at Bridge Street Town Centre. We will leave the church at 11:00 a.m. Please sign up on the Senior Adult bulletin board.



Birthday Luncheon

Tuesday, March 25 at noon

at the home of Susan Cox

Please RSVP to 883-7654 by March 24.

Happy Birthday!



March 13: Haley Reeves, Jacqueline Whitesides;
March 14: Julie Baker, Bryant Malone, Paul Noller, Harold Whitesides; **March 15:** Debbie Ledbetter, Frank Ledbetter; **March 17:** Susan Davis, Thomas McDougal, Steven Pinke, Jeanie Plaxco; **March 19:** Jeanne Greer, Josh Konantz

The Record Speaks

Morning Worship	209
Sunday School Attendance.....	161
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$13,265.00
This Week's Budget Receipts	\$14,485.00

2008 Church Stewardship

YTD undesignated receipts through Feb. 2008	\$82,134.00
YTD undesignated expenses through Feb. 2008 ..	\$114,936.00
Shortfall	\$32,802.00

Prayer Requests

Dorothy Dixon, in the death of her mother, Ruth Harlow
Linda Walker, sister of Dorothea Dunham, Crestwood
Tom Foster
Judith Tabor
Ann Trentham
Jack Nunnally
Jim Hearn's brother, Ted
Joan Rankin
Doug Atkins, son of Brenda Graves
Jody Greer's father
Ray Gargus
Carolyn Hodges, sister-in-law of Bonnie Garrett
Roger Schneider's parents
Stuart Kennedy, stepson of Patricia Kennedy
Patricia Kennedy's stepmother and father
Exie Woods, mother of Rachel Jordan
Tom Ibarra
Linda Schmidt's niece & husband, Emily & Jeff Callaway
Elaine McKenzie
Bob Nore's mother
Russell Cliburn, cousin of Keith Putnam
Beverly Garrett
Our members and friends serving in the military

The Church in Service

DEACON ON CALL: Becky Harchanko

Next Week: Jim Hearn

TELLERS: Ray Baldwin & Larry Thomas

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Tommy Hunt

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Becky Davenport & Delaine Dendy

ACOLYTES: Jeanne Su & Ryan Thomas

NURSERY: Robin & Jeff Sells,
Connie & Evelyn Allen

Youth at WHBC

Summit Retreat – April 25-27

This year's Summit Retreat will be back at Springville Camp and Conference Center which is northeast of Birmingham.

The theme is "Making Old New." Amy Dean is our speaker for the weekend. Amy is co-pastor of Park Road Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Worship will be lead by The Shiloh Band which is comprised of students from Samford University.

The weekend will include small group break out sessions, large group games, a student talent and entertainment night on Saturday, opportunities to go canoeing, play volleyball or ping pong.

We will join with youth across the state of Alabama from Madison to Birmingham to Auburn to Mobile.

The cost for the retreat is \$70 with a \$25 deposit (goes toward final amount) due by April 6 and final amount due April 20. This cost includes 5 meals, and 2 nights lodging in bunk bed dorm style rooms, and Summit t-shirt.

The retreat is open for 7th-12th grade students AND we are looking for 3 adults who would like to chaperone the retreat weekend.

If you are interested in being a part of Summit 2008, sign up on the youth bulletin board!

Ocoee Rafting Trip, Saturday, June 7

Every other year, we go rafting on the Ocoee. The cost for the rafting trip is \$35 per person which covers the cost of rafting, tip for our guides, and help with fuel expense.

Our trip time is 11:00 a.m. CST, and our "show up" time is 10:00 a.m. CST. We will meet at the church at 6:30 a.m. to head to the Ocoee. Each person will need to fill out a waiver from Outland Expeditions.

If you would like to go, sign up on the youth bulletin board. DEADLINE is May 21st to sign up.

Upcoming Events

- **Sunday, March 16, Rehearsal for "A Service for Good Friday."** – after worship. Bring money for lunch.
- **NO D.E.E.P. this Sunday or Easter Sunday** – In observance of Spring Break.
- **Youth Led Good Friday Service** – Friday, March 21.



Thank You, WHBC

Dear Friends,

For more than thirty years you have truly been the family of God to us, sharing our joys and our sorrows, and continuing even after we moved from Huntsville. We thank you so much for your prayers and for the many expressions of love and caring that we have received since the recent death of our son, Mitch. They have given us comfort and strength in the midst of profound loss.

With love and gratitude,
Mickey and Pat Hallum

Shoe Collection

The Missions Committee and Women on Mission, in coordination with the Alabama Cooperative Fellowship invite you to join in the first annual shoe collection from now until Easter Sunday. All new and gently used shoes will be gratefully received. A collection box is in the Davis Hallway.



Candles Needed



Will you share the light with those in need? In Zimbabwe, power is available only 2 days a week. Candles are the main light source the majority of the time. Women on Mission is collecting candles to be shipped to Zimbabwe on April 19. A collection box is located in Memorial Hallway. Share the light!

Women on Mission Rummage Sale

Saturday, April 12

Begin now to bring your donations to the closet in the Lighthouse.

Please put only aluminum soda cans
in the church recycle bin;
the ARC does not recycle tin food cans.



Handy's Happenings  When the Rocks Cry Out

*If we keep our voices silent, all creation will rise and shout,
If we fail to praise You, Father, then will the very rocks cry out!*

The entire emotional range of Lent culminates in Palm Sunday. Here, Jesus had sent two of His disciples ahead to Bethany to bring him a colt. When they returned with the colt the scriptures read “the disciples cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus on the colt. And as He went, they spread their clothes along the way.” As they drew closer to the Mount of Olives, the group became a parade singing “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” The parade drew people into joining this joyful parade. As they moved closer to Jerusalem they began to break branches from the palm trees to pave the path of the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

As in every truly joyful moment, there is a negative voice, here it is the Pharisees: “Master, rebuke Your disciples.” Jesus’ powerful response was: “I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would cry out.”

You might be interested to know that the Palms that the children carry in our worship on Palm Sunday were actually grown wild near Jerusalem. I order them each year and have them shipped to Huntsville for this service. Can you let your mind comprehend that the plants that we carry here on Palm Sunday could be the descendants of the palms used for the first Palm Sunday parade?

The Palm Sunday choral worship is also from this text. The choir becomes the joyful crowd following Jesus proclaiming the Master’s words: *If we fail to praise You, Father, then will the very rocks cry out.* Could it be that this same crowd was to gather a few days later and once again raise their voices? Could it be that the tongues that offered praise would then scream, “Let Him be crucified.” Humanity is fickle. God is not and that is a powerful message of Holy Week, which begins with Palm Sunday.

On Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 in the Sanctuary our Maundy Thursday service will be led as a service of Taize prayers and songs. The quiet contemplative and personal service can empower your walk with Jesus to the cross, the grave and the skies. I hope you will plan to attend.

Listening for the praises,
Handy

Memorial Gifts

**To the Building Fund
In memory of Bruce Gilbert**

Given by:

Betty Shaw

Wallace & Rachel Jordan

Bill & Dean Smith

King David Sunday School Class
(First Baptist Church, Mt. Airy, NC)

**To the Youth Committee
In memory of Bruce Gilbert**

Given by:

Lou Anne Johnston

**To the Music Ministry
In memory of Jimmy Staggs
(brother of JoAnn Terry)**

Given by:

Harvey & Delores Shelton

Bill & Scottie Breen

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