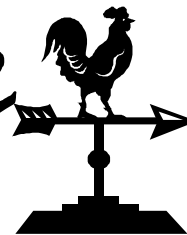


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The Weatherly Spirit... Telling Our Story

Each of us has a unique story. While all our stories may share similarities, no two are exactly alike. The process of thinking through and organizing our story can be a helpful spiritual discipline. Here at Weatherly we encourage people to do this and then share with the rest of us their religious autobiography. We are honored to have five people in our congregation share their story. Here is part of the instructions they were given:

Describe your evaluation of and appreciation for your early religious training and experiences, as you have grown older and matured. Do you still accept most of what you were taught or have you modified or reacted to your previous beliefs and practices? What effect does your previous training have on you now? How do you now interpret your conversion experience?

Describe the high points and low points of your spiritual pilgrimage. Give particular attention to periods of doubts and/or challenge to your faith and to times of recommitment and renewal. Mention any persons who have meaningfully influenced you religiously. Relate any significant events that have had religious impact on you. Have you ever made any specific religious commitments (e.g. to be a missionary)? If you have changed your affiliation of churches or denominations, state why and explain the consequences on your religious development. What effects have advanced education and wider cultural exposure had on your religious maturation?

This Wednesday Michael Malone will share his religious autobiography with us. A list of the others is printed to the right of this column. I hope you can be present for each of these. If you have an interest in looking at the rest of the instructions or in sharing your autobiography, let me know.

Warmly,
David

P.S. Thank you all for the loving support we have felt following the death of my father's wife, Beth Freeman. She died much too early. You are exceedingly generous with your love.

Worship News For This Week

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Reasons to Believe Psalm 16; John 20:19-31

We all can think of reasons not to believe. "There is too much evil in the world," some say. "Science has displaced God," others contend. But what about reasons to believe? We all can think of them too. Join us this Sunday as the Pastor speaks about Thomas, who found reasons to believe in the risen Christ. Invite a friend to be your guest.

Save the Date!

Vacation Bible School
Beach Party
Surfing Through God's Word
June 2-6

Religious Autobiographies To Begin

Religious Autobiographies begin this Wednesday during Adult Bible Study. The schedule is as follows:

April 9 – Michael Malone
April 16 – Jim Hearn
April 23 – Lisa Malone
May 7 – Jim Norris
May 21 – Carol McGinnis



Women on Mission
Rummage Sale
Saturday, April 12
8:00 a.m. - Noon

Bring your donated items in good and working condition to the Lighthouse Wednesday, April 9 after church supper or Thursday and Friday, April 10 and 11 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All proceeds go to support our projects throughout the year.

Ladies Birthday Luncheon
Tuesday, April 15 at Noon
 At the home of Lisa Morris
 710 Crest Road
 RSVP to 880-2359 before April 13

Senior Adult Luncheon
Thursday, April 17
 11:30 in the Lighthouse

Senior Adults
To Backstage Theatre
in Gunterville
Thursday, May 8
USO and the American Spirit



Tickets are \$12 and must be purchased by April 27. We will leave the church at 4:30 in the church bus and cars, have dinner at the Top of the River, and go to this musical revue of music from the 30's and 40's.



April 11: Pam Booth; **April 12:** Ayumi Kitano, Robin Schneider; **April 15:** Jim Graves, Al Jimmerson, Martha Smith

The Record Speaks

Morning Worship	270
Sunday School Attendance	201
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$13,265.00
This Week's Budget Receipts	\$16,169.50

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

- Oneita Craighead, in the death of her mother, Hattie Jones
- Sissy Luckey, in the death of her sister, Sheila
- Charolette Adkins, surgery
- Eugene Worley, surgery
- Bill Creel
- Anne Livingston
- Debra Rankin Palmer, mission trip to Guatemala
- R.C. Darden
- Jeanne Greer
- Nick Zuschlag, deployed to the Middle East
- Linda Walker, sister of Dorothea Dunham
- Layne Williams, sister of Margo Ridgeway
- Jack Nunnally
- Ray Gargus
- Carolyn Hodges, sister-in-law of Bonnie Garrett
- Roger Schneider's parents
- 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:** Gunter Livingston
- Next Week:** Val Moore
- TELLERS:** Bob Aldridge & Simone Calvert
- SOUND TECHNICIAN:** Reggie Simmons
- CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Kelly Freeman & Charlene Pinke
- ACOLYTES:** Ty McElroy & Mary Kathryn Lawrence
- NURSERY:** Brenda & Jim Graves, R.C. & Nancy Darden, Elsie Jones & Kallie Street



PASSPORTkids!

For children completing 3rd - 6th grades
July 12 - 15, 2008 in Crossville, TN
Cost: \$135 Deposit: \$75 due April 27th
Full & partial scholarships are available

The theme for this year's camp is TRADING SPACES. Our missionaries are Lita & Rick Sample, CBF missionaries in the San Francisco area. They minister to international refugees, immigrants, and international students. Our Bible studies will focus on "welcoming the stranger".

"The popular television show, *Trading Spaces: Boys vs. Girls* has a simple concept -- two neighbor children (each with the help of a friend and a designer) redesign each other's bedroom. The successful children are the ones who have spent time getting to know each other, who can think from the other's point of view, and who work hard in a new, unfamiliar setting. Internationals have much the same experience. Thrust into a world that seems vastly different from their own, they must learn new places, customs, ways of thinking, and often a new and challenging language. As followers of Jesus, we can ease their way by "welcoming the stranger" (Matthew 25:35). By trading spaces, you "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" (Luke 6:31) and learn to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18)."

This will be our 5th summer with PASSPORTkids! Each experience has been varied and fabulous. I don't know of a dissatisfied Weatherly camper yet. Chaperones are needed!

Blessings!
Jana



SHARECROPPERS

New Format
April 17, 2008
9am - Noon AND 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Morning and night sessions will now be offered! We will meet less frequently, but with extended hours. Childcare for the morning session is available. Everyone is welcome! Bring your supplies, mementoes and a friend. Snacks will be served.

Youth at WHBC

Youth Parents and Youth Worker Volunteer Meeting
Sunday, April 13 at 4:00 p.m.

In the Upper Room

Who should attend this meeting?

1. Parents of current 7-12th grade youth.
2. Parents of rising 6-7th grade youth.
3. Youth committee members
4. Youth Sunday school teachers
5. Any adults who want to be a part of the youth ministry.
6. Any adults who want to build relationships with youth

Weatherly's youth ministry is making a transition into an intentional high school ministry and middle school ministry. Changes and additions will be made to our weekly youth activities, overnight retreats and annual trips.

We need more people to be a part of Weatherly's youth ministry to serve as adult leaders and teachers of youth covenant groups, 6th-12th grade Sunday school teachers, and Wednesday night youth gathering.

Dr. Christian Smith is Professor of Sociology at the University of Notre Dame. He has been involved with the National Study of Youth and Religion project whose purpose is "enhance our understanding of the religious lives of American youth...and research the shape and influence of religion and spirituality in the lives of American youth..." Two of the important research discoveries are:

"1. Organized programs are important, but significant relationships between young people and mature, loving adults are more important.

2. Teen's parents and other mature Christian adults need to be brought back into the youth ministry picture."

Weatherly parents and adults have been a vital part of our youth ministry and there are numerous ways for you to be involved. Join us on Sunday, April 13 at 4 p.m. to discover how you can be a part of the lives of teenagers.

(You can read more about the research findings of the National Study of Youth and religion in Christian Smith's book *Soul Searching* (Oxford Press), or check out the web site at www.youthandreligion.org.)

Upcoming Events

- **Youth Covenant Group (D.E.E.P), Sunday, April 13 at 6:20.**
- **Summit Retreat – April 25-27.** FINAL payment due by APRIL 19.
- **Youth Banquet – Saturday, May 17 at 6 p.m.**
- **Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 18.**
- **Ocoee Rafting Trip – Saturday, June 7.** Cost is \$35. \$10 deposit DUE BY May 18!!
- **Camping Trip – June 30-July 3.**

-Dean



Behold, the majesty of My mountain.

It's a mountain. I've seen them before, even climbed a few.

Stand on this shore and gaze at the vastness of My sea.

We are 90% water, there's got to be a lot of it to satisfy life as we know it.

I have filled the earth with food.

Yes, but I'd rather eat fried stuff, or cake, yes, cake—lots of cake.

Listen and you can hear the praise of all created things, they sing of Me.

I hear the cars, the leaf blower next door, the neighbor cutting grass. Is that what You mean?

Everything borrows life from Me, everywhere you may be, I am present there.

I'll get back with You in a second, got a call that I've just got to take.

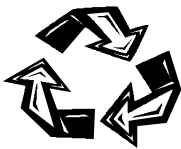
The majesty of God is all around at this time of year. If in doubt, just look out the window. However, I'm afraid that like some of you, I am too easily distracted by my life and the cough that Spring brings to be completely aware of the glorious song nature is singing. Finding a moment to gaze, or a second to glance is precious time to us who are imprisoned by the clock, the schedule, the promises to keep and the things that seem so very important. There is no other season like Spring to feed my soul. No other season "sings" the song of the Spirit like the resounding doxology of Spring.

Sunday's hymn of praise is Issac Watt's great text, *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*. The Weatherly Orchestra will be playing and this hymn can take flight from your soul. Take a sniff—that's Spring. Take a glance—that's spring again. All around us it is budding and on this day, I want Spring and it's message in me uniting my senses with my soul in one great hymn of praise.

Don't forget

- **Weatherly Orchestra this Sunday, rehearsal at 8:00 in the Sanctuary. The music is in your black folders.**
- **Chapel Choir is moving on many things preparing for our tour and our fund raiser. Everyone is needed!**
- **The Fund Raiser for our Chapel Choir Tour will be a Dinner Theater. Put Wed. May 14 on your calendars!**

*Going Green
With the Weathervane*



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