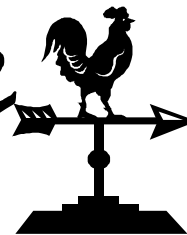


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The Weatherly Spirit...

How We Got Our Bible

Have you ever wondered how our Bible came into being? Obviously it didn't simply drop from heaven. It was actually a dynamic process that took hundreds of years. The book of Revelation almost didn't make it into the Bible. Jude, 2 and 3 John and others were questionable too. On September 3 I am going to begin a brief study of how we got our Bible. Below is an outline of what will be covered. Come to dinner at 6 p.m. and then join us for this study at 6:45 in the sanctuary

September 3: Where Did the Bible Come From?

The Bible is referred to as the *canon*. The process of determining which books belong in the Bible is referred to as the process of canonization. This session will introduce the process of canonization.

September 10: The Law, the Prophets, and the Writings: The Making of the Old Testament

This session will look at the lengthy process by which the books of the Old Testament came to be considered God's word to people.

September 17: A New Age Dawns: The Making of the New Testament

The Gospel of Mark was quickly accepted. The Gospel of Thomas was not accepted. Hebrews, 2 Peter, 2 and 3 John, Jude, James, and Revelation were disputed. This session will look at the 300-year process by which the books of the New Testament were selected.

September 24: Understanding English Translations of the Bible

What is the difference between *The Living Bible* and the *New American Standard* or the *Revised Standard Version*? This session will compare various translations of the Bible and offer some guidance in selecting a Bible.

October 1: Principles for Interpreting the Bible

Is it possible to read the Bible without forcing our values onto it? We must do that if the Bible is to be the authority over us. The Bible must speak first, and then our values should conform to its teaching. This session will offer some principles for interpreting the Bible.

Warmly,
David

Worship News for This Sunday The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

What It Means to Trust God Psalm 23; James 1:12-15

What does it mean to trust God? Do we abandon our jobs and *trust* that God will feed, house, and clothe us? Do we abandon all defensive measures and *trust* that God will protect us? How do we balance trust in God and personal responsibility? Join us for worship this Sunday as the pastor talks about this important topic. As always invite a friend to be your guest.

In observance of Labor Day,
there will be no evening activities
Sunday, August 31
and the church office
will be closed
Monday, September 1.

Committee Chair, It's Budget

All committee chairs need to check their folder for important information concerning the 2009 budgeting process. Budget requests are due to the Stewardship Committee by October 5.

September WHBC Staff Anniversaries

Howard Williams
Minister of Spiritual Formation
6 years

Dean Johnson
Minister of Youth
5 years

Vicki Timmerman
Administrative Assistant
2 years

Wednesday Night Supper

Resumes Wednesday, August 27.
Call the church office or
email vicki@weatherly.org
to make your reservation.

New Church Directory

In September we will print an updated (non-pictorial) church directory. If you have updates of address, telephone number, cell phone number, email address, etc. please call the church office or email pat@weatherly.org.

Mark Your Calendar!

Messiah Sing-a-long
Tuesday, December 9
7:30 p.m.

Moravian Lovefeast
Sunday, December 14
7:00 p.m.



Happy Birthday!

August 28: Beverly Cornelison, Carl Dohrman;
August 29: Harold Waggoner; **August 30:**
Wayne Betowt, Marvin Fortner; **August 31:**
Sally Hershberger, Charmain Su, Jana Williams;
September 1: Bob Aldridge, Chris Olsen, David
Sharp, Ramsey Williams; **September 2:** R.C.
Darden, Diane Robey, Whitney Skievaski;
September 3: Melvin Bruce

The Record Speaks

Morning Worship 191
Sunday School Attendance 139
Weekly Budget Requirement \$13,265.00
This Week's Budget Receipts \$10,005.00

2008 Church Stewardship

YTD undesignated receipts through July 2008 \$342,835.00
YTD undesignated expenses through July 2008 \$394,775.00
Shortfall \$51,940.00

Prayer Requests

Susan Davis, in the death of her uncle, Guy Campbell
Ellen Waggoner
LeeAnn Childers
Vista McDuffie, grandson of Alice Caruso, deployed
Jim Hardy, Huntsville Hospital
R.C. Darden
Rabbi Jeffrey Ballon
Linda Walker, sister of Dorothea Dunham
Gene Gill, son of Marilyn Gill
Debra Thomas
Linda Wallace, daughter of Dora Gilbert
Lucy Welch
Lisa Morris
Tracie Lee
Ola Sponsler, mother of Ron Sponsler
Lorene Russell, aunt of Cathy Hough
Elease Presley
Jo Johnson, mother of Daryl Johnson
Pat Spurrier, daughter of Jewell Wonders, rehab in Birmingham
Art McDougal
Laverne Parker, sister of Jim Hicks
Norma Terrell
Sally Hershberger
Nick Zuschlag, Middle East
Nicholas Stott, Middle East
Carolyn Hodges, sister-in-law of Bonnie Garrett
The stepmother of Patricia Kennedy
Bob Nore's mother
Our members and friends serving in the military

The Church in Service

DEACON ON CALL: Keith Noren

Next Week: Ellin Jimmerson

TELLERS: Harvey Shelton & Debby Sharp

SOUND TECHNICIAN: Reggie Simmons

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Mike & Wendy Malone

ACOLYTE: Ty McElroy & Anna Shepard

NURSERY: Scott & Mary Carol Lawrence, Dean Smith &
Jackson Lawrence, Rhonda & Kim Wegrich

Family Forum

Third Grade Bible Presentation
September 7
In Morning Worship



Please call the church office or email
Pat@weatherly.org if you plan to attend.

Acolyte Training
September 7
Immediately following Worship
All children 3rd-5th grades
are invited to be acolytes.



Tutors Needed

Call Al Johnson at 881-1333

HAP and IMS Food Pantries

Weatherly helps stock the Huntsville Assistance Program and Interfaith Mission Service food pantries by contributing non-perishable food items. Collection for the IMS pantry is the first Sunday of each month; collection for the HAP pantry is ongoing, and there is currently an urgent need for soups, vegetables, canned meat and other staples. Collection baskets are in the Memorial Hallway. You may make a monetary donation by making your check payable to WHBC and mark it for the appropriate pantry. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Children's Home
Group
Annual Rummage Sale
Friday, September 26

Youth at WHBC

**Wednesday Night Youth Gathering
Begins August 27 at 6:30 p.m. in The Upper Room**

Now that you had time to get adjusted to your school schedules and homework loads we will begin our youth gathering following church supper.

This Wednesday middle schoolers and high schoolers will gather in the Upper Room to play a game to get to know more about each other and learn about our upcoming Wednesday & Sunday activities.

We will begin a series in "Ignite" as we learn about global needs through the eyes of missionaries around the world. The sessions will be split into different weekly emphases as we learn about various needs and people groups around the world.

**D.E.E.P. Youth Covenant Groups
Resume Sunday, September 7 at 6:20 p.m.**

Following the Labor Day Holiday, we will begin our new school year of youth snack supper and covenant group time. We will have a covenant group for middle school and a covenant group for high school.

Middle schoolers will be going through a series of "Grapple" which is an interactive middle school Bible study that involves catching up with your Grapple small groups, playing games, and digging into how Bible stories apply to your life.

High schoolers will be taking a semester-long journey into "Lessons on Spiritual Warfare." This will delve into areas of things that we cannot see or touch or have trouble explaining. Do angels and demons exist? Is there evidence of the supernatural? Join us as we search for some answers.

Attention all parents of Youth
If you would like to be added to the Youth News
e-mail list, please send message to
deanjohnson@weatherly.org.

- Dean

Upcoming Events

- **Sunday School, August 31 at 9 a.m.** Middle schoolers and high schoolers will study "The Church Founders."
- **Youth Covenant Group (D.E.E.P.) resumes Sunday, September 7.**
- **Middle School Retreat, September 26-28 at Camp ToKnowHim in Pisgah, AL. Cost is \$100 per person. \$25 deposit due September 7.**



The “Spirit” is an odd commodity. Jesus likened it to the wind: you can’t see it, but you can feel it and see the effects it has on other things. There have been moments in my life where the Spirit descended around me when there was a window of opportunity to feel that fresh air of God’s Spirit to blow around and through my soul. And with those words, I define the instrumental worship from our service yesterday. The musical worship gift by Aleta and Jere Hunt reminded me again that we can experience and cherish moments when something within the born flesh is transformed by God’s Spirit, proving, once again, that when we are born of the Spirit, the Spirit bears much in our own lives.

The musical heritage of our church is a rich one. And that rich heritage continues to thrive with the talents and gifts of Daryl Johnson, members of the Weatherly Orchestra, Chapel and Chancel Choirs, the Children’s Music Ministry and the Adult Handbell Ensemble as well as the Women of Weatherly. Each contributes an important part of our commission to be to be ministers in the choir loft, at the handbell table, and in the orchestra.

Jere will leave this week to return to NYC to complete his final year at Marymont. His future is so bright that when I look at his future, it hurts my eyes. When he plays piano, it is the musical passion from this compassionate young man that touches me. Jere is my friend, and I am proud to know him. He is also a gift to a wider spectrum of folks than those at Weatherly, or Huntsville, or even Alabama. And yet, he is one of our own. Join me in praying for Jere’s goals and his passions of artistic achievement. As we and others experience Jere’s gift, let’s not miss our opportunity to bless him along his journey.

The blessing of the Spirit-gift doesn’t happen just once; some happen as often as we are prepared to receive them. We are born of the flesh but once; we are born, renewed, strengthened, restored, upheld, supported and transformed again and again in the Spirit. May we welcome this spiritual regeneration in its many forms with open minds, arms, hands and hearts. Amen.

Handy

Interfaith Mission Service Day of Service & Unity
Saturday, September 13

This event is for people of all ages and abilities who want to make a difference by sharing a hammer, mop, brush or shovel to demonstrate the possibilities when we all share our human values.
For more information, visit www.interfaithmissionservice.org.

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Deadline for articles is noon Friday before the Tuesday printing date. You may submit an article to the church office in person or by email to pat@weatherly.org. We reserve the right to edit.

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