

Northside News



Volume 41

April 29, 2010

Number 6

From the Pastor

Easter tide is one of those seasons which we are still learning how to celebrate. Just like we've had to learn to observe Advent as a season in its own right, as more than just a warm up act for Christmas, so are we learning how to observe and celebrate this fifty day season called Easter tide.

In order to observe Easter tide we have added two elements to our worship. Every week we are passing the peace and standing to confess the Apostle's Creed.

The very first word that the risen Jesus speaks to his disciples is "peace." (See John 20:19-31) They are hunkered fearfully behind locked doors, and Jesus came, stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he showed them his wounds and said to them a second time, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I sent you." After this, he gave them the Holy Spirit and instructed them to become agents of God's forgiveness in the world: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven ..."

So, in observance of Easter tide, every week we are standing to offer the peace of Christ with each other. Passing the Peace is one of the ways that we are trying to exercise this astonishing power Jesus gave us, the power to forgive sins. By the power of the Spirit, Jesus sends us with the authority to undo the cycles of vengeance and retribution that have disfigured this world. Passing the Peace is a pledge that we make to one another, that we want to be part of the renewing of a broken world.

Saying the Apostle's Creed is another act appropriate for Easter tide. After Jesus greeted his disciples with peace, we read the famous story of Thomas, the one who had a hard time believing where he had not seen. Jesus invites Thomas to touch and see his wounds, and he calls him into a new posture of faith: "Do not doubt, but believe." Thomas replies, "My Lord and my God."

So, standing to confess our belief is an appropriate Easter tide act. Belief is one of the gifts that the disciples were given in the presence of the risen Lord.

But notice that in this story belief and forgiveness are connected. One flows from the other. Forgiveness is not ultimately possible if God has not raised Jesus from the dead with healing in his wounds. And likewise, believing requires trust. To believe that God raised Jesus from the dead means to trust that deep wounds can be healed by his grace. In this story belief follows forgiveness.

In this age in which belief is so difficult intellectually, I wonder if we will be required first to learn how to forgive in order for us then to learn fully what it is to believe.

Easter tide is a great, fifty-day expansion of our imagination. I look forward to worshipping with you again on Sunday.

Grace and Peace,
Stan

Missions Fiesta: Wed. 5 May

It being *Cinco De Mayo* and our last Wednesday evening program of the spring, we have decided to celebrate missions. How are Northsiders involved in Missions? Come eat some great Mexican food, hear some good stories, see some great pictures, and renew your commitment to doing that one good gospel thing God is calling you to do.

May 16 Hymnal Dedication

Make sure to be here on May 16 for a celebration of our new hymnals. There will be good singing and many hymns.

Mission Trip

WHEN? July 10 – 16

WHERE? Helena – West Helena, Arkansas

DOING WHAT? Teaching swimming lessons, construction work, leading music, teaching Bible stories, preparing crafts, organizing sports and games, gardening, prayer walks, home visitations, cleaning kitchens, ministering at nursing homes, and leading youth camps. **One can choose from the above list the activity in which you want to assist.**

If you would like to learn more, go to www.acc2010.wordpress.com.

SIGN ME UP! We must have a team finalized by the middle of May. Sign up by emailing Buddy Wagner at buddywagner@bellsouth.net or calling 601.924.0985.

MISSION GOAL: \$12,000

GIFTS TO DATE: \$1,680

Vacation Bible School June 7 - 11 Egypt

This year in Vacation Bible School at Northside we will be experiencing Egypt, following the story of Joseph. There are signup sheets available each Sunday in the bulletin for you to let us know how you will be willing to help, or you may call the church office. Remember this is an important outreach of our church and we need the help of everyone who is able. There will be a meeting on Sunday, May 2 at 3:00 for those who are interested in helping.

CFI Trip to Chicago

Members of CFI (old and new) are encouraged to join a delegation to the Ekklesia Project annual gathering in Chicago July 6-8. We will be leading the closing worship service. The cost is \$200 plus transportation. See Stan if you are interested.

Graduation Recognition

Our high school graduates will be recognized in our worship service and with a luncheon following in the fellowship hall on Sunday, May 2. These graduates are: David Edwards, Cristina Johnston, Morgan McComb, Lindy Ringler and Liz Serio. Our college graduates are Ellen Brewer (Master's degree), and Ben (Master's degree) and Bonnie Wright.

If you have any information about other college graduates, please call the church office.

From the Minister of Youth

We have already had a great response to our Passport youth camp sign-up. We will be going to Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. The cost has been estimated to be only \$200 per youth due to the generosity of the youth committee. The church will be covering half the cost of camp and transportation to and from Georgia. We will be leaving on Saturday June 10th, and we will be returning the evening of July 16th (Friday). If funds are a little tight right now, let me know and we will find a way for each young person to go to camp.

We are excited to announce that our youth dinner theater "Dinner at Luigi's" will run the evening July 19th. We will be practicing on Wednesdays leading up to the event, so please do not forget to ENCOURAGE your child to be at practice and learn their lines. I've already had numerous individuals in the church comment on how excited they are about the youth doing a play for the rest of the church community.

The youth group is pleased to have Marijane Whitfield working with us. Not only is she leading an environmental dialogue about being stewards of the earth, but she is also helping the youth create artwork which will be displayed in the new youth building.

Last but not least, congratulations to all of our graduating seniors!

God Bless,
Solon

Youth Chaperones Needed

The youth will travel to Macon, GA July 10-16 for a week of Passport (a youth camp with a daily mission project.) We need chaperones. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to know our youth. See Solon for details.

9:03 Club To Tour New Library

The 9:03 Club will have its final meeting this year by visiting the new Quisenberry Library of Clinton. The group will gather at the regular time (9:03 a.m.) and carpool to the library for a guided tour. Afterwards they will enjoy a snack back at Northside. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

Northside Senior Adults

On May 16 the Senior citizens (and those close to being senior citizens) will have an ice cream social at 5:00 p.m. Look for further announcements and put this date on your calendar.

From the Wellness Ministry

People are asking about the health safety of "whole body scanners" currently being considered for security at airports. The radioscanners being considered for use in our country have zero radiation risk, as their scanning source is something other than radiation. Other countries are planning to use radiation scanners, but we understand these will pose minimal risk—no more risk than a person usually encounters in everyday life.

Extended Session

May 2

Infants

Toddlers

Preschool

Beverly Hughey

Meg Bartlett

Leigh Johnson

May 9

Infants

Toddlers

Preschool

Jenta Boone

David Cobb

Ruth Randman

Sunday School for Babies

May 2

May 9

Daphne Myers

Lynda Jenkins

Caregiving Concerns

Grace Gober, in rehab following hip surgery

Nancy Hancock

Mrs. Abby Jones, moved to The Orchard in Ridgeland

Rick, Diane and Jenna Meadows, moving to Baton Rouge

Lucy Rushing, in rehab following a fall

Bill Strum, receiving chemotherapy

Roy Williams, grandfather of Graham Carner,

recovering from a head injury after a fall

On-Going Caregiving Concerns

Helen Breedlove, aunt of Jackie Wright

Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks

Shirley Campbell, sister of Jo Ann Pope

Bill and Charlotte Causey

Howard Cohen at home

Callie Cole, in a coma, friend of Sara Campbell

Jamie Franks, daughter of Lynda Cook,

Marjorie Gore

Becky Harrison, aunt of Beth Dickinson

Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy

Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw

Lake Jones

Tommie Myers, uncle of Mary Etta Carner

Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook

Clayton Powers

Linda Stark, sister-in-law of Bill Stark

Margaret Stephens, John Marquez' sister

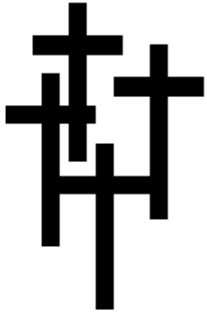
Sue Thayer

Merle Thomas

Betty Gordon Watson, sister of Emily Fokeladeh

Freddie Weeks, cancer, friend of Graham Carner

Johney Williams, mother of Roxie Parks



Northside Baptist Church
1475 E Northside Drive
Clinton, MS 39056

NON-PROFIT
ORG
U.S.
POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT #116

Church Staff

Alicia Butler	Secretary
Jamie Meaders	Minister of Music
Susan Meadors	Minister of Family Life
Mack Murriel	Custodian and Chef
Troy Murriel	Custodian
Jo Ann Pope	Organist
Dottie Serio	Pianist
Solon Smith	Minister of Youth
Stan Wilson	Pastor

Northside News is a bi-monthly publication of
Northside Baptist Church
1475 East Northside Drive
Clinton, MS 39056
Phone: 601-924-4555
Fax: 601-488-4279
Email Addresses:
northsideclinton@comcast.net
jstanwilson@comcast.net
susanmeadors@comcast.net
Website: www.northsidebaptistms.org

