



Graham, North Carolina

E-News

June 2010



It's hard to believe that we are beginning the sixth month of the year and it looks as though this is going to be another very busy month. One of my favorite activities takes place this month - Vacation Bible School. I remember with fondness my days of attending VBS as a child. Back in the "good ole days" we had a morning VBS for three hours each day. Gathering on the front steps of the church we would wait for the signal-- the playing of the VBS theme song-- to begin the procession into the church, down the aisle and into our assigned row.

Listening very carefully we would follow the instructions given to us by the pianist--the "sit down chord" told us when to sit and the "stand up chord" signaled when to stand. The pledges said to the flags and Bible, songs sung for each and then the offering followed by the special missions story. Then it was off to the our rooms and two and a half hours of fun, Bible verses, stories, play and don't forget the craft time. Yes, these were the good ole days. But the current days are good days as well. While we no longer gather on the front steps (since we don't really have front steps), or march in to the tune of the VBS theme song at the beginning of the day, we still have lots of fun. There are still lots of activities, memory verses, Bible stories, crafts, music and yes, even refreshments. I just love Vacation Bible School.

This year our VBS will run from June 13th to the 18th beginning at 6:00 each evening. If you have children in your home, neighborhood or know of any children nearby, let them know of the exciting adventure awaiting them at this year's Wild West adventure at the Saddle Ridge Ranch.

With the coming of Vacation Bible School that must mean schools are out and summer is here. I love summertime but this time of year can be very difficult for churches. With people going on vacation and weekend family trips often the finances of the church take a huge hit. I hope that this year will be different and that everyone will put forth a special effort to make sure the ministries of Riverside Baptist Church do not suffer during these summer months. Remember, while you are on vacation or visiting family for the weekend, the expense of the church continues. Let's be faithful to the tithe and put God first in our giving this summer.

While I don't want to be seen as wishing our time away, I do want to let you know that I am anxiously awaiting next month's arrival. We will be hosting Marty Goetz in concert. Marty is Jewish, believe in Jesus Christ and will bless your hearts through his music. He will be with us in full concert on Saturday, July 10 and again in our morning service on Sunday, July 11. I hope you will make your plans to be in town for both of these days and avail yourself of this wonderful opportunity. We'll share more about Marty later, but for now let's get ready for a wonderful summertime adventure as we serve God through the ministries and outreaches of Riverside Baptist Church.

Until next time, keep sharing the excitement.

Pastor Bob



June Events

- June 1 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
- June 2 10:00 AM Senior Adult Visitation
7:00 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Program
- June 3 6:30 PM Griefshare
- June 6 11:00 AM Jr. Choir @ Grace Baptist (Eden)
- June 7 10:00 AM Valda Cates Circle
7:00 PM Genesis Circle @ the Home of Brenda Aydt
- June 8 7:00 PM Josie Brewer to meet in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Lydia Circle
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
- June 9 7:00 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Program
- June 10 6:30 PM Griefshare
- June 12 7:00 AM Men's Group at Hursey's in Graham
- June 13 4:30 PM Deacon's Meeting
- June 14 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School
- June 15 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School
- June 16 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School
- June 17 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School
7:00 PM Griefshare
- June 18 6:00 PM Vacation Bible School



- June 20 FATHER'S DAY 
- June 22 7:00 PM Pryaer Meeting
- June 23 7:00 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Program
- June 24 6:30 PM Griefshare
- June 26 7:00 AM Men's Group at Hursey's in Graham
- June 28 Crossroads Youth Camp
- June 29 Crossroads Youth Camp
- June 30 Crossroads Youth Camp
7:00 PM Bible Study & Age Graded Program

A Special Prayer for Father

God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen

Father's Day Priceless Gift Idea: Write a Letter

If you are staying away from daddy and for some reason cannot meet him in person write a letter to him. Sending cards is fine but they lack personal touch, which comes in a letter. Also have an extended chat on phone and share happy memories. You can call up twice or may be more to compensate for your physical absence and to make Daddy not feel alone.

Kevin's Corner

“ON SUFFERING”

We are born in pain. I remember when our last child, Trevor, was about to be delivered when all of a sudden he got stuck in the birthing canal. A little look of concern was written all over the nurses' faces as they tried their best to coax my wife to keep pushing as soon as she could. I asked one of the nurses what would happen if he stayed stuck. She said he could lose circulation and incur possible brain damage. Fear struck me as I also wondered how much pain the little guy was already experiencing.

The Curse of Pain

So far, God has been right 4 out of 4 times in our experience with the Bible verse dealing with childbearing suffering in Genesis 3 when He says, “I’ll multiply your pains in childbirth; you’ll give birth to your babies in pain” (The Message).

From the time we are born until the time we die every person on planet earth will experience their share of hurts, losses, and moments of mind numbing pain. No one, I repeat, no one, is exempt from experiencing suffering in our world. From the loss of a child to the betrayal of a spouse, our world can levy some pretty devastating blows to our lives.

Many of the prophets experienced excruciating pain and suffering and so they can relate to us. Jeremiah stated in 10:19 of same named book, “*Woe is me because of my hurt! My wound is grievous. But I said, “Truly this is an affliction, and I must bear it”* (ESV).

How to Cope when Suffering Hits

A great, classical Bible verse dealing with suffering is found in Matthew 11:28, “*Come to me, all who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.*”

1. “Come to me, all”

This Bible verse doesn't say only wealthy, white, righteous people can come to God. This Bible verse says anybody can come to God that is in pain. In fact, this Bible verse on suffering is God's invitation, a plea if you will, for those experiencing intolerable pain. God is the most compassionate being in the universe and He wants to extend it to all of humanity.

2. “I will give you rest”

This Bible verse contains a promise. I don't know about you but I love a person that is good on their word. After my son wrecked our Explorer I found a body shop mechanic that told me he would help me with my deductible. When it came time to pay the man never changed the amount to the very cent. He took a financial burden off of me which resulted in a emotional peace and a feeling of gratefulness. The greatness of this verse is that God offers to give us emotional peace and security if we successfully give it over to Him. Are you looking for calmness to your anxieties? Or a lift out of your depression? Or an ease of mind for the situation you find yourself in?

KIDSTIME:

Our Worship Kidstyle ministry exists for any child in grades K-6th. We rotate them between 3 centers including, Worship, Games, and Crafts. During the Worship Center your child will receive the same Bible Lesson that the Sunday school classes that morning had, only from a different angle. They will also have a chance to sing, watch puppets, view a video, and contribute to the offering. For more information, contact Kevin or Tracy VaLeu.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

LOAVES & FISHES:

On Saturday, May 8th our youth went to Loaves and Fishes in Burlington from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. to help organize the food donations that they picked up as a result of an all out massive “Postal Drive” that they do annually. We had a good turn out of kids, as did other churches and organizations from the area. There was probably around 100 volunteers altogether. There were members from the Elon football team there as well.

DEEPER2 & 90 DEGREES

During the month of May we focused on spiritual gifts, teamwork, and unity. Shave Bennett gave an excellent presentation on teamwork with a fun game attached on May 26th. Our current youth leadership team consists of Wendy Duke, Tara Martin, and Shave Bennett.

CROSSROADS YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

June 28th – July 3 @ Garner Webb University (the college that Karli Neely will be attending in the fall--- Yeah!! Congrats Karli.

2010 High School Graduates

We will be losing and missing dearly the following seniors to graduation: Karli Neely, David Martin, Samantha Forbes, Jenna Heydt and Joshua Holmes.

There will be a short graduate recognition on June 6th during the 10:00 A.M. service.

2010 College Graduates

Sierra Martin and Jeremy White

MEN’S GROUP:

There will be no Men’s group during the summer months of June-August.

PASTOR KEVIN’S SABBATICAL & CERTIFICATION:

I have finished my study on Treating Sexual Addiction from Light University and AACC. I have mailed in my tests and am awaiting certification. I am now certified in two programs with AACC. I will be starting another 30-hour course on Addiction and Recovery in June. If you have any struggles with addiction of any kind please feel free to call me as I have excellent resources available for you to end your struggles and your fight alone.

Reading through the Bible in a Year



We invite you to join us in the reading of the complete Bible this year.
(You will notice no assignments are made for Sundays. This is a day for reflection and perhaps to catch up on missed readings the previous week).

June 1	Psalms 7-12	June 16	Psalms 84-89
June 2	Psalms 13-18	June 17	Psalms 90-97
June 3	Psalms 19-24	June 18	Psalms 98-103
June 4	Psalms 25-30	June 19	Psalms 104-106
June 5	Psalms 31-35	June 21	Psalms 107-110
June 7	Psalms 36-41	June 22	Psalms 111-118
June 8	Psalms 42-49	June 23	Psalms 119
June 9	Psalms 50-54	June 24	Psalms 120-127
June 10	Psalms 55-59	June 25	Psalms 128-134
June 11	Psalms 60-66	June 26	Psalms 135-139
June 12	Psalms 67-72	June 28	Psalms 140-144
June 14	Psalms 73-77	June 29	Psalms 145-147
June 15	Psalms 78-83	June 30	Psalms 148-150

JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS

On Sunday, June 6, the choir will be sharing "We Can Praise" at Grace Baptist Church in Eden. This is Kelly's home church. We are so excited - please pray for our safety traveling and that we will be a blessing.

Parents, please remember that your portion of camp money is due on Sunday, June 6 and that we will not have our usual practice at 6:00pm on this date since we are traveling to Eden on that day.

We will not have choir practice on June 13 because VBS begins, and also we will not practice on June 20 because that's Father's Day. Practice will resume on June 27.

Camp is just around the corner and we are getting so excited. Our dates are August 10-15. More details about this next month.

Make a Joyful Noise,

Mrs. Linda



June Anniversaries

1 st	Gene & Edith Boswell	14 th	Clinton & Lucy Massy
2 nd	Herman & Alice Pruitt Todd & Anita Slaughter	17 th	Junior & Brenda Ray
5 th	Carl & Tara Martin	18 th	Carson & Jonnie Hudson
6 th	Steve & Wendy Andrews Carl & Barbara Church Randy & Alicia Isley	21 st	Bill & Judy King
8 th	Milton & Betty Wilder	25 th	Fred & Patsy Davis James & Jean Pruitt
12 th	Donnie & Teresa Holyfield	26 th	Don & Carol Johnson Dennis & Ginny Zmijewski

June Birthdays



1 st	Brooke VaLeu Mikayla Faulkner	7 th	Judy McDaniel	19 th	Gene Boswell
2 nd	Brad Bennett	11 th	Ricky Smith Don Williams	20 th	D. J. Johnson
3 rd	Carol Johnson Nell Thompson Millie Waldron	12 th	Mike Bowman Christy Winn	22 nd	Zane Miller
4 th	Grady Workman	13 th	Christian Lingerfelt	23 rd	Ginny Zmijewski
5 th	Kim Johnson	17 th	Keyston Young	26 th	Don Patterson
6 th	Linda Dale Doris Foster	18 th	Patty Bunting Cynthia Sawyer	27 th	Joe Hicks Aaron Lutterloh Shea Martin
				28 th	Rachel Pruitt

POSITIVE THOUGHT

Float:

Be as the bird soaring in the sky, allowing the wind to support and carry you.
Give up your control, your effort, your discipline and just be without choice, with no direction to go.
Float and enjoy the beauty of the ride, there is nothing for you to do.



Father and Son Discuss a Haircut

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father if they could discuss his use of the family car.

His father took him into his study and said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study the Bible a little, get your hair cut, and then we'll talk about it."

After about a month, the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car. They again went into the father's study where the father said, "Son, I've been very proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied the Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut."

The young man replied, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair."

"Yes," his father said, "and everywhere they went, they walked."

Dead Seagull



A father was at the beach with his children when his four-year-old son Bob ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore, where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" Bob asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the dad replied.

Bob thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

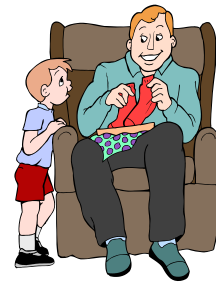
As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him. - Psalm 103:13

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"
"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'" (From the mouth of Babes – Truth)



QUOTES

The greatest gift I ever had Came from God; I call him Dad! - - Author Unknown

"By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong." – Charles Wadsworth

"Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance."
Ruth E. Renkel

"The most important thing that a father can do for his children is to love their mother."
Theodore M. Hesburgh

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."
Clarence B. Kelland

"A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child."
Knights of Pythagoras

"Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!"
Lydia M. Child

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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