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IT IS RELAY FOR LIFE TIME!!!



We are inviting every one of you to come be a part of all the Relay for Life Events to start on the evening of June 10th, starting our walking at 6:00 PM and walking

NON-STOP until the event is over at 6:00 AM. This whole town event will be held at the Smith Middle School Track and we will have our own rest stop and refreshment center on the infield for you to gather at. We will hold a raffle and be selling our famous ribbon cookies. We would like every member of our church to stop by and walk at least one lap around the track. All you cancer survivors get to walk the first lap and if any want to purchase a luminaria in memory of someone you love, we can help you with that. If you have any questions, call Tammy Morris 817-933-8411 or Sherry Cooper 817-517-3190.

ELDERS AT THE TABLE

June 5	Ken & Susan Ellis
June 12	Bob Brown & Fred Bennett
June 19	John & Lynda Hathaway
June 26	Adrienne & Perry Anderson

Join us for VBS at God's Garage- Repairing Broken Hearts June 20-24.

We are planning a high energy, fuel injected fun week of praising God and making Jesus famous in our world. We will learn about Team Work, Rebuilding our Engines, How Jesus is the Repair Expert and our Fix!

We will go out and serve our community with custom built hearts and a revved up soul for God. We want you to bring your children and all children you know. We will pick up any child that needs a ride. VBS will start each day a 9 am and be over at noon.

Come "Tune Up" a child's life and volunteer to help us with this event. We need not only teacher's helpers, but help with crafts, play, refreshments, driving and more. To volunteer or if you have any questions, you can call Susan at 817-774-6242. Remember if it takes a village to raise a child, it for sure takes a Church to do a Vacation Bible School!





**JUNE 2011
YOUTH NEWS &
NOTES**

Attention all Youth and Parents!!!!!!!

Come join us this month for Fun and Fellowship

For Jr. High and CYF:

June 5~ Texas Hold'Em Fundraiser for Summer Mission Trip 5:30 PM

June 9-10~ Canoe Trip

June 13-18~ CYF Conference

June 27-July 2~ Chi Rho Camp

Forward look at July~ Six Flags July 18 (I need money by July 1st)

If you have any questions PLEASE call me at 309-267-1588 or email me! If you want to help with any activity please call or email as well.

Thanks and PEACE~Emily

SUMMER CAMPING PROGRAM STARTS!

With Jennifer and Mikala Moore heading to Discovery Camp (Grades 2-3) last week, our Summer of Youth Camps has officially begun! We will have Alex Cooper and Pastor Emily go to CYF Camp (grades 10-12), then Pastor Emily will take Jared and Hannah Smithwick, Christa Moore, Kasy Smith and friend, Brandon Smith and friend to Chi Rho Camp (grades 6-7). Following that will be Tessa Cooper at Eighter's Camp and Kamryn Coffia at Junior Camp (grades 4-5). If you know any who want to go to camp, our church will pay half and the rest is up to you! Call us if you have any questions!

SERMONS FOR JUNE

- June 5 – “Turning Truth Into Lies”
Matthew 3:13-17 & 4:1-11
- June 12 – “The Holy Voice of God”
John 16:5-15
- June 19 - “A Truly Loving Father”
Luke 15:11-32
- June 25 – “Hogs Gone Wild!”
Mark 5:1-20

WEDNESDAY MEALS

- June 1 Chicken Enchiladas
- June 8 Spaghetti
- June 15 Mac & Cheese with Veggies
- June 22 No Meal (V.B.S. week)
- June 29 Chili Cheese Dogs

JUNE CLASS HOSTING AND COMMUNION PREPARATION

- Class Hosting Pairs & Spares
(Led by Alice Finley)
- Communion Becky Hightower

ATTENDANCE & GIVING REPORT

		Attendance	Reg Offering	Other Giving
Apr	24	197	\$2,306.00	\$292.00
May	1	120	\$4,794.47	\$316.50
May	8	129	\$4,710.73	\$2,992.43
May	15	99	\$3,678.00	\$255.50

PENTECOST THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH!

In Acts 3 we see the church literally come together as the Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit came down like tongues of fire and all the Christians were filled and powered by the Holy Spirit. We will celebrate Pentecost by wearing red and focusing on letting God's Spirit fill and empower us in our daily living. We will also take up the Pentecost Offering which goes to start new churches throughout the United States and Canada. Since 2001 our denomination has started 692 churches in North America, reaching more than 42,000 new Disciples! That is worth celebrating!

GAME NIGHT IS FOR YOU!!!

A church that laughs and plays together will naturally love together. We know that a lot of you are new and the "old ones" want to get to know you. Plus the "old ones" are here because they just keep on laughing and loving NMW! (no matter what!). SO why not join us on June 3rd at 6pm, bring something to share and eat, some games, and a friend, and pray, eat and play with us! See you all on Game Night!

WAYNE'S WANDERINGS

Hello again, it is summer or pretty close to it. As I type this, Joplin, Missouri is reeling from a huge tornado that has created much death and destruction. After reports of many tornadoes that have already happened in our land and then with a prediction for a busy hurricane season, I bet it won't be hard to find a mission project for next March. One preacher said our job as Christians is to "Find a need and fill it, find a hurt and heal it!" and this year will be ripe with opportunities to be a blessing to others. There is always someone or something that needs doing in God's name in our world. I remember our son saying he was bored in his younger years and my wondering what that was all about, since "busy" seems to be my middle name. Every day there are calls for help from so many directions. It never ends. Someone said that doing ministry is like spooning out the ocean. You can spoon all day and when you are at the end of the day the waves keep coming and the need is still there. It never ends! I realize now why Jesus would leave the crowds and their problems, needs and hurts and head to a quiet place in order to restore His soul and His relationship with His Father. If we are empty, we will have nothing to give to others. We must take time to restore our soul. How are you doing in the walk towards balance? If you get stretched too thin, it will be easy for you to snap at others. I want to urge you all to find a quiet place to meet with God and let Him fill your heart with love and joy, then living in our world will be better. I hope to see you all in church!



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P.E.A. GOING TO THE RACE TRACK ON JUNE 17TH!

Well, they have great food at the track too! All who want can go, heading out at 5:15 PM because of the special schedule, we will stay for the races and enjoy good food, good company and a fun evening watching the horses race. We need to make RESERVATIONS on this so let us know if you are going!

WORK OF THE CHURCH!

We will have **Cabinet meet at 4:00 PM** on June 19th as we discuss the work of our committees. We have **Elders meet** on June 20th at 6:00 PM and then do the work of **the Board** at 7:00 PM. See all leaders there and then!

You can help the **Widow Patrol** by meeting with us on June 11th at 9 AM with your work gloves on!

Emmaus Gathering will be on June 10th at 7:00 PM, meeting at First Methodist in Joshua.

Pastor's Study will focus on the Power Thoughts book of Joyce Meyers, Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

Why not come to **Sunday School in June**, wanting to learn more of God's Word for your life?

FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 19th

We will honor and pray for all the men of our church on Father's Day, especially thanking Jesus for causing us to know God as "Our Father who art in heaven..." Pastor Wayne will preach on the Loving Father in Luke 15 and we will recommit to loving others as our Father loves us. We will see you in church on June 19th!

What Cancer Cannot Do

Cancer is so limited...

It cannot cripple Love

It cannot shatter Hope

It cannot corrode Faith

It cannot destroy Peace

It cannot kill Friendship

It cannot suppress Memories

It cannot silence Courage

It cannot invade the Soul

It cannot steal eternal Life

It cannot conquer the Spirit.

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