



CHARITY CHAPEL DOINGS

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FROM THE PASTOR - SUMMER MOMENTUM 2009

We began the summer with the 30th Anniversary of Pastor Michael and Pam Collins at Charity Chapel on June 7th. During the summer we combined the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM services into one service at 10 AM. We also began several new adult Bible Study choices at 9 AM on Sunday mornings. Pastor Jerry has been teaching through the book of 1st Peter in the Fellowship Hall and the Alpha Course, a video discipleship program, has been meeting in the auditorium at the same time.

We have thoroughly enjoyed having opportunities for worship together and will continue to have one service each Sunday at 10 AM throughout the month of September. Please join us for Bible Study for all ages at 9 AM and a worship service at 10 AM each Sunday in September.

During the summer months we have been blessed by teams of wonderful musicians led by Jerry Ireland, Matthew Clark, Angela Horne and Lori Harvey.



In the month of September Pastor Jerry will be leading the musical portion of our 10 AM worship service. The congregation has been participating in a survey to give feedback to the leadership. If you have not yet gotten your survey,

please take a few minutes to fill out the survey that is included in this newsletter. It is important each person only submit one survey in order to receive accurate information. Please turn in your completed survey in the offering on Sunday morning.

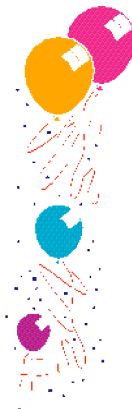
During the summer we had several growth opportunities including VBS, Youth Summer Camp and a week long Home Missions Trip working in Inner City Birmingham, Al. We partnered with two of our sister congregations, Liberty Church of Birmingham and The Christian Center of Arab, Al. The students from all three congregations worked together to demonstrate God's love to people in poverty in practical ways.



HOORAY!! PASTOR MIKE - UPDATE

Pastor Mike has seen his orthopaedic surgeon for an update on his foot. The surgeon is pleased with his progress.

On September 17th, Brother Mike will have surgery on his foot to remove 2 -3 screws, Four to six weeks following, he should be able to be weight bearing on that foot!



[PROJECT COMPLETED - THANK YOU!]

As part of our 30th Anniversary Celebration the congregation generously gave toward the cost of renovating our home by purchasing ceramic tile for the main living area. The project is now complete and we could not be more pleased.

We DEEPLY appreciate the kindness, generosity and love that was expressed to our family. Thank You.

If you would like to see pictures of the completed project just send us a note by email and we would be delighted to send them to you.

Michael and Pam Collins

"The men who followed Him were unique in their generation. They turned the world upside down because their hearts had been turned right side up. The world has never been the same."

Billy Graham

Mark wastes no time in getting down to business -- a single sentence introduction, and not a digression to be found from beginning to end. An event has taken place that radically changes the way we look at and experience the world, and he can't wait to tell us about it.

There is an air of breathless excitement in nearly every sentence he writes. The sooner we get the message, the better off we'll be, for the message is good, incredibly good: God is here and He's on our side.

The bare announcement that God exists doesn't particularly qualify as news. Most people in most centuries have believed in the existence of God or gods. It may well be, in fact, that human beings have given more attention and concern to divinity than to all their other concerns put together - food, clothing, housing, pleasure, work, family, whatever.

But that God is here right now, and on our side, actively seeking to help us in the way we most need help - this qualifies as news. For, common as belief in God is, there is also an enormous amount of guesswork and gossip surrounding the subject, which results in runaway superstition, anxiety and exploitation. So Mark, understandably, is in a hurry to tell us what happened in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus - the Event that reveals the truth of God to us, so that we can live in reality and not illusion. He doesn't want us to waste a minute of these precious lives of ours ignorant of this most practical of all matters - that God is passionate to save us.



DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?



Our person of the month was born in Fairhope, Alabama. Her father was a carpenter and her mother was a housewife. She has two half-brothers. The family attended a Free Will Baptist Church.

When she was two years old the family moved to Pensacola and she attended Brentwood Elementary and Brentwood Junior High School. Her mother took care of 15 foster children. Before she could complete Junior High her mother became very ill and she needed to drop out of school to help to care for the children.

At 18 she got married and they moved to Walnut Hill. Her pastor came to her home to conduct the marriage service. When her mother died and they moved back to Pensacola to take care of her father. She and her husband had a son and a daughter. When the children were in their teens, the couple were divorced. Several years later she met a man and they went to Mississippi and were married by a justice of the peace. They came back to Pensacola and her husband became the manager of the A&P Store here.

In 2004, after 25 years of marriage, her husband went to the Social Security office to start drawing his benefits. He was informed that

they were not really married. It turned out that after divorcing his first wife, his attorney failed to process the proper papers and the divorce was registered months later after they had already been married.

They were now faced with trying to straighten out the records from 25 years earlier in Mississippi. After getting the filings corrected she had to take back her maiden name, her husband had to propose (again) in front of a justice of the peace, a new marriage license was issued, and then they had to be remarried. So she has had two marriage licenses and two anniversaries to the same man. They were married for 28 years when her husband died of cancer. She took a job at Gayfers Department store and worked in the fine jewelry department for 19 years until Gayfers was sold.

In 1991 she was not satisfied with the church she was attending and a friend invited her to come to Charity Chapel. She said the minute she walked in the door she felt like she had come home. She attends one of Charity's cell groups. She says she is not a "get out and go" person and through her cell group and other ladies from Charity she enjoys going out together, being around people who care and knowing that they will always be available to pray for any needs she may have.

MOMENTUM, IN WORSHIP - Lori Harvey



This has been one of the driest summers, spiritually speaking, that I've ever experienced. For some reason, I was in this huge "worship funk" that I couldn't get out of. That is not to say that I wasn't enjoying life. I was having fun enjoying my family, my baby, church, vacations, etc. I enjoyed

being at church! I really felt the momentum that the pastors had set before us! But for some reason, when I thought about leading worship in August, I couldn't get motivated to get ready. Normally, I am thinking about it, excited about certain song and I have a good idea what direction we are going in. But not this summer. I spent a bunch of time just avoiding it. I found myself confused by my own heart. Was I just singing during worship times because I enjoyed singing? Was I really letting the words I was singing become my heart to God? Was I worshipping worship?

But about two weeks before my turn to lead, I knew what I needed to do. Brandon was in Birmingham with the students and I was at home with Garrett. After I put Garrett down for the night, I started listening to a podcast of a preacher I've come to respect who did a nine week series on worship with his congregation. I was challenged listening to his stuff and started digging into the Word for myself, and journaling through my journey. Each night that week, I was up until three AM or later, praying, studying, listening.

In that week, it was like I just knew what God would have me to do. Somewhere along in the years, my sister had told me of her church putting up long strips of butcher paper on the walls and allowing the congregation to write and draw their praise and worship, and on the opposite wall, writing down the places they need God to move in. She said that they experienced a momentous moving of God that night in their worship service. If I remember correctly, the worship, deep, powerful worship, went on for hours that night!! God brought that back to my memory, and I just knew that was what we needed to try too.

That was the night I looked up what "momentum" means on Wikipedia. When I read that it is "the power residing in a moving object" I started crying. I felt the Holy Spirit nudging me. I had been moving all summer, doing all these good things for him, but without his power. Hence, I was empty. I had been spinning my wheels all summer, not really going anywhere that counted. When I read the part about the Laws of Motion, there was a deeper nudge in my spirit.

1. the object, whether at rest or in motion, will persist
2. when the force is greater than the resistance, motion will occur
3. every force has an equal and opposite reaction

I didn't know if I could explain this well, (I'm still not entirely sure that I can) but I felt like this very much could be applied to our worship too. When I think about friends and family that visit our church every once in a while, do they see the difference in our church? Are we visibly in a different place in our walk with God? We are in the middle of this "Momentum'09" initiative, so was there any momentum in our worship? It's always good, but were we moving/worshipping with purpose?

Therein lies the challenge for this month. I felt like the Lord was challenging me to do something different, something that required me to get out of my comfort zone, to stir up motion in my life, so that his power could come have that opposite and equal reaction in my life. And the invitation is open to everyone...

FREE CONCERT

Grace Lutheran Church is having a concert featuring Nathan Tasker. The concert will be held on September 17th at 7:00 pm. Grace Church is located at 6001 N. 9th Avenue. You can get further details by calling 476-5667 or at gracepensacola@bellsouth.net.

COLLEGE STUDENT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

International students from around the world are coming to Pensacola. You could adopt a pair of International students through InterVarsity's Family Friendship Program. Once a month, you and/or your family could invite a pair of Internationals over for dinner, a ballgame, or a family outing. If you would be interested in being a friend to an International please contact Bill DePury-InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - 478-2531. Email: bilwendep@juno.com

Do You Know This Person



Peggy Griffin

CONGREGATIONAL HEALTH TEAM

God's word teaches us that we are Body, Soul and Spirit. What effects one part of our lives has consequences in our entire being. One of the ways that we will be addressing the physical needs our congregation and neighborhood is through the work of a new ministry team. The Congregation Health Team will meet for the first time on Monday, August 31st. The team will be planning and facilitating health care screenings, distribution of information that will assist people to make healthy decisions and helping us to be prepared for epidemics and natural disasters.

This team will be led by Merilee Retzloff. Merilee is a RN and has a Master's Degree in Nursing. She has a special interest in preventative health care.

You are invited to become part of this new ministry opportunity. If you would like more information on this ministry please send an email to Charity@charitychapel.org or call the church office at 944-5520.

"KID CARE" HEALTH INSURANCE

Do you know of a child that does not have health insurance? "Kid Care" is a government subsidized low cost insurance program for children and teens. If you would like more information please contact the church office at 944-5520 or by email at Charity@charitychapel.org.

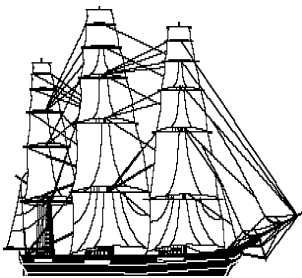
A member of the Congregational Health Team will be more than happy to assist you with information that you need to access this program.

The point person for the "Kid Care" project is Carol Martin. She may refer people back to the office if they have questions that she can not answer. I (MEC) will be more than happy to take the calls for more information.

Carol's main objective is to provide applications and give information about financial guidelines. She will provide encouragement for people to register their uninsured children and grandchildren.

PENSACOLA'S 450TH BIRTHDAY

**CALLING
ALL
HISTORY
BUFFS**



Why would you start off the history of Pensacola on its 450 year anniversary in the year 1492 (Columbus sailed the ocean blue). What explorer got abandoned when his rescuers did not arrive in Pensacola to pick him up? Why was he in Pensacola anyway? Why did people fight over Pensacola? What did they want? All these answers and more are found in John Appleyard's intriguing "Video On Demand" series available on Cox in Pensacola. John is a wonderful storyteller and includes pictures and maps in each presentation.

Here's how to find the answers if you have Cox in Pensacola and a cable box with remote: Select Channel 1, using the 4 arrows in the upper part of your remote (with select in the middle) Select FreeZone, select Access Gulf Coast, select Pensacola History, select which period you want to investigate. Each selection covers a period of history of Pensacola and runs about 20 minutes.

MISSIONS PRAYER & PRAISE -SEPTEMBER, 2009

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH - Steve & Helen COBB - Guatemala: Steve and Helen Cobb have been missionaries to Latin America since 1977. They served for eight years in Honduras, ten years in Ecuador, and in 1996 moved to Guatemala where Steve now serves as Guatemala's National Director for INSTE - the Institute of Theology by Extension. INSTE is a local church-based Biblical study program that combines daily self-study and weekly group study under an INSTE-certified facilitator. The program is designed to develop Bible knowledge, character and ministry/leadership within the discipline of a systematic study of Scripture. INSTE's "Timothy Project" is a vision to train 250,000 quality leaders in Central America before the year 2010. PRAYER NEED: While Steve was in Costa Rica, and Helen was away for the house for a few hours, their home was ransacked, and all of their ministry equipment for INSTE was stolen including computers, printers, copier, projector, cameras, wireless mike etc. etc.! No insurance, of course, as the terms are different in a country such as Guatemala. This is a devastating loss for them both personally and for their ministry.

Judy Ubico-HERNANDEZ - Guatemala: I can hardly believe that more than half the year has just flown by here at Alfa and Omega Christian School. We only have two and a half months to go and we will be done with the 2009 school year. We have so much to get done in these last months that we have the children with us. We seek the guidance of our Lord in bringing His Word and His love to these children who might not have had the opportunity to know Jesus as their Savior. One of our children, Mayra, lives in our small village. Her father is in prison and her mother is having a hard time supporting them. When I was in the states and shared about Mayra with my own family, my sister Jean gave me twenty dollars and told me to buy some chickens, a couple of hens and a rooster. They were to be given to the children with instructions not to eat them, but to take care of them. This has worked wonderfully with Mayra's family, who are now selling eggs. Most of the people who live in our community know the needs of the family and now only buy eggs from Mayra. On Sunday morning you will find Mayra and her brothers sweeping the church and arranging the benches. Their way of saying "thank you" to Our Lord for all the blessing He has brought into their lives.

David & Lidia BORMANN - Italy: The local church is going fairly well. We still have a group of some 40 to 50 each Sunday, and many times no more space for others. We praise the Lord for those who are active and fully united with us, and with the only other elder. We had the joy of a group of Scouts from the Assemblies of God in Padova at our center Kison for 11 days from July 30 to August 10. What a joy it is to have them there, and they always leave it so clean and orderly. We still need a new location for our church; either in rent or buying a place. But we just don't have enough constant offerings to make the move just yet. But we believe it will come in His time. We really need about \$ 40,000 to do roof repairs, two new doors, new water gutters around the roof, and some new rafters in the hay loft, and a new fireplace. All this because the dormice (similar to small squirrels) have invaded the house. Lidia continues to have problems, and tries to dose her medicines as needed in various situations. Her doctors say to try again with MR (magnetic resonance) in about one year. We are considering to possibly go to Spain in October for Lidia to see her brother, her sister's daughter and son, and then the nieces and nephews. We have not yet set a date, but are praying we can do so, and that her condition then may permit us to go. In a way it is a risk, but she wants very much to go.

Ryan & Chris HANEY - Scotland: Ryan and the guys have been busy in the basement gutting out one of the rooms hauling gravel, and putting in a new cement floor for a new shower room. There will be teams here from next week all the way through to mid-September. Chris and helpers are cooking for the largest teams we have ever had. We will be eating in shifts. The house is full. Teen Mania is here and we have loads of activities planned including combined services with Elim Church from Clydebank being held at a community center as a large outreach to the local community. Pray for many to come and here the Good News. Kinrick Kids three day clubs start this week. The teams are bringing many activities for them to enjoy. Pray that new kids come and participate in all that is happening here at the house.

Jim & Kelly McKEITHEN - International: We are starting 3 new Alpha courses at the end of this month that will run into November. Alpha is a foundational, 12-week course designed for new believers and seekers. Please be lifting these Alpha courses and everyone who participates in it up in prayer as we are expecting God to do great things. Our skateboard event has been postponed again, due to a number of reasons. We are hoping now for late October or early November. We could not do

what we do here without your support. You play such a vital role in our work, and we thank God for your heart to labor with us for eternal rewards.

Mark & Kevin RANDALL - Nicaragua: We finally finished construction on the palapa thanks to the Surfers on Mission. The palapa will provide shelter for the children and teams from the intense heat and rain. Then a group of 12 Surfers on Mission guys came and planted fruit trees on the property, poured concrete slabs, did some construction and, of course, rode some incredible waves. The best part were the relationships that were established between one another and the seeds that were planted even among those we did not know. Then several pro surfers who really love the Lord came and gave surf lessons to the boys in the boys' home, took them out to dinner, hung out with them and shared the love of the Lord. We are in the process of applying for our Nicaraguan residency. No longer will we have to cross the border into Costa Rica every few months to get our passports stamped. Our desire is to establish ourselves here where we feel God has directed our paths.

Bill & Julie HUGHES - Thailand: We are glad to return "home" after several months of traveling. The first day of village ministry we went to the village of Nom Payong where River of Life has been working to start a church. We had an opportunity to share in two schools and then held an evangelistic meeting that night. The second day was a repeat - just in a different village. The third day we visited the ladies Rehab Center for drug abuse. Our team has been there several times now, so some of the women knew us. It was a great atmosphere and the Lord really anointed the ministry time. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Bob & Melissa HILL - Scotland: The past month was full with three groups in from Teen Mania. They went to skate parks, held outdoor events, ran two kids clubs and worked around the house. But the best part of their trip is that they led 40 people to the Lord. It was crazy/busy with 90 in the house at one point, but we had a ball. PRAISE: We did get the A-rating sponsorship license. This is vital for teams coming into the UK easier. God is good. Deeper: Eleven prayed for salvation this month.

Joshua & Akiko JONES - Asia: On August 1st, Ako and I celebrated the two-year anniversary of our arrival here in Japan. It's hard to believe that it has been that long. We've recently had an influx of Filipinos into our congregation. Almost all of them either have a Christian or Catholic background, so it has brought new and interesting dynamics to the fellowship. They are all very open to the Gospel and eager to study the scriptures and learn more. English is a trade language in the Philippines, so communication has been easy and we're now looking to add some songs in their other trade language, Filipino, to our worship times.

Jim & Mary MATHER - Friends of Internationals: All Nations Community Church has officially begun having weekly Sunday morning services. We had our end of the month celebration service on that day at the Wesley foundation student center. They are allowing us to use this nearly new facility for a minimal fee that allows us full use of a large facility that includes a huge kitchen. On the other Sundays we will meet in 3 different homes near the USA campus for our family group meetings. These meetings are designed to be smaller to allow for more discipleship and relationship building. We will grow the number of family groups as leaders emerge and develop. Please pray for God to give us wisdom as we come together in worship and mission. I sense that our biggest need in prayer this month and for the months to come is wisdom in planning for a balance between the international student ministry and the needs of this new international church. We want the flow to be seamless and we know that takes the Holy Spirit to make it happen. Thanks again for your prayers. The nations are ripe for the gospel and your partnership is bearing fruit for eternity.

Roger & Linda WEST - International: Thank you for praying for the youth camp this week. 350 youth - God is doing wonderful things in their lives. I preached to them yesterday morning and though it was the sixth main service, one young man prayed for salvation. And the Lord baptized about 50 of them with the Holy Spirit. We had 2 people pray for salvation last Sunday at Angulo - 6 the week before. My eye is doing well after the cataract surgery and Linda's lab exams didn't show anything serious.