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A Message From Bro. John



I would like to thank you for giving to the Margaret Lackey Mission Offering. We exceeded our goal of \$2500 and a generous member has matched our offering up to \$2600! That means we gave over \$5200 for state missions. This will support children's camps, help start new churches, support disaster relief and provide funds for local churches to be involved in mission efforts. Praise the Lord for your generosity, especially in an economic recession.

The month of October will provide many opportunities for you to serve our community. On the 4th we will give pens and note pads to our neighboring apartment complexes as well as snack baskets to our first responders. Our men are scheduled to work at We Will Go Ministry in downtown Jackson on Saturday, the 24th at 9 A.M. We will once again have a tent at Kids Night Out in Winners Circle on the 31st and give away bracelets and 9-volt batteries. These are simple ways for us to serve others in an effort to demonstrate the love of Jesus.

Our Harvest Festival will be on Saturday the 17th and will be a time of enjoying great food, games and fellowship. Please bring friends and neighbors as we raise money for our summer missions. You will have the opportunity to volunteer your time and services as we provide a fun evening for the families of Liberty. This has become a great tradition for a great cause!

On the evening of the 11th we are going to have a deacon ordination service for Chris Mackey. Please plan to attend and pray for Chris and Becky as they serve Jesus and the family of Liberty in this ministry. We will have a baptism service on the night of the 18th and already we have six candidates! They will appreciate your attendance at this worship service as they follow Christ in obedience.

I am anticipating God's continued blessings in our Sunday morning worship services during the month of October. I will be giving a series of messages on spiritual warfare and the dangers of certain sins we tolerate in our lives which can hinder the growth of our church! We will also hear some testimonies from our Finance Committee on the blessings and importance of giving to support our budget at Liberty. There is a sweet Spirit at work in our church and we need to stay yielded to His control. It is a privilege to serve a mighty God along beside you!



Ladies of Liberty



We are so excited to have an enrollment of 43 ladies for the two Bible Studies. God has already been speaking loudly to me and I know there is more to learn. Ladies, thank you for sharing your journey in the wilderness with us. Let's be the one in a million to live the abundant life God has promised.



On behalf of all the ladies who attended the brunch at Chimneyville Cafe, I want to thank Becca and her team! We all had a great time of fellowship and look forward to this year of events.

Cindy Lansing

Fall Festival Silent Auction

Once again the Ladies Ministry will sponsor the Silent Auction Room full of great baskets and fine crafts. If you are a craftsman and would like to donate an item or know a business that would be willing to donate items or gift certificates, please see Becca Craig or call the church office.

Girls Night Out

Friday, October 23 @ 6:30

Location: Cheryl Delancey's 230 Penny Lane

Are you single, married, a mother, aunt, grandmother, sister, friend? This is your night! Come enjoy a time of fellowship with the "girls" of Liberty at our first Girls Night Out. This will be a quarterly event of fun, friendship and foremost, sharing the love of God. Dessert and coffee will be served. Please register at the activities table if you would like to attend.



Mike McCool
Minister of Education & Activities



Community Outreach & New Community Bible Studies

October is full of community outreach opportunities:

October 1 - Senior Adults will be putting together "Love Baskets" for shut-ins

October 4 - LBC will be going out into the community to distribute pens & note pads to apartments; and snack baskets to the police and fire stations.

October 15 - will be the Harvest Festival

October 24 - Men's Community Workday

October 31 - Flowood Kids Night Out (We will be giving away glo bracelets, and 9-volt batteries.)

All of these events will put Liberty in touch with people of our community - everyone is needed to participate.

The staff is targeting several areas in which to start neighborhood Bible study groups. This will require a home, a host, and a teacher. Be in prayer about where these Bible studies need to be, and who will lead them. The target group is people with no church connection, who would not come to a church building but would be interested in meeting with a group in a home.

Be in prayer this month about where you need to plug in to help God's Kingdom grow.

Mike McCool

"Christians are God's ambassadors to the World."



Tony Martin
Youth Minister



The youth had an absolutely terrific time the weekend of September 19-20 camping at Yogi Bear's Jellystone Campground and Resort in Pelahatchie. Sometimes - to me, anyway-there is something really appealing and refreshing about "roughing it" for a little while. Of course, having hot showers and clean bathrooms made it a little more cushy, but still, sleeping in tents and marinating in mosquito repellent has a charm all its own. And, a big thank-you to the Watrous and Barton households for sharing tents with us.

Some companies love big warehouses. They feel safe with lots of inventory on big shelves, always ready for a big order to come in.

Well, Dell has bucked that trend. In the computer business, the product loses value on the shelves. Dell only keeps two hours of inventory. If you order a computer on Dell.com, the parts won't arrive to Dell until two hours before your PC is shipped to you. Dell wants its resources on the street, not in the warehouse.

I've observed that a lot of youth ministers believe in the warehouse mentality. They build big warehouses and shelve a bunch of Christian teenagers. They keep the students on the shelves. A complicated youth minister tries to get students to attend a multitude of programs and never helps them live their lives on the street. Know what? Attendance at multiple programs has never been a true gauge of the love a student has for Jesus.

If we aren't careful, ministry can become a spiritual parking lot. Faith becomes equated with being at church and soon both of them become routine. For some kids, there is little difference between faith in God and being present at youth group.

Here's the truth we have to get our heads wrapped around: We have to program to nudge students along in their journey and equip them to grow apart from our programming. I think about the amazing mission field that is right under our noses: the school campus. Can we equip our "indigenous people" (our teenagers) to be salt and light on their campuses? That, it seems to me, is the most reasonable and biblical way to take seriously the Great Commission.



PRESCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Cindy Sansing, Minister of Children and Families



We still have an opportunity for service in our 1st - 3rd grade choir. You would be joining a great team of choir teachers. If you are interested, see Cindy or Jennifer Stringer.



baskets to the missions.

Check out our playground proposal by the activities table. As of 8-31-09 we have raised \$6,813.72 towards our approximate goal of \$16,000. Please support our Domino's fundraiser nights. Our October date will be announced.... We will be selling nachos at Kids Night Out (October 31) and have other fundraisers in the make.



September Recap

Our Wednesday night programs have gotten off to a great start! We have enrolled 45 children in our three choirs. We have enrolled 48 children in our three mission organizations. Parents, let me encourage you to continue bringing your children on Wednesday.

We had 27 children at our Back to School Ministry Night. The children made treat bags to give to their school teachers to show their appreciation. Then we made lots of cookies to sell to raise money for our Margaret Lackey Offering for state Missions. A great big THANK YOU goes to all who bought the cookies and gave donations. You helped us to raise \$121.15 surpassing our goal of \$50.00. "To God be The Glory"

We had 11 boys go to R.A. Day at Mississippi College on Saturday, September 12th. The boys got to hear from some missionaries about their work and got to go to the football game. Thank you Mr. Ronnie, Mr. Michael, Mr. Ira, Mrs Janie and Mrs. Heidi for taking the boys.

On Wednesday, September 2nd our G.A.'s packed 10 boxes of school supplies to send to John Forrester in Kotzebue Alaska. Thank you congregation for supporting our efforts.

We have also gotten off to a great start in Sunday School. We had a high of 61 on Sunday, September 20 and 10 more preschoolers came in for Extended Session! If you would like to serve in this growing ministry please see Cindy.



Our next Preteen Bible Study will be Friday, October 16th at 6:00. We will continue our study succeeding in school

Please be in prayer for our van Ministry. God is giving us the opportunity to reach children in Flowood for Him. May we be found faithful. Thank you Mr. Ira and volunteers.

Children's Bible Drill
Wednesday, October 7th at 5:00 p.m.
3rd grade - Mary Wells
4th - 6th grade - Debra Thomas

But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being



into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

Transformation Station
To Know Jesus, To Love Jesus, To Serve
Sunday Nights at 6:00 p.m.
for 1st - 6th Graders
Beginning October 18th.

I am so excited about this new event for our children! God is allowing my dream of discipleship to become a reality. Every Sunday night the children will be involved in their own Praise and Worship and Bible Study. This year I will focus on teaching the Names of God. It is my desire that we will all be transformed into God's image through this study. Volunteers are needed on a rotating basis to help with the Praise and Worship as well as helping with the Bible Study activities. Please see Cindy or sign up at the activities table. I covet everyone's prayers as we begin this event. I can't wait to see what God will do through this time!

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Wednesday, October 21, 2009

If you serve on a committee or ministry team and would like to have information published in the newsletter, please submit articles for the November newsletter by noon on Wednesday, October 21st. We appreciate you helping us meet our deadline!

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Interim Minister of Youth.....	Tony Martin
Secretary.....	Audine Padgett
Education Secretary (part-time).....	Kathleen Black
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Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Welcome to Our New Members

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND GROWTH

Sundays	Wednesdays
<i>9:15 a.m. Sunday School</i>	<i>4:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal</i>
<i>10:30 a.m. Worship</i>	<i>5:00 p.m. Children's Bible Drill</i>
<i>6:00 p.m. Worship</i>	<i>5:30 p.m. Pre/Children's Choirs</i>
	<i>5:45 p.m. Ladies/Men's Bible Study</i>
	<i>6:15 p.m. Youth Worship</i>
	<i>6:15 p.m. Prayer Service</i>
	<i>6:15 p.m. R.A.'s/G.A.'s/M.F.'s</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice</i>

Fall Worship Schedule