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The Beacon



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The Pevril family would like to thank the church for its prayers, cards and kind words during the passing of Clint's father.



We now have a TV and DVD player in our nursery. If you have any movies you would like to donate to the church, bring them by the church office or the nursery.



There will be a baby shower for Jennifer Buresh on Sunday, July 19 at 2:00 pm. She is registered at Wal-Mart and needs receiving blankets, blankets in general, bibs, socks, diapers, wipes, 3-6 month clothing and up. She is going to have a baby boy!



There will be a Budget and Finance Committee meeting on Sunday, July 12 to discuss the budget for the 2009-2010 church year.



OUR RECORDS



	<u>June 7</u>	<u>June 14</u>	<u>June 21</u>	<u>June 28</u>
Sunday School:	99	127	102	104
9:00 am Worship:	83	57	70	75
11:00 am Worship:	83	128	114	105
Evening Worship:	VBS	Fish Fry	55	70
Offering:	\$5,519.80	\$4,353.55	\$3,836.00	\$2,949.00



From
the
Pastor's
Heart

"Jesus said unto them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, there are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest."

John 4:34-35 (NKJV)

It was a joy and a blessing to be in a free land and travel over the fourth of July to Springfield, Illinois. As a family we went to the National Junior Shorthorn show and conference. We had a great time at the show and conference and we snuck off and saw where Abraham Lincoln and his family had lived in Springfield. Only in America are we free to do such things.

But, as Matthew and I were talking, we saw something terribly sad. In such a free country there was so much bondage. There were so many who did not know Jesus. We, as Christians, were truly in the minority. At the show there were many rich people who were poor because they are enslaved to sin and without Jesus. In Springfield there were many more who didn't know Jesus. It amazed me that in a town of over 120,000 people there was one Southern Baptist Church. Looking at the church directory in the phone book there were only a handful of evangelical churches. While talking to the people at the front desk of the hotel, I discovered they didn't know Jesus. While talking to people at the Laundromat, I discovered they didn't know Jesus.

Truly in a free land such as ours the fields are white unto harvest. That is why as a church body we must look up at our own fields and see the lost. We must pray, go and share across our nation and our world because at least for now, we are free to share the good news of Jesus wherever we go.

Glad to be back,

Bro. Gary



CAMP, CAMP AND MORE CAMP!

Summer is here, and with summer comes so many things: playing at the river, spending time with friends and family, late night cookouts and so much more. The main thing that also comes up is camp! Camp is a time where kids can get away from the everyday struggles of life and also get a chance to just leave it all behind. Camp is an opportunity for growth, not just spiritual growth, but also growth within relationships. Youth and children get to meet many new friends and build lasting relationships that go with them for the rest of their lives.

We have already attended Super Summer and the leadership team is about to leave for Camp Fuego. For everyone who does not know about Camp Fuego, let me take this time to explain. Camp Fuego is a church camp in northern Louisiana that does a great ministry. This time will be used to challenge and teach the youth leadership team new principles along with breaking down walls, that way the team can function better together as a whole. This camp has changed their lives and also changes the life of every adult that goes. You see, camp is not just for kids and youth, but it also for the adults!

Adults, you also need breaks from everyday of life. You also need time to just get away and spend some time with God and allow God to touch your lives in an amazing way. Camp brings an atmosphere that encourages growth in all people, not just the kids. The reason I bring this up is that whenever we take kids to camp we always need adult volunteers to join us in our adventure. You see, as an adult you offer so much more when you go to camp. You build relationships with the very youth and children that are in our church. Without that relationship many of the students will never get to know you. Camp also allows you to be a kid again and for some of ya'll it allows you to be a kid for the first time.

So the next time you are given the opportunity to join us on one of our adventures to camp I ask that you accept the challenge and come with us. Who knows, maybe God will use camp to help reach a youth or child, or maybe God will use camp to reach you. You will never know unless you try, so quit being a chicken and go with us! (And yes, I just called you chicken for not going!)

-Bro. Hunter