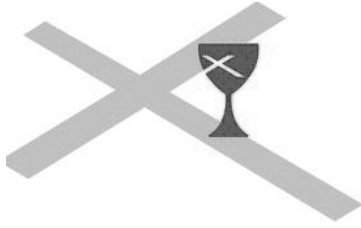



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RETURN SERVICE CORRECTION

COMING SOON

<p>Sunday, August 29 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Promotion Sunday Sunday School  11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Tuesday, August 31 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group 12:00 p.m. Prayer Group Wednesday, September 1 11:00 a.m. CWF</p>	<p>***BLOCK RETURNS*** 4:30 p.m. Beginning Youth Handbells (6th-up) 5:15 p.m. Advanced Youth Handbells (7th-12th) Wednesday, September 1 (continued) 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper (\$2 per person/\$5 per family) 6:30 p.m. JYF (3rd-5th) 6:30 p.m. Youth Groups (6th-12th) 6:30 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir 6:35 p.m. Adult Study 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (childcare available 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.)</p>
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PASTORAL

Handling disappointment and failure are true life challenges, especially when surprised and in public.

My medal for this week, perhaps for all of 2010, goes to Dustin Johnson and his significant disappointment when he learned that he unknowingly grounded his club in a bunker on the last hole of the PGA Championship. Penalty strokes accrued on the 18th hole prevented Johnson from participating in a playoff for the last major championship of the year.

Of course, I'm not a golfer, but I've listened to golf snobs cry that it is Johnson's own fault. As a golfing ignoramus, this strikes me as a common theme in American society: blame the victim. I understand the rule and I understand the Whistling Straits course with its 1000 plus bunkers and hazards that look like nothing more than bad lawn care. However, understanding does not bring solace or care and piling on Johnson is just that—piling on. In the video replay, it was obvious and clear that Johnson 'grounded his club' and that his grounding gained him no advantage.

The real crux of the matter was an incredibly poor shot from the tee and a very risky and poor second shot from the bunker; those shots lost him the championship. But Johnson still gets my medal; there have been no outcries or appeals. There have been no blogs or nasty words—as I write this—coming forth from Johnson or his camp. No, he's been professional and swallowed this disappointment with humility. It takes a lot of character not to be a cry baby, especially when your wallet is \$750k lighter.

Rules. Rules. Rules. We need them and can't live without them; some of them are just plain stupid and worthless. Our lives in faith involve a host of rules; thanks be to God that grace will have the final word. Most importantly, it is in the tough places of life where character shines through. The Apostle Paul charges us in Ephesians 4 to 'grow up into the maturity of Christ Jesus.' On Sunday afternoon, I saw a 26 year old kid grow up some more. Congratulations Dustin; keep playing the game and continue to be as poised in your disappointments and failures. Your success will follow. I look forward to seeing you in worship. Peace. Neill

Promotion Sunday is August 29th

Sunday School Teachers are: Preschool, Nancy Probst; K-2nd, June and Gary Brown; 3rd-5th, Virginia Grimes.

Wednesday evenings: JYF for 3rd-5th graders at 6:30 p.m. will be lead by Emily Westbrook and Michelle Britton.

Children's Worship resumes August 29th for preschool thru 1st grade.

A few changes in our Childcare Staff: 9:00 a.m. worship service childcare provider will be Sarah Savelsbergh, Heather Anderson returns to work Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. worship service.



SERVING SCHEDULE

August 29, 2010

WORSHIP @ 9 a.m.

VIDEO/AUDIO: Carolyn Hardin/Robert Guthrie

COMMUNION: Kim Spearman/Nikki Davis

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Steve Dixon/ Stacy Edwards; Brad Peters/Hugh McCarley

WORSHIP @ 11 a.m.

AUDIO: Robert Guthrie

FOYER GREETERS: Kathryn Knight/Karen Knight

ACOLYTE: Lilyann Hames

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Susan Gary

MEDITATION: Les Hodson

ELDERS: Connie Hodson/Dick Horn

DIACONATE: Robert & Kim Savelsbergh, Jeff & Stacy Edwards, Kim Guthrie, Cathy Buchfink, Jennifer Hames, Emily Westbrook

COMMITMENT REPORT

August 15, 2010

Offering Received	\$7,235.00
Capital Campaign	\$4,550.00
Attendance:	
Sunday School	99
Contemporary Worship	72
Traditional Worship	120
Nursery Care	6
Worship TOTAL	198



Congregation Members:

Tom Crump, Janelle Coleman, Marie Ryan, Tiny Grimes, Barbara Stark, Nadine Wysong, Nita Christopherson, Pete and Elizabeth Powell

Congregation family and friends:

Heather Noblitt (sister-in-law of Alan and Tonya Noblitt), Holly Manna (sister of Dee Anna Chappell), Judi Tripp (mother of Stacy Hobbs), Sylvia Allen (mother of Jason Dove), Dale Bruer (father of Randy Bruer), Edith York

Military:

Serving in Afghanistan—Cody Hall (husband of Sarah Hall)

Employment Needs:

Bruce Barton, Michael McCarley, Richard Heland



First Christian Church,

We want to express our sincere appreciation for the use of your building facility to hold our Camp Peace. It is the perfect location for our campers.

Thanks again and God bless, Debra Barb & Todd Lawhorn

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Women's Ministries,

Thank you ladies for the lovely dinner that was served after Richard's service. It was very kind of you all to feed the entire Knight clan along with other friends and relatives. It was also a great way for all of us to sit down together.

Love, Pam Knight & family

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

During the month of August Women's Ministries is collecting basic NEW school supplies to be donated to local schools for children in need. Drop off in either Church building.

CWF

Christian Women's Fellowship meets the first Wednesday of the month at 11:00 a.m. for a Study and Covered Dish Lunch. Please join us **September 1** for our first meeting of fall.

WOMEN IN THE WORD

When: Thursdays, beginning **September 2**—October 28th, 11:00-Noon

Location: Discipleship Center **Facilitator:** Susan Gary

Book: "Just Enough Light for the Step I'm On", Trusting God in the tough times.

Fee: \$6 (book) *Childcare Provided*



SEPTEMBER 15th: Youth Led Worship for **ALL** at 6:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 18th: 8 a.m.—Noon PANCAKE FEAST

benefiting *Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries—Casitas for the Poor*
\$5 tickets available from youth or church office soon.

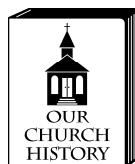


Capital Campaign:

In memory of *Richard Knight* by Don and Charlotte Whitten, Aegon, Nancy Lowther, Stonebridge Life Insurance, Janet Crice, Mildred Huddleston, Walter and Betsy Newman.

Endowment:

In memory of *Richard Knight* by Chuck and Cathy Buchfink.



Continuing the diary of Elder Horn, our first full-time minister:

Liberty Hill, Sept. 3, 1863

Dear George,

Mr. Dix is here now. His sister and the boys will be up Saturday. The movement of the invasion is operating against the school. Joe and Ben will soon have to go to the Army. Joe will be seventeen in November, and I am anxious that they now get what knowledge of books that they can before they get into the Army. I wish you would write to them and urge them to study while they have an opportunity.

Miss Jane Muse and Alfred Graves' daughters are now here and Dixon is talking to them. I think that he is overcropped. I wish that you and Darnell were here to divide the pleasant duty. I shall start to Wise County this week. The family all are well and join in love.

Your ever, R.L. Waddill

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In the fall of 1863 we were defeated at Honey Springs, after which we fell back and my regiment was sent to Texas to gather deserters. Captain D.C. Haynes' company, to which I belonged, was sent to eastern Texas, so that we were away from home during the winter. Gathering deserters was very unpleasant work. I often had my tender cords touched by the tears and screams of wives and children. It seemed cruel to make a person do what he did not desire to take part in.

I am told that one man names Snider succeeded in keeping out of battle. He liked to hunt squirrels, but did not want to go to war. He avoided the "Rebels" as long as he could, but one day they caught him off guard and took him along. He left his long barreled squirrel at home, and reluctantly marched off to fight the "Blue Coats." After three days, he went blind, as a bat! He swore he could not see a comb held within an inch of his eyes. And after several such tests, he was dismissed and sent home.

He got home late Friday night, but Saturday morning found him shooting squirrels from the highest trees on Hickory Creek.

—Submitted by Mack Hill, FCC Historian