



RETURN SERVICE CORRECTION

COMING SOON

Sunday, September 12

- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Promotion Sunday
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Tuesday, September 14

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group
- 12:00 p.m. Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 15

- 5:15 p.m. Junior Choir (1st–6th)
- 5:15 p.m. Youth Handbells (6th–12th)
- 6:00 p.m. Snack Supper (\$2 per person/\$5 per family)
- 6:30 p.m. JYF (3rd–5th)
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Led Worship for **ALL**

Wednesday, September 15 (continued)

- 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.–7:30 p.m.)

Thursday, September 16

- 11:00 a.m. Women in The Word

Saturday, September 18

- 8:00 a.m.—Noon/PANCAKE FEAST**
benefiting
Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries—
Casitas for the Poor
\$5 tickets available from youth or the church office.

Church Staff
Senior Minister
Neill Grimes
Associate Minister
Susan Gary
Administrative Assistant
Penny Welch
Financial Secretary
Kathryn Knight
Minister of Music
Larry Neel
Organist
Woong Hee Lee
Director of Contemporary Ensemble
Steve Stark
Director of Crossing Point Christian School
Debbie Dodson

PASTORAL

Our toxic speech is going to destroy us.

I invite you to go to the church's website—www.doveworld.org. There you can listen to Dr. Terry Jones' Christian perspective and propaganda.

His book is entitled "Islam Is of the Devil."¹

He wears a handgun holstered to his hip. Dr. Jones maintains, "We have to be careful."²

His latest project is to have a bonfire of Korans on the anniversary of September 11th. Asked if he knows anything about the Koran, he responds, "I have no experience with it whatsoever. I only know what the Bible says."³

My brother in Christ obviously doesn't know the Bible either, especially the words of our Lord. "I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."⁴

It would be easy to dismiss Dr. Jones and the Dove World Outreach Center as kooky or extremists or crazy. But these are the very people who create alienation and foment hatred and the very worst of stereotypes. Dr. Jones is actually ignorant—sinfully so.

Although Islamic terrorists threaten American interests, don't settle into a self-righteous posture. There are far more Muslims who can be our brothers and sisters in peace. Let's not forget the underbelly of our own religious faith traditions. White separatists, here and abroad, have long intermixed their love of God and discipleship to Jesus with hatred and denunciation of Jews, Catholics, blacks, or any other minority they wished to denigrate. This world has too long endured various religious antagonisms.

It is easy to condemn; it is far more challenging to build relationships of respect and honor.

Do not memorialize 9-11 with hate and war mongering; remember with thanksgiving and a determination for a peaceful future with our neighbors.

Worship has been delightful and uplifting as people return from vacation and summer leisure; I'll see you in God's house on the Lord's Day. Peace. Neill

¹See website.

²News and Observer Website, Thursday, August 26th, 2010

³Ibid.

⁴Matthew 5.44 NRSV

SERVING SCHEDULE

September 5, 2010

WORSHIP @ 9 a.m.

VIDEO/AUDIO: Susan Allen/Wes

Hendricks

COMMUNION: Mark & Merrie Cypert

SHUT-IN COMMUNION: Mac & Sherry

Hendricks; Mike Livezey/Stacy Edwards

WORSHIP @ 11 a.m.

AUDIO: Wes Hendricks

FOYER GREETERS: Cathy Barton/Kim

Guthrie

ACOLYTE: Bryanna Britton

CHILDREN'S MOMENT: Kim Guthrie

MEDITATION: Mack Hill

ELDERS: Bruce Barton/Steve Dixon

DIACONATE: Wayne & Trina Bynum, Vir-

ginia Grimes, Heidt Matthews, Steve Wilson,

A.K. Armstrong, Cheryl & Virginia Billings

COMMITMENT REPORT

August 29, 2010

Offering Received \$7,225.96

Capital Campaign \$596.00

Attendance:

Contemporary Worship 106

Sunday School 127

Traditional Worship 138

Children's Worship 14

Nursery Care 5

Worship TOTAL 284

Congregation Members:

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

Congregation family and friends:

Debbie Wear (friend of Ruth D. Thompson), 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 Helland



Capital Campaign:

In memory of Richard Knight by Charles Chapman.

Austin York Memorial Scholarship:

In memory of Richard Knight by Fern Livingston.

Crop Walk:

In honor of Chuck, Cathy & Josh Buchfink by Charles and Merrilyn Buchfink.

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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

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WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

WOMEN IN THE WORD

When: Thursdays through 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*

CRAFTY FRIDAY—SEPTEMBER 10

Join us at 7 p.m. in the Discipleship Center, northeast classroom. Just bring your project and supplies. Not crafty? Come anyway and enjoy the friendship, and laughter until about 11 p.m.

BOOK CLUB—SEPTEMBER 11

Join us 9 a.m. at La Madeleine's for:

"The Help" by author Kathryn Stockett

If you were raised in the South and are of a "certain age", your family may have had "help" when you were growing up. The book explores how one young woman returns home in 1962 after college to find her beloved maid missing. She embarks on a quest to find her, and we learn about the boundaries that have been imposed, the lines that have been drawn, and how three maids—the "help"—risk everything to create change. It's a great story but it's also a great lesson on life and how we treat one another.

FAMILY PROMISE MEETING

Monday—September 20, FCC Discipleship Center

Homelessness can seem to be an overwhelming problem. Many people wonder what one person or one congregation can do to truly make a difference.

The Family Promise Network provides a way for religious congregations to work together to help homeless families. Each congregation participating in the Network provides overnight lodging and meals for three to five families (up to fourteen people) for one week each two or three months on a rotating basis. Homeless families which we prefer to call our guests, stay at the house of worship from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily. Each morning, guests are taken by van to a day center where they meet with the Network director, care for preschool children, look for housing and employment, or go out to school or work.

Volunteers are the foundation of the Network. Please join us for an informal/information gathering if this is a ministry that is calling you.



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

In 1864, our General Gano called for volunteers to capture, in a surprise attack, a regiment of the federal army, encamped at Fort Smith. We reached their pickets at about daylight, and chased them back into their camp. The federals responded. And the fight was hot, but we put them to flight, and captured a good many. Some were killed or wounded. And being so near the main federal forces, we had but little time to tarry before starting our retreat—or run the risk of being taken.

During the first charge, Captain Haynes was shot in the hand. Jess Douglas of Weston was shot in the bowels, the ball striking the big brass buckle on his belt and passing around his side. It was a narrow escape for him. I received a mini ball in the center of my abdomen and imagined that I could feel where it passed out my back. The shock was so great that I lost my gun, but stayed on my horse. I said to H. L. Wilson, who was near me, 'I am shot.' Wilson asked where. I replied, 'right through the center of my bowels.' And Wilson answered, 'I'm sorry, but it's a dead shot.' And I said, 'yes, but some one go back with me to the big tree on the prairie, so I'll not die here under the horses.' Abi L. Stelzer of Celina and Henry L. Wilson of Pear Ridge, Arkansas, both went back to assist me. Others assisting were Jess Douglas and Captain Haynes.

Before reaching the tree, I was so sick that I had to be helped down. But when I undid my cartridge box, and my pants opened—the battered ball fell to the ground. It had cut two balls in my cartridge box half in two, had cut the top button off my pants, had cut a hole through my drawers, had frazzled the shirt, but had only broken the skin.

When the ball fell to the ground, I said, 'goody, boys, it didn't go in!' Abi Selzer insisted that I said, 'thank the Lord, boys, it didn't go in!' Well I was feeling very thankful about that time. I was laid up from the wound for some days, but now have only the scar to show for it.

—Submitted by Mack Hill, FCC Historian