



Lawson Memos

From the Pastor

I am preparing to go to Annual Conference June 5-8th. I really enjoy this gathering as we find time to fellowship with friends we haven't seen since the last conference, worship and glorify God, hear the inspiring stories of success in our churches and our denomination, and begin to refocus on our calling as individuals and as a church. This year's theme is "Somewhere Out There." It comes from the Bishop's Blog of February 4 of this year. Here is a taste of what he was saying but you can read it in entirety at <http://www.fivepractices.org/detail.asp?PKValue=336>

Somewhere out there is a five-year-old boy who doesn't know that right now plans are being made by a passionate group of Christian leaders from a church he's never heard of to offer a neighborhood Vacation Bible School that will change the direction of his life. The songs he will sing will stick in his mind, the stories of Jesus will enliven his imagination, becoming more familiar with the years. The puppet show will make him laugh, the teacher will make him feel loved and welcome, and the hospitality of those followers of Christ will so touch his Mom and Dad that they will take a small, unexpected step toward faith.

Other Somewhere Out There stories include: a lonely elder woman who will begin to knit blankets for babies in Central America, a young couple stressed with debt that will find their way into the fellowship of the church, and a teacher in the hardest section of town who will partner with a church to provide help for her students.

Bishop Schnase concludes his blog by saying the success of his book Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations is creating a vision or inspiration in the hearts of folks in our churches that will create these stories.

Somewhere out there is a person God plans to use you to reach. Somewhere out there is a person God will use to change your life as you reach them. Somewhere out there is a person for whom Christ died, and for whom your church was commissioned, and for whom God has uniquely prepared you to reach.

As we begin our summer months let us begin to focus on what our Somewhere Out There story will be. Who is that person or group that is Somewhere Out There waiting for us to hear and accept Gods call?

Pastor Homer

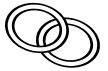
Birthdays Anniversaries



June Birthdays


1—Royce Brock; 2—Jennifer Findley, Jewell Anderson; 3—Bill Brookshier; 5—Shannon Hartman, Denis Danner, Annamarie Faulkner, Homer Davidson; 6—Bo Tucker; 7—Dale Bright, Karen Henderson; 9—Steve McNeely, Hannah Thurmon; 10—Bill Findley; 11—Terry Tipton, Briar Bessmer; 13—Andy Fine, Emily Hachman; 16—John Anderson; 17—Crystal Pearon; 20—Nicholas Quesenberry; 21—Evelyn Painter; 24—Johnny Bailey; 27—Andrew Faulkner; 28—Jaiden Knoch; 29—Jim Phipps; 30—Clint Briant, Alyce Leytham

June Anniversaries



1, 1996—Todd & Tammy Dunn
2, 2006—Josh & Taylor Barker
3, 1995—Toby & Julie Dolt
3, 2006—Dustin & Ashley Sullard
4, 1994—Gary & Gail Ryther
5, 1993—Kevin & Vicky Johnson
6, 1992—Brad & Michelle Smith
6, 1992—Don & Susan Edwards
6, 1987—Lee & Lisa Short
7, 1968—Mike & Lynne Briant
7, 1975—Herschel & Donna Owen
12, 197—Dennis & Jeannette Hisek
14, 1975—Steve & Penny McNeely
15, 1991—John & Dorothy Anderson
17, Doug & Tracy Dodd
22, 1996—James & Jennifer McNeely
23, 1984—Bill & Laura Anderson
25, 1948—Charles & Ellen Lebold
25, 1966—Wesley & Nancy Pennington
29, 1979—Ed & Ida Rose Pearon

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to Vickie O'Dell and family,  whose mother, Wanda Blankton, passed away. We also express our sympathy to Laura Boxford and family, whose mother, Wilma Deuser, passed away May 23.

Mission Trip

Youth Mission Trip

We have a list posted on the bulletin board by the church office of items that the Boy's Ranch can use. If you would like to donate any of the items, please purchase them and place them in the bucket. Everyone can be a part of this mission trip! We will have a dinner in the fall to show all that we did at the Boy's Ranch. Thank you for your support!

Liz

2009 Ray County Cancer Walk

Relay for Life Cancer Walk

This year's Relay for Life Cancer Walk will be held June 5-6 at the Richmond R-16 High School track. If anyone would like to be involved or form a team and represent our church, please contact Lorna Oliphant at 816-470-5203; email—lolphant@prodigy.net.

Smorgasbord Committee

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The Smorgasbord Committee is in need of two new members for the main planning committee. Those interested can contact Becky Hartman 679-2325 or Sandy Hendrickson 296-3198. Thank you!

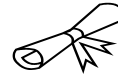


2009 GRADUATES
Congratulations to our 2009 Graduates!



Lawson High School

Robert Ashcraft, Ross Bain, Kelly Brock, Ethan Deardeuff,
 Ramsey Harrison, Aaron Jasa, Joseph Korb, Monica Malott, Nathan
 Robison, Jordan Short, Cara Simmons, Alyssa Speiser



College

Hillary Ashcraft—Penn Valley; Trey Bibb—Columbia College;
 Conrad Brock—University of Central Missouri; Shannon
 Hartman—Missouri State University;

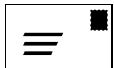
Summer Worship Times

**Don't forget starting Sunday, May 31, we will begin the
 new service times. Sunday School will begin at 9:00 am
 and the Worship Service will begin at 10:00 am. Come and
 enjoy the new opportunities for praising and glorifying our God.**



**New Worship
 Times**

MAIL



I am sincerely thankful and very grateful to each of you in this wonderful congregation who contributed in some way for the beautiful quilt presented to me on Mother's Day, May 10, 2009. It was emotional to me to hear Pastor Homer ask each person to say a prayer for me as they tied a knot in the quilt. I pray that God may share His love and richest blessings with each of you !

Lucile Anderson

Dear Be the Church Crew,

The kids and I want to say a big thank you to the group who came to our home on May 3rd. You all are so organized and efficient, you would think that you did projects like this every day. The love and support that you have shown to our family during our difficult time is truly amazing. We really appreciate all of the projects that you completed for us.

In Christ's love,
 Gina, Spencer & Avery Snodgrass

Thank You Notes



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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
Youth-Times Vary For Summer-check
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- Homer Davidson
Pastor
 - Julie Burge
Secretary
 - Liz Hull
Student Ministries
 - Mary Bertoldie
Choir Director
 - Julie Titus
Preschool Director
 - Terri Teeter
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PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS & SERVICE

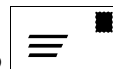
Prayer Requests: Nancy Barrett, Jennifer Blomer, Kenna Bradley, Bill Brookshier, Jim Bush, Connie Deterding, Julie Dolt, Pam Gay, Dorothy Gowin, Joyce Kindred, Delbert King, Adam Mattenklodt, Marva Owen, Helen Pitts, J. W. Pitts, Steve Pitts, Bill Proctor, Mary Sharp, Pat Sharp, Don Short, Kris Snoble, Shelley Stephens, Mary Beth Thurmon, Tamara Tucker, Kathy Wickler, our troops

Gifts Received— Needed Weekly	\$3,027.92
May 3, 2009	Be the Church Day
May 10, 2009	4,904.35
May 17, 2009	2,466.75
May 24, 2009	2,568.34
May 31, 2009	4,542.50

Worship Attendance	
May 3	Be the Church Day
May 10(8:30-63; 11:00-41)	104
May 17(8:30-60; 11:00-38)	98
May 24(8:30-40; 11:00-35)	75
May 31(10:00)	85
Parsonage—total pledged	\$74,358.00
Parsonage-received as of 5-31-09	\$86,927.43

Service –Thank you to all the people who participated in Be the Church.

MAIL CONTINUED



We would like to thank all of you that worked so hard in my yard and the removal of all the dead trees and taking them away. What a great job all of you did!

We appreciate the weed eating, trimming of grass and bushes and mowing the yard also. We cannot thank you enough.

May God bless each and everyone of you.

Nancy Ruth Peterson
Becky & Sam Hartman

Thanks to all of you who helped with the “Be the Church” Sunday.

My heart swelled with pride at the sight of all the “Blue Shirts” in my neighborhood and how we “shined” when they were done.

God bless everyone of you.

Florence Brookshier

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the jobs you did for me.

I can never thank you enough. The windows and screens sparkle. The gutters are so nice and clean. You all did a wonderful job. I thank you all so very, very much.

Love You All,
Edna Smith