

## To Know Him & Make Him Known

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mailing list.

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Dear Friends,

One of our summer traditions at Wakeminster is an invitation from Terri Austin, our Music Minister, to the church family to submit their favorite hymn or choir selection to be sung by the congregation or the choir during a worship service. Showing up in the list are always the wonderful old favorites like "When We All Get to Heaven," "Amazing Grace," "The Old Rugged Cross," and "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." There are sound theological messages in these hymns.

Let's consider for a moment, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Believers think of Jesus as their Savior, Lord, or master, but not often as their friend. We may have difficulty with the concept, but Jesus does not. Once we are able to grasp what kind of friend He is, we will realize that a truly joyful life is possible only through a personal relationship with Him.

Our relationship with Jesus gives us all the qualities we expect in earthly friendship. Jesus unconditionally loves and accepts us no matter what is happening in our life. Jesus walks through trials with us. Jesus is always available. Unlike humans, Jesus is never too busy to meet our needs or respond to our prayers.

Jesus listens to us. We can share doubts, tears, and joys with the Lord because He wants to hear from believers. He loves us, has a plan for us, and will rescue us if necessary. And in His Word, we'll find His answer to every circumstance we face.

As the old hymn says, "What a friend we have in Jesus!"

Love,  
Merle

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**Please Note: There will be no Wednesday evening Services on July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

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### Vacation Bible School (VBS):



Summer is now here and we will soon be starting our Summer VBS program. Mark your calendars for our VBS Kick-Off on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM – 12:00Noon. We will have games, snacks and our VBS enrollment sign-up.

VBS will begin on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and finish on Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. VBS will be held each of these evenings from 6:00PM with a snack supper and ending at 8:30PM.

All children are invited to join us July 14<sup>th</sup> – July 19<sup>th</sup> for VBS!

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### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

*"Let, I pray You, Your merciful kindness and steadfast love be for my comfort, according to Your promise to Your servant." Psalm 119: 76 (Amplified Bible)*

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following members:

- Mrs. Minnie Benfield, Charter Member
- Mr. J.P. Carter, Charter Member
- Mr. J. W. Grainger

We want to offer a special thank you to the men and women who currently serve or who have served in the military. You are a blessing to us, and we appreciate the sacrifices you make for us.

Congratulations to Nathan, Sheila, and Justin Reeves on the birth of their twins, Benjamin and Elena.

**Anniversaries**

Larry & Ann Estes	Jul 5
Perry & Terry Ray	Jul 25
Jim & Betty Farrell	Aug 17
Dale & Terri Austin	Aug 19
Jim & Becky Shue	Aug 21
Tony & Stephanie Hayden	Aug 22
Donald & Kathy Keith	Sep 4
Jerry & Joyce Grainger	Sep 6
Ben & Kelly Singleton	Sep 17
Jim & Kathy Pollard	Sep 21

**Birthdays**

Claire Tidwell	July 1
Rebecca Ray	July 1
Cindy Daniel	July 5
Claudia Gattis	July 7
Allison Conrad	July 8
Kristine Bramson	July 8
Peter Bramson	July 10
Ben Singleton	July 10
Renee Martin	July 13
Zachery Marsh	July 13
Kristin Martin	July 15
Jennifer Martin	July 21
Zachery Conrad	July 21
Jennie Pollard	July 24
Jim Shue	July 25
Tony Hayden	July 31
Cindy Ray	Aug 4
Michelle Woolard	Aug 15
Caroline Singleton	Aug 20
Madalyn Layton	Aug 22
Shelly King	Aug 26
Mckenzie Wallace	Sep 4
DJ Foland	Sep 4
Emily Rees	Sep 7
Benjamin Bramson	Sep 8
Jimmy Goldston	Sep 8
Jessica Rees	Sep 10
Dawn Mitchell	Sep 12
Nancy Tidwell	Sep 13
Ola Ray	Sep 13
Denton Conrad	Sep 15
Susan Ray	Sep 24
Jim Pollard	Sep 29
Kathy Pollard	Sep 29

**VBS KICKOFF** - Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 12:00. Everyone is invited to join us for fun and games as we kickoff our week of VBS.

**SUMMER VBS** will be held Sunday – Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30. There will be a snack supper each evening from 6:00-6:30 for everyone participating in VBS.

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**Treasurer’s Report – 3RD QTR 2006 / 2007:**

*“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.” (God speaking to Moses) Leviticus 27:29 (NIV)*

May 16, 2007

**End of April 2007 Treasury Report:**

**All information as of 04/30/07**

**Bank Account Balances**

Building Loan: \$348,964.42 (outstanding loan)  
 Building Fund: \$ 49,550.32  
 General Fund: \$ 20,387.37

**YTD Summary**

- YTD General Fund offerings exceeded expenses by \$1,135.94 for the 2006/2007 Church year.
- All mortgage payments paid from the Building Fund. YTD we have received \$255.08 less in Building Fund offerings (\$25,923.08 received) than has been paid (\$26,178.16 in mortgage payments).
- \$2,525 has been given to the roof fund.

**Information on our building mortgage:**

It is a conventional loan and not a line of credit. When we closed on the building the line of credit we had was converted to this conventional loan. The terms are 6.31% APY for 15 years.

**Calendar Of Events (July, August & September):**

**JULY:**

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Wednesday 4th                    | - Independence Day – NO EVENING SERVICES   |
| Sunday 8th – 13th                | - YOUTH: Retreat WorkCamp Mission Trip     |
| Tuesday 10th [2:00 PM]           | - WMU Meeting                              |
| Wednesday 11th [6:30PM]          | - Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting     |
| Thursday 12th [7:00PM – 8:00PM]  | - Precept Bible Study (Book of Revelation) |
| Saturday 14th [9:00AM – 12:00]   | - VBS KickOff (Fun & Games)                |
| Sunday 15th–19th [6:00PM – 8:30] | - VBS (Sunday – Thursday evening)          |
| Sunday 22nd [4:00PM - 5:30PM]    | - CHILDREN: Backyard Bible Club            |
| Thursday 26th [7:00PM – 8:00PM]  | - Precept Bible Study (Book of Revelation) |
| Sunday 29th [4:00PM - 5:30PM]    | - CHILDREN: Backyard Bible Club            |

**AUGUST:**

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| Thursday 2nd [7:00PM – 8:00PM]  | - Precept Bible Study (Book of Revelation) |
| Thursday 9th [7:00PM – 8:00PM]  | - Precept Bible Study (Book of Revelation) |
| Tuesday 14th [2:00 PM]          | - WMU Meeting                              |
| Wednesday 15th [6:30PM]         | - Fellowship Supper                        |
| Thursday 16th [7:00PM – 8:00PM] | - Precept Bible Study (Book of Revelation) |
| Friday 17th-19th                | - Marriage Impact Retreat (Ridgecrest)     |
| Thursday 23rd [7:00PM – 8:00PM] | - Precept Bible Study (Book of Revelation) |
| Thursday 30th [7:00PM – 8:00PM] | - Precept Bible Study (Book of Revelation) |
| August [Date TBA]               | - YOUTH: Six Flags Trip (see Tony Hayden)  |

**SEPTEMBER:**

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| Thursday 6th [7:00PM – 8:00PM] | - Precept Bible Study (Book of Revelation) |
| Tuesday 11th [2:00 PM]         | - WMU Meeting                              |
| Wednesday 12th [6:30PM]        | - Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting     |

**Weekly Services:**

<b>Sunday:</b>		<b>Wednesdays:</b>	
9:45 AM	Morning Bible Study	6:00-6:30 PM	Snack Supper
11:00 AM	Worship Service	6:30 PM	Youth Bible Study
4:00 PM	Youth Fellowship	6:30 – 7:15 PM	Children’s TeamKID
		6:30 – 7:15 PM	Adult Prayer & Worship
		7:15 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal

\* Monthly Wednesday Family Fellowship Meals/Business Conferences will begin at 6:30.

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## Next Newsletter:

Events and information for the next newsletter (4th QTR 2007) should be sent to Dale Austin by September 17th.

## BIBLE FACTS:

The doctrine of the *Trinity* is more clearly defined in the New Testament than in the Old. Several times the three persons of the Trinity are shown together and seemingly are equal to one another. At the baptism of Jesus, the Spirit descended on Him and a voice from God out of heaven identified Jesus as His beloved Son (Matt. 3:16-17). Jesus prayed that the Father would send another Comforter (John 14:16). The disciples were told to baptize in the name (singular – name) of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). The three persons of the Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) are associated together in their work (I Cor. 12:4-6; Eph. 1:3-14; I Peter 1:2 & 3:18; Rev. 1:4-6).

For more interesting Bible facts that can change your life, join one of our Sunday morning Bible study classes. These classes meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 – 10:45.

## MISSION PROJECT:

*“Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.” James 1:27 (HCSB)*

The mission trip to Grifton, NC, to help the NC Baptist Men was a huge success. Our team completed electrical work, finish work, assembled and installed cabinets, and hung light fixtures in a church that had been destroyed during Hurricane Floyd. We also did roofing, wrapping Tyvek, and building a deck on a house for an elderly lady whose home was falling in around her before the NC Baptist Men stepped in and began building her a new home. Our team included Terri Austin, Dale Austin, Dawn Mitchell, Jeffrey Pollard, Jennie Pollard, Jim Pollard (team leader), Kathy Pollard (team coordinator), Ashley Ray, Bill Schmitt, and Steven Schmitt. There will be a video presentation at a date yet to be determined.



## YOUTH HAPPENINGS:

*“Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.” Psalms 71:17 NIV*

Here are the events in which the Youth will be participating over the next quarter. Contact Tony Hayden ([tony@wakeminster.org](mailto:tony@wakeminster.org)) for additional information.

- **Week of Hope Summer Camp – Sunday, July 8th to Friday, July 13th** – The Youth will spend the week doing missions work in Beaufort, SC.
- **Six Flags Trip** – Coming soon in August. See Tony Hayden for more details.

## CHILDREN’S MINISTRY:

*“And He said: ‘I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.’” Matthew 18:3 (NIV)*

### Backyard Bible Club

After Vacation Bible School, we will be having our Backyard Bible Club on Sunday afternoons for the two Sundays following VBS. If you would like to sponsor one of these Backyard Bible Club meetings at your home, please call (570-5005) or e-mail Dale Austin ([dale@wakeminster.org](mailto:dale@wakeminster.org)).

- Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>

### TeamKID

Each Wednesday evening (except for the Family Fellowship evenings) we have TeamKID (Kids In Discipleship) for children ages 4 to 11. We have entered our Summer months and will be having many of our Bible Study lessons and activities outside. We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15.



## MARRIAGE & FAMILY:

There are two marriage retreats offered through LifeWay that are coming to Ridgecrest Conference Center (15 miles from Asheville, NC). See the Wakeminster web site for more information on these two retreats.

### Marriage Impact 2007

On August 17-19, the Marriage Impact retreat will be held. This retreat offers couples a time of fellowship and worship each morning and evening with plenty of time for outdoor adventures, shopping, or sightseeing.

### Festivals of Marriage

During three (3) weekends in October, Ridgecrest will be hosting the Festivals of Marriage retreats. These retreats provide classes on various marriage/family topics, group fellowship and worship. There is also plenty of free time on Saturday to spend time together as a couple.

## BIBLE FACTS:

*The Body Of Christ* is the earthly church. The idea behind this metaphor is that a fellowship of believers is a living, tangible being with all different parts (people) working together to function as one unit. The apostle Paul states that Christ is the head of the body and leads it, and that "each member belongs to all the other" (Rom 12:5).

*How can we trust that scripture is correct since it is so old?*

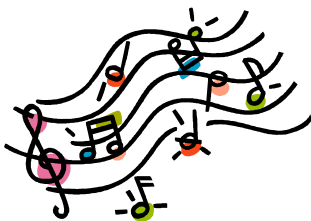
1. One of the early groups was scribes who copied the early scriptures for use in the temple and synagogues. After a scribe finished copying a particular book, he would count all of the words and letters it contained. Then he checked this tally against the count for the original manuscript that he was copying. He counted the number of times a particular word occurred in the book, and he noted the middle word and the middle letter in the book, comparing all of these with the original. By making these careful checks, he hoped to avoid any scribal errors.

2. The scribe would read a sentence in the manuscript he was copying, repeat it aloud, and then write it. Each time he came to the name of God, he would say, "I am writing in the name of God for the holiness of His name." If he made any error in writing God's name, the scribe had to destroy the entire sheet of papyrus or vellum that he was using.

3. The Masoretes were a group of Jewish scholars who wanted to ensure that the Old Testament documents would not become corrupted over time. Since the Hebrew language has no vowels, they created a system of inserting "vowel points" into the text to help priests and readers know how to pronounce the words properly. Their careful work has led to almost no changes in the Old Testament wording for more than a millennium. Translators today still refer to the "Masoretic" text.

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## MUSIC NOTES:



"...the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."  
*Philippians 4: 6-7*

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was written by Joseph M. Scriven in 1855 for his mother who was facing a crisis. He wrote the poem and sent it to her not intending for it to be read by anyone else. Mrs. Scriven passed along a copy to a friend who had it published anonymously. It became a popular hymn even though no one knew who the author was. No one really even knew his gift for poetry until shortly before his death in 1896 at the age of 66. A neighbor asked him if he had really written the poem to which Scriven replied, "The Lord and I did it between us."

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Can you believe that Christmas is less than 5 months away? If you are interested in singing with the adult or children's choir for our Christmas programs, we will begin rehearsing in September. This is a perfect time to join the choir if you have been considering it. We would love to have you.

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## PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY ON REVELATION CHAPTERS 1-3:

Begins Thursday evening July 12th 7:00 to 8:00PM  
Recess during Bible School week  
Resume July 26 until Sept 6 for Part 1



The study will be divided into three parts with breaks in between.  
Child care available if needed.  
Contact: Becky Shue @ 847-9817

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## HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS:

The kitchen committee has cleaned and reorganized the new kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who help to keep our beautiful kitchen clean and neat.

### Reminders:

- Wash used towels and dishcloths and return to kitchen.
- Take home all perishable foods.
- Have someone responsible to return after a function to the church to unload the clean dishes from the dishwashers and put them away.

Thanks so much,  
The Kitchen Committee : Ellen Berry, Betty Farrell, and Becky Shue

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## INVITATION:

Wakeminster ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Beth Anne Martin on Saturday, July 28th from 11am - 1:00pm in the church fellowship hall.

Beth Anne is registered at Hudson-Belk, Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Wal-Mart. If you have questions, please contact Carol Keith (847-5515) or Nancy Tidwell (847-6870).

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY:

We will be creating a new church directory with updated information and family pictures in the Fall. Please keep this in mind for your family Christmas photos. We will have additional information later this year.