



## To Know Him & Make Him Known

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If you would like to receive  
The Wakeminstry by email,  
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We have a general mailing list  
as well as a Youth-oriented  
mailing list.

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Dear Friends,

In preparation for our mission trip to Belize, each volunteer missionary was asked to enlist at least five prayer partners. These partners agree to pray for them and their work each day of the trip. I immediately thought of Proverbs 18:24, "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

We all need close spiritual friends - the kind that can hold us accountable when we need it, build us up when we're down, or celebrate with us when we're successful. In the fast pace of our daily lives, we have a tendency to have acquaintances and companions instead of friends and partners. There are, however, true friends whose commitment and dedication are deeper than even physical family. How do I know? God promised it, and I've seen it! My family has been blessed by them.

So let's be that kind of friend to others and in so doing, we'll find that kind of friend for ourselves. Let's BE that "friend who sticks closer than a brother."

In His love,

Merle

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) – COMING IN JULY!

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23*

Summer will soon be here as well as the start of our Summer VBS program. Mark your calendars for our VBS Kick-Off on Saturday, July 12th, from **9 AM to Noon**. We will have games, snacks and our VBS enrollment sign-up. VBS will begin on Sunday, July 13th, and finish on Thursday, July 17th, with a family celebration.



If you are interested in volunteering for snack supper, teaching a class, helping or leading arts/crafts, or helping in recreation, please call Stephanie Hayden at 562-8424.

**Join Us for VBS: July 13th – 17th 6:00 to 8:30 PM**

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## PRECEPT OPPORTUNITY:

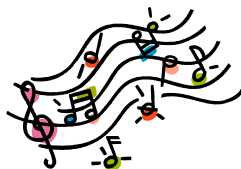
The Precept Forgiveness Class at Wakeminster will meet Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 July 10 - August 21 with the exception of Bible School week. Anyone who would like to sit in on a class is welcome. Come and experience the excitement that the study of God's Word generates.

ISAIAH Part II will be coming to Wakeminster September 11th. Sign up will begin after July 10th.

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## MUSIC NOTES:

*"Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim His salvation." 1 Chronicles 16:23 (NIV)*



"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" was the most famous hymn that Martin Luther ever wrote. Although Martin Luther is more well-known as a great reformer, preacher and theologian, he was also a musician. Prior to the Protestant Reformation, there was a period of time when only the priests were allowed to sing during the worship service. Luther brought congregational singing back into worship and worked with other musicians to write music that could be sung by the average congregation (which was often not nearly as educated as the priests would have been at this time period). Luther once wrote the following in the forward of a book, "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. It controls our thoughts, minds, hearts, and spirits...A person who...does not regard music as a marvelous creation of God...does not deserve to be called a human being; he should be permitted to hear nothing but the braying of donkeys and the grunting of hogs." (Morgan, 2003, p. 15)

Morgan, Robert J. (2003). *Then Sings My Soul*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

#### Anniversaries

Larry & Ann Estes	July 5
Jake & Alex Alexander	July 14
Perry & Terry Ray	July 25
Peter & Beth Anne Arnold	Aug 11
Jim & Betty Farrell	Aug 17
Dale & Terri Austin	Aug 19
Jim & Becky Shue	Aug 21
Tony & Stephanie Hayden	Aug 22
Donald & Kathy Keith	Sept 4
Jerry & Joyce Grainger	Sept 6
Ben & Kelly Singleton	Sept 17
Jim & Kathy Pollard	Sept 21
Brian & Lisa K. Johnson	Sept 22

#### Birthdays

Claire Tidwell	July 1
Rebecca Ray	July 1
Cindy Daniel	July 5
Claudia Gattis	July 7
Kristine Bramson	July 8
Allison Conrad	July 8
Peter Bramson	July 10
Ben Singleton	July 10
Zachery Marsh	July 13
Renee Martin	July 13
Kristin Martin	July 15
Zachery Conrad	July 21
Jennifer Martin	July 21
Jennie Pollard	July 24
Jim Shue	July 25
Tony Hayden	July 31
Cindy Ray	Aug 4
Tim Keith	Aug 11
Michelle Woolard	Aug 15
Caroline Singleton	Aug 20
Madalyn Layton	Aug 22
Shelly King	Aug 26
D J Foland	Sept 4
Mckenzie Wallace	Sept 4
Emily Rees	Sept 7
Benjamin Bramson	Sept 8
Jimmy Goldston	Sept 8
Jessica Rees	Sept 10
Dawn Mitchell	Sept 12
Ola Ray	Sept 13
Nancy Tidwell	Sept 13
Denton Conrad	Sept 15
Preston Sheriff	Sept 16
Susan Ray	Sept 24
Jim Pollard	Sept 29
Kathy Pollard	Sept 29

#### Websites to Check Out:

For movie reviews from a Christian perspective, go to: [www.pluggedinonline.com](http://www.pluggedinonline.com).

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#### 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)*

#### TeamKID

Each Wednesday evening (except for the Family Fellowship evenings) we have TeamKID (Kids In Discipleship) for children ages 4 to 11. We have recently begun our new study called "Jesus' IM's: Instant Messages from Jesus". We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15. There is a snack supper provided each Wednesday evening that we have TeamKID. The drop-in snack supper is from 6:00 until 6:30.



#### Backyard Bible Club

Our Backyard Bible Club meets about 3 times during the Summer. Children from our church and the surrounding community are invited to join us for a couple of hours of Bible study, games, snacks and swimming.

Our final Backyard Bible Club for 2008 is at the home of Bill and Sandra Schmitt (6808 Cool Pond Rd., Raleigh) on Sunday, July 6th, from 5 to 6:30 PM. For more information, please see the church's web site.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

*"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)*

All information as of 4/30/08 as presented during the May 14th Business Meeting.

#### Undesignated Offerings Report

YTD offerings: \$98,053.11  
YTD expenses: \$96,662.48

#### Bank Account Balances

Building Loan: \$329,111.09  
Building Fund: \$ 36,338.28  
General Fund: \$ 29,560.86

#### Belize Mission Trip Summary

Note: While the balance sheet shows a significant surplus YTD, it is important to make adjustments to reflect the large expenditure and youth offerings related to the youth mission trip.

+\$ 700.00	offerings for Merle's expenses
+\$12,316.10	all Youth offerings
+\$ 1,200.00	Youth budget allocation
-\$ 5,000.00	paid to Praying Pelican missions
-\$ 5,393.78	to be paid for air travel
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\$ 3,822.32	remaining offerings / budget allocation

#### YTD Summary

Undesignated offering receipts were greater than actual expenses by \$1,390.63 for the first eight months of the 2007/2008 Church year.

- Other directed offerings since last report: renovation on parsonage - \$100.00
- All mortgage payments paid from the Building Fund. YTD we have received \$5,943.16 less in Building Fund offerings (\$20,235.00 received) than has been paid (\$26,178.16 in mortgage payments).

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

##### The Gospel Comes to Life

20/20 Collegiate Conference

Featuring C.J. Mahaney, Daniel L. Akin, and Mark Driscoll

February 6-7, 2009 at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (1-888-290-7787)

See <http://sebts.edu/conferences/> for additional information.

#### BELIZE MISSION KICKOFF

**Come join us on Saturday, July 19th, from 5 to 7 PM.** Ted and Carol Keith are sponsoring a Bar-B-Que Dinner for the Belize Mission trip. The menu will be Bar-B-Que Chicken and Pork. Everyone is invited to join us.

Where: Wakeminster Fellowship Hall

When: Saturday, July 19th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Donations Accepted

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### Next Newsletter:

Events and information for the next newsletter (4th QTR 2008) should be sent to Dale Austin by September 21st.

### BIBLE TRIVIA:

The importance of 40...

1. God told Jonah that he was giving the people of Ninevah 40 days to repent. (Jonah 3:4)

2. Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days and Matthew 4:2 says that "...he was hungry." (I would imagine that he was hungry after that)

3. After the resurrection, Jesus was on the earth another 40 days. (Acts 1:3)

4. Goliath challenged the soldiers of Israel twice a day for 40 days. (I Sam. 17:16)

5. Moses was 40 when he first visited the Hebrew slaves. Moses then spent another 40 years in the desert after leaving Egypt. Moses also spent another 40 years leading the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt to the promised land.

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.

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### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

*"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)

#### Youth Mission Trip (Belize):

Wakeminster Youth will be going on an international mission trip this year to Belize in Central America. The dates are July 25-August 2, 2008. Please keep our Youth and their chaperones in your prayers as they share God's Word with the people of Belize. For additional information on participating in this mission trip, please contact Tony Hayden ([tony@wakeminster.org](mailto:tony@wakeminster.org)).



#### CROP Walk

Wakeminster will be participating in the Wake Forest CROP Walk on Sunday, September 28th. For more information or to sign up to walk, please see Kathy Pollard. For more information on the CROP Walk in general or the parent organization, Church World Service, go to: [www.churchworldservice.org](http://www.churchworldservice.org).

### Special Olympics Benefit at Boyce Farms

Everyone is invited to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas in July Family Fun Night at Boyce Farms on **July 26, 2008**, from **5 to 8 PM**. All proceeds raised will benefit Special Olympics North Carolina. There will be live music, food, crafts, raffles and prizes. *Please RSVP to Jennifer Boyce Lavrack at [Jennifer@lavrackproperties.com](mailto:Jennifer@lavrackproperties.com) or call 919-341-4745 by July 22, 2008*, if you plan to attend. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation or purchase a raffle ticket, please call or e-mail Jennifer Lavrack by July 20, 2008. For more information about the Special Olympics Organization, please visit their web site at <http://www.sonc.net/>.



**Special Olympics**  
North Carolina

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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#### JULY:

Sunday 6th [5 to 6:30 PM]  
Thursday 10th [7 to 8:30 PM]  
Saturday 12th [9 AM to Noon]  
Sunday 13th – Thursday 17th  
Saturday 19th [5 to 7 PM]  
Wednesday 23rd [6:30 PM]

-Children's Backyard Bible Club at the Schmitt's  
-Precept Forgiveness Class Begins  
-VBS Kick-Off  
-VBS [6 to 8:30 PM]  
-Belize Mission Kickoff Bar-B-Que Chicken & Pork  
-Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting

#### AUGUST:

Wednesday 13th [6:30PM]

- Fellowship Supper

#### SEPTEMBER:

Thursday 11th  
Wednesday 17th [6:30PM]

-Precept Class Isaiah Part II Begins  
-Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting

#### Weekly Services:

*Sunday:*  
9:45 AM Morning Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
4:00 PM Youth Fellowship

*Wednesday:*  
6:00-6:30 PM Snack Supper\*  
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study  
6:30 – 7:15 PM TeamKID for Children  
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.

### A SPECIAL THANKS:

The Wakeminster children would like to thank Mike and Sheila Boyce, Tony and Stephanie Hayden, and Bill and Sandra Schmitt for opening up their homes to host our Backyard Bible Clubs this year. We all had a wonderful time of fellowship and Bible Study, and we cannot thank you enough for your hospitality.

The Youth would like to thank everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts in preparation for our Belize mission trip. Your support has been overwhelming and has confirmed to us that we have the backing of this great congregation! Be on the lookout for more updates as we near our trip.

The Church family, especially the ladies, would like to thank the Youth for their service of providing breakfast to everyone on Mother's Day. The meal was delicious, and we truly appreciate all of your work to make this happen.

Thank you to Jennifer Ray of Redwood Productions, Inc., in Wake Forest (<http://www.redwoodproductions.com/>) for donating the artwork for the balloons that we ordered to give away at Meet in the Street. Jennifer's company provides graphic design, printing, and promotional products.