

EAST MOUNTAIN GOOD NEWS

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From the Deacon Body

Dear Church,

Hello everyone. I hope this newsletter finds all of you doing well. We, as Deacons, want to let you know where we are in finding an Interim Pastor. Our Church Constitution instructs us on how to accomplish this task. Section 3, Part 4 of the By-laws in our Church Constitution state:

"In the case of the Pastor's resignation, the Deacon Body will be responsible for securing preaching supply as well as interviewing and recommending interim pastor candidates if necessary. They will also establish a salary

package for the preaching supply."

David Reynolds has volunteered to secure speakers for Sunday services. He has been doing a great job with this. We have talked to our Association Director as well as others in leadership roles about recommendations for an Interim Pastor. We have had an interview with Roy Edgemon, a candidate for this position who has been highly recommended. He will be preaching on July 17th and July 24th. He is trained through a program with the Southern Baptist Con-

vention, called Intentional Interim Pastor Ministries, to help churches during the process of finding a pastor as well as helping with other pastoral duties. If he is called by our church, he will lead the staff and work with all committees.

If you have any further questions, please ask any of your Deacons. We will be happy to answer your questions. We ask for your prayers in this matter and that you continue to pray for our church everyday.

Sincerely,
Your Deacon Body

Church Cookbooks

THANK YOU for your outpouring of recipes for our centennial cookbook! Our committee is busy editing over 300 submissions to make sure everything is correct. We will have a "Christmas in July" presale. On July 10 and 17 ladies will be available to take your order for cookbooks. Presale price is \$13.



Church Office Closed

From Our Minister of Music

Still Waiting....

If you've ever really noticed, it's strange that we spend over half of our lives waiting. It is usually in a variety of ways. The oddity about waiting is generally you are in a hurry to get to what you are waiting on. We hurry into the grocery store to wait in line to check out. We rush out in the early morning of "Black Friday" to get the best deals only to wait in line for the store to open. It amazes me that we constantly play the game of "hurry up and wait". It is a never ending cycle that we cling to, especially in America. Society believes that if there is a big enough rush on whatever the next big thing is that somehow it will magically speed up the waiting process. Think of the next big movie coming out that your children will not stop talking about, or that item you ordered online that you had a rush delivery on that you can't wait to get there, and yet it still seems to arrive at the same time as promised.

When was the last time that we waited that anxiously on GOD or looked so forward to fellowshiping at church on Sunday that we actually lost sleep over it. The great thing about waiting on something new is that it is yet to be discovered. It is something that you have never been able to explore before. Have we really gotten to the point that we have found out all there is to know about GOD and His Word? Sometimes I find that I am not anticipating what GOD has for me in my quiet time, but instead spend time thinking about the struggles I will face the following day.

This fact is so true especially when we are faced with waiting on GOD. The questions begin to arise; how long do we wait, what do we wait for, will He show when to move on, etc.... These are all great questions and it just so happens I have the answer: "I Have NO Idea". God's timing is never our own and is rarely if ever for our convenience. I think daily of the condition of our church. As of now we are without a pastor and the future leadership of the church is unknown. So what are we to do? The bible tells us in

Isaiah 40:31: "But they that *wait upon* the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles and to rise above the world in hope and peace". The word rendered "**wait upon**", denotes properly to wait, in the sense of expecting. The phrase, 'to wait' on Yahweh, means to wait for His help; that is, to trust in Him, to put our hope or confidence in Him. It is applicable to those who are in circumstances of danger or want, and who look to Him for his merciful intervention. So in this sense we are not just to wait complacently, but wait expectantly. When Christians wait expectantly that also refers to actively. We are to wait on the Lord, but not with our hands glued to the pew; instead we should be busy about waiting. So hurry up and wait. God has great things to do.

Children's Camp

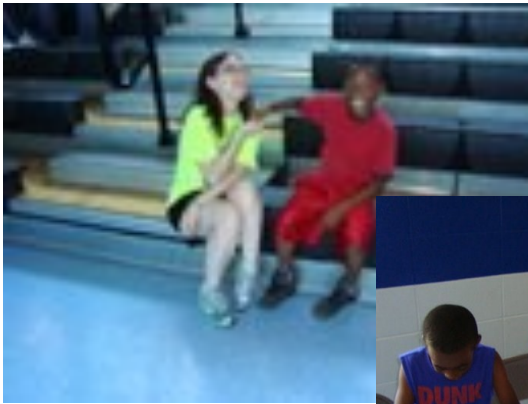
Children's Camp will be Friday, July 22 - Monday, July 25 at Lakeview Baptist Encampment in Lone Star, Texas.

Registration packets are available in the foyer. These must be turned in no later than July 3.

For questions and/or details, see Bro. Rob Bowen.



Student Life Camp 2011 - LA Tech, Ruston, LA



Youth Share Time
Sunday, July 10th

*"Acts 12 - Some days James dies, some days Peter lives,
but everyday God is God and He's still in control." - Landon
Dowden, Student Life Camp Pastor*

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Deacons of the Week

(This is for a 2-week period)

June 26-July 9

David Jones (903-374-1290)

Jon Pitman (903-734-5029)

July 10-23

Mike Pritchett (903-734-1174)

Shane Mayhan (903-734-1286)

July 24-August 6

Rob Bowen (903-452-4007)

David Reynolds (903-759-4769)

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAYS

9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship Service
	Children's Church in the gym
5:00 am	Adult Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Evening Service
	Children's Choir

WEDNESDAYS

5:30-6:30 pm	Adult & Student Meal
6:30-7:30 pm	Youth Service
	Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

Family Fellowship Meals

The Women's Ministry is sponsoring a program to help make new members feel welcome - Family Fellowship Meals.

One Sunday each month a team of host families will provide Sunday lunch for recent new members. If you

are interested in joining a host team, please contact Phyllis Daniel or Amber Mayhan.



"Then the nations will know that I am the Lord... when I show Myself holy among you before their eyes." Ezekiel 36:23