

Hey Youth!

We had a wonderful week of VBS in Babylon! Thank you for all the ways you helped out!

As we get ready for another school year, start thinking about our annual Talent Show! The show is Sunday night, August 26th. How do you want to participate? Talk with Mike Simmons or Erin Lysse!

Calling All Kids!

Our church's annual Talent Show is Sunday night, August 26th at 6:00! Do you have a talent? Would you like to be in the show? See Mike Simmons or Erin Lysse to sign up!



VBS 2012 was a great success thanks to all our volunteers and the families who made a commitment to journeying through Babylon! Also, we collected 41 non-perishable food items and \$201.60 for Second Harvest Food Bank through our mission offering. Thank you!



August

8/1	David French
8/3	Virginia George, Breanne Riggs
8/5	Jeannie Nibert
8/6	Neal Parnell, Dottie Wilson
8/10	Lisa Canada
8/12	Louise Farrow
8/15	Christy Litaker
8/16	Susan Hilton
8/17	Kaitlin Nibert, Jerrell Stafford
8/17	Tim VonCannon
8/19	Dylan Ward
8/21	Beverly Yokeley
8/22	Jamison Dortch
8/23	Robert Lee
8/24	Diana Loyd, Teresa Tucker
8/25	Debbie Livengood
8/31	Nancy Clodfelter, Dean Ward

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Sunday, August 26th

6:00 p.m.

Mark's Musings

Later this week Kathryn and Matthew are flying off to Baton Rouge to help celebrate her parents' 50th wedding anniversary. As I was telling some of the folks Sunday night, I don't do well when I'm separated from the family, when I'm gone or when they're gone. And I was accused (rightly) of being a creature of habit.

Habits, in and of themselves, can be either good or bad. But either way, habits can be powerful. Most of us are not terribly keen on change. Oh, we can handle a little, from time to time. But mostly we want life to be pretty predictable. So what do we do when it's not, when our familiar habits are interrupted? What do we do when change is forced upon us? Change is always somewhat disorienting, which points us to an important clue for our response. If we are dis-oriented, we need to get re-oriented. We need to regain our focus, remembering what (or whom) we are centered on. Changes will come to our lives—that is almost a guarantee. But the absolute guarantee is that God will be there for us, the one whose love never fails and whose faithfulness endures forever. Perhaps learning to trust God can become a habit, too.

Grace and peace,
Mark

Fall Schedule for Children and Youth

Beginning on September 5th, our Wednesday night activities will resume. Children's Choir begins at 6:30pm, Children in Action and Youth meet from 7:00 - 8:00pm. We'll celebrate the beginning of the school year with our annual Talent Show on Sunday night, August 26th, and then begin Sunday activities with children and youth on September 9th.



To kick off the new church year, we are having our annual talent show and fellowship on Sunday, August 26th, at 6:00 pm. If you would like to participate in the talent show, please see Mike Simmons or Erin Lysse. Otherwise, plan to bring someone with you and come and join in the fun!

Nursery Schedule

August 1, (Wed)	Brenda Grose PM
August 5, (Sun)	Beverly Weavil AM
	Nancy Clodfelter PM
August 8, (Wed)	Barbara Snyder PM
August 12, (Sun)	Kathy Horton AM
	Kathryn Ashworth PM
August 15, (Wed)	Edna Bond PM
August 19, (Sun)	Clint & Mattie McCann AM
	Brenda Grose PM
August 22, (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
August 26, (Sun)	Alice Striplin AM
	Talent Show, No Nursery PM
August 29, (Wed)	Jean Foster PM

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

August 5, (Children's)	Julie Striplin & Dale Lakey
August 5, (Wee)	Jane Sutphin
August 12, (Children's)	Mike Simmons & Carole Blakley
August 12, (Wee)	Susie Hilton
August 19, (Children's)	Randy & Cathy Honeycutt
August 19, (Wee)	Sharon Thompson
August 26, (Children's)	Sylvia Phillips & Delese Venable
August 26, (Wee)	Tina Church

Financial Summary

	July 1, 2012	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 6,288.99
Designated Gifts		\$ 4,743.45
Total Offering		\$ 11,032.44
	July 8, 2012	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,536.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,400.00
Total Offering		\$ 5,936.90
	July 15, 2012	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,428.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 2,550.18
Total Offering		\$ 5,978.18
	July 22, 2012	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,456.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 562.50
Total Offering		\$ 3,018.50

General Fund

June General Fund Receipts	\$ 15,534.73
June General Fund Expenses	-\$ 15,648.03
June General Fund Net	-\$ 113.30
June Fund Balance	-\$ 18,790.98



Our donations to the Hospice Homes in July were again very generous. Many quick and easy food items for their pantry shelves were sent along with several containers of cookies. Thank you to everyone who made this such a successful delivery. **Reminder: our next "Hospice Sunday" will be August 5.**

A very special thank you also goes to Jerry Haynes for his donation of a sewing machine for WOM projects. Jerry, please know the machine will be put to use and every stitch made with fond memories of your (and our) beloved Ruth.

Did you get a chance to see the two collection baskets for Senior Services—they were overflowing? Wow! An inventory will be made at delivery and next month's newsletter will indicate the number of items, but I know it will be outstanding.

Our "Inward Missions" resumed again in July with a couple of meals being delivered. We hope to continue this mission "full force" again in August and do appreciate the WOM ladies who participate so willingly to make this happen.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday night, August 1. Each and every lady is welcome to join us as we put our heads together to plan mission projects to show the community how **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.**



Union Cross Fire Department is hosting the Andy Johnson Memorial **Red Cross Blood Drive** on Sunday, August 26th. It will be held 11:00am – 4:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. To schedule an appointment call The Johnsons @ 817-2048 or rjohnson010@triad.rr.com.