

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Our summer activities are winding down for another year. We had a great VBS. The week of JSCYC camp was a wonderful week. It was hot but very enjoyable. Some people think it would not be a very pleasant week to spend with 140 young people from 3rd grade through 12th. grade, but it is. The young people who come to camp are well behaved young people (for the most part). When you establish early on what you expect of them, they will generally follow those instructions. They are not perfect; neither is the staff. It would probably surprise some parents to realize what their children are capable of. They even learn to make their beds, pick up after themselves, sweep and clean bathrooms. Even greater lessons are learned from God's word. We studied about Daniel, the rich young ruler, the prodigal son, Esther, and the apostle Paul. The class that Glen, David and I had was an exceptional group of young men. When you think about being in class for almost two hours each morning, that is saying a lot. The singing is always wonderful, even when you are sitting in 90+ degree weather. We had a very good week. Several of our young people received awards for the week. Karly Edens received the Senior Camper of the week award and sportsmanship award. Gavin Spurlin received Junior camper award. Gavin and Jayson both won awards for their fishing accomplishments (new fishing rods and reels). —L. Cole

If It Isn't Broken...Break It

The truism that states, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it" may be true with some things, but not the human heart (Psalm 51:17). If our hearts aren't broken, they need to be.

Have you ever heard of "Kintsugi?" Kintsugi is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with a "glue" made of gold. Rather than throwing away a vase, bowl, or cup that had been dropped and broken, these items can be repaired by gluing the pieces back together with gold. The repair can actually make the piece of pottery more beautiful and more valuable than it was before it was broken.

On a personal level, I have learned the value of brokenness. For the majority of my life, everything was easy. The biggest challenges I faced throughout my youth seem trifling to me today. My life, along with my wife, had a fairy-tale beginning, but eventually we began to experience "breaks" (e.g. the miscarriage of a child; the death of my father-in-law, mother-in-law, and my dad; and most shattering, the choices of one of our children).

These breaks, and countless others, could cause one to retreat, give up, and become bitter. They hurt (present tense), but my wife and I refuse to allow our life together to be little more than useless, broken shards of pottery littering the floor. No, instead, we've given the broken pieces to the Lord who has put us back together, I believe, even more valuable in his service than before (Psalm 147:3). The breaks haven't been desired, but they have been profitable in the hands of "The Potter" (Romans 9:20-23).

If you've been where we've been; if you are where we are; if your life has been shattered by loss, disappointment, and sin, don't give up (Galatians 6:9). God can do amazing things with the pieces of your life. In fact, he can make you more useful and beautiful than you were before you were broken.

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SIX SHORT RULES FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

1. Never neglect daily prayer. And when you pray, remember that God is present, and that He hears your prayers (Hebrews 11:6)
2. Never neglect daily private Bible reading. And when you read, remember that God is speaking to you, and that you are to believe and act upon what He says. I believe all back sliding begins with the neglect of rules #1 and #2 (John 5:39).
3. Never let a day pass without trying to do something for Jesus. Every night reflect on what Jesus has done for you and then ask yourself "What am I doing for Him?" (Matthew 5:12-16).
4. If you are in doubt as to a thing being right or wrong, go to your room and kneel down and ask God's blessing upon it (Colossians 3:17). If you can't do this, it is wrong (Romans 14:23).
5. Never take your Christianity from Christians, or argue that because such and such people do so and so, that therefore you may (2 Corinthians 10:12). You are to ask yourself "How would Christ act in my place?" and strive to follow him (John 10:27).
6. Never believe what you feel if it contradicts God's Word. Ask yourself: "Can what I feel be true if God's Word is true?" And if both cannot be true, believe God, and make your own heart the liar (Romans 3:4; I John 5:10-11).

—Bulletin Digest

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP---SUNDAY---9:00 AM**

Co-Coordinator Roger Draper
Announcements Steve Anderson
ScriptureI Cor. 15:33,34. .Kaleb Bush
Song LeaderJacky Carver Jr.
Opening Prayer. Brian Smith
Lord's Supper-Preside: Jacky Carver Sr.
Serve: George Clay, Billy Halliburton
Glen Reece, Ted Russell
Closing Prayer. Mitchell Brooks

Greeter— Susanne & Teresa
Greeter— Lesa & John William Leonard
Greeters: Please be here to greet 20 minutes before services
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
. Kaleb Bush

AM Sermon— Watch Your Companions
PM Sermon—Justin Draper speaking

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Steve Anderson
Song Leader. Gavin Spurlin
Reading.. John 3:16,17... Addison Halliburton
Opening Prayer Dallas Eddie
Song Leader:..... Glen Reece
Speaker. Justin Draper
Lord's Supper Ethan Leonard
. John W. Leonard
Closing Prayer Larry Cole

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement... . Larry Cole
Song Leader Jacky Carver, Sr.
First Prayer. Billy Halliburton
Opening Prayer George Clay
Closing Prayer Glen Reece

Prepare Communion for **AUGUST**
Vickie Cole

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We are collecting school supplies for DES

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

07/23/17

Wednesday.	27
Worship Sunday AM	78
Bible Study Sunday AM	63
Daily Bible Readers	34
Worship Sunday PM	57

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 30-Aug 3rd. Richmond’s Chapel with Brant Stubblefield
August 5th. Elders, Deacons, Preacher Seminar Murfreesboro.
Aug 6th. Men’s Business Meeting

JSCYC—There were approximately 50 responses at camp this past week and a dozen baptisms.

READING SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

- 01 Isa. 18-20
- 02 Isa. 21-23
- 03 Isa. 24-26
- 04 Isa. 27-29
- 05 Isa. 30-34
- 06 Isa. 35-37
- 07 Isa. 38-40
- 08 Isa. 41-43
- 09 Isa. 44-46
- 10 Isa. 47-49
- 11 Isa. 50-52
- 12 Isa. 53-57
- 13 Isa. 58-60
- 14 Isa. 61-63
- 15 Isa. 64-66
- 16 Jer 1-3
- 17 Jer. 4-6
- 18 Jer. 7-9
- 19 Jer. 10-14
- 20 Jer. 15-17
- 21 Jer. 18-20
- 22 Jer. 21-23

23 Jer. 24-26
24 Jer. 27-29
25 Jer. 30-32
26 Jer. 33-37
27 Jer. 38-40
28 Jer. 41-43
29 Jer. 44-46
30 Jer. 47-49
31 Jer. 50-52