

Pastor's Heart



In the May edition of *Christianity Today*, Wess Stafford writes of being abused at a boarding school for missionary children while his parents were missionaries in Africa. The story is painful to read but redemptive in its ending. Following the story letters poured into the editor. Below is Wess' response to those letters:

Ever since my story appeared in *Christianity Today*, the most common question I've heard is, "How did you move from pain to deliverance?" My reply to readers is a single word: *forgiveness*.

At age 17, I realized that those who hurt me would never apologize. They weren't even sorry. But I could no longer bear carrying the pain of my past, so I chose to forgive them anyway. "Get out of my heart. Get out of my mind. Get out of my life!" I remember saying. "What you did to me will not define me. You stole my childhood, but you cannot have the rest of my life. Get out - I forgive you!"

Since then I've learned that while God always requires us to forgive, forgiving isn't saying that what happened was okay. It doesn't release someone from the consequences of their actions. And doesn't require letting someone back into your life. It does mean giving up the right to seek revenge.

So, here is my counsel to those who have suffered: If you have never been able to forgive, you are allowing the person who hurt you to live rent-free in your heart. It's costing him nothing and costing you everything. Perhaps it's time for you to evict him through forgiveness.

The world has many evil people in it. More than I like to realize. What is more their evil often affects innocent children who grow up to be scared and scarred adults. Perhaps it is time for you to find the freedom from your past by forgiving someone who hurt you.

Refuse them free-rent. Forgive them, and in so doing, evict them.

Wess Stafford is the president and CEO of Compassion International and found his life's calling to advocate for children arising out of his own painful experiences. I am reminded of 2 Corinthians 1:3-4. Look it up and find a purpose in your pain.

On another note: Our Fourth of July worship could not have been better. The weather was perfect with a nice breeze under the shade of the trees. The music and food were great. After hearing so many positive comments, we are looking at doing much the same next year on the holiday. Make sure you plan to join in.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

Mission Opportunities

Opportunities for Service with Children

Consider being a faithful servant of God teaching our precious children. Teachers are needed beginning August 1st in the following areas:


- 1st Grade
- 5th Grade
- Children's Dept. Director
- Children's Church Leader

See Ann Hertzfeldt to become a part of God's service to our children.

Missions

Mission Trip to India—Sept. 9 - 21
Team will be doing Evangelism through distribution of eye glasses
Information Meeting: Wed. night July 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference room.

GPS: Your High 5



In Luke 16:19-31, we read the story of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man being in hell had incredible passion to get a messenger over to his FIVE brothers who were ON THE WAY to hell. He was given the bad news that he could do nothing about. We are reminded of the Good News we can do something about. Someone once said... "it's only Good News if they hear in time." It's not too late, it's still Good News to our family, neighbors and friends: Our High 5.

Church staff
 Randall L. Adkisson, Ph.D, *Senior Pastor*
 Mike Head, *Associate Pastor of Administration*
 Jonathan Nelms, DWS, *Associate Pastor for Music*
 Charlie Hutchinson, *Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care & Senior Adults*
 Bill Stone, *Associate Pastor of Youth & Collegiates*
 Steve Farris, D.Min., *Assistant Pastor for Outreach, Adult Education and Missions*
 Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries*



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010
10:00 A.M.

Worship/Childcare: For your comfort and that of others, childcare is provided for children under the age of four. Children 4 years old thru kindergarten may attend children's church in room 252. An usher will be glad to direct you to the childcare ministry located on the second floor.

*If you are able, please stand as indicated.
Hymn numbers are provided for songs found in *The Baptist Hymnal*.

Prelude	"St. Anne Fugue (O God Our Help in Ages Past)"	Bach
Welcome and Fellowship	John Wells, organ	
	Dr. Randall Adkisson	
*Hymn of Fellowship 231	"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"	MADRID
*Responsive Reading		Psalms 47:1-7
*Hymn of Praise 213	"We Will Glorify"	arr. Allen
*Song of Adoration	"Thou Art Worthy"	Mills
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
Testimony in Song	"In the Presence of Jehovah"	Davis
	Shana Pardue, soloist	
	WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD	
Sermon	"The Dance of Dead Men"	Dr. Adkisson
	Galatians 2:20	
*Commitment Hymn	"Untried Hymn (Come to Jesus)"	Rice
	WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING	
Offertory Prayer		Jim Viar
Worship with Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Music	"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"	Bach
	Bill Boyd, horn and John Wells, organ	
*Presentation of Offering		

*Doxology	"Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee"	HYMN TO JOY
	Sharing of Spiritual Decisions	
	WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD	
*Benediction		Dr. Adkisson
*Departing Chorus 657	"Go Out and Tell"	PLANO
*Postlude	"Melody of Melchior Vulpinus"	arr. Willan
	John Wells, organ	

	SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM	
Prelude		Instrumentalists
*Gathering Chorus	"Seek Ye First"	LAFERTY
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Praise	"O Worship the King"	arr. Tomlin
*Responsive Reading from Psalm 34		
*Song of Praise	"Blessed Be Your Name"	Redman
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
Testimony in Song	"I Bless Your Name"	Goodine
	Jonathan Enix	
Sermon		Dr. Adkisson
*Song of Commitment	"I Need Thee Every Hour"	arr. Cottrell
*Offertory Prayer		Howard Stephenson
Offertory Music	"Let There Be Glory, Honor, and Praises"	arr. Hayes
	Todd Arnold, pianist	
Sharing Spiritual Decisions		
Benediction		Dr. Adkisson
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Robert Fuller - Chief Deacon
Richard Cashion
Carl Johnson
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Carl Johnson

Wednesday Dinner - 07/14

NO MEAL

Extended Session - 07/11

Bed Babies - Becky Crosier, Carol Joyner

Creepers/Toddlers - Pat Hall, Shellie Warren

2's - Andrew & Kristie Hetzel

3's - Tim & Beth McReynolds

Budget

July 4, 2010

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$27,565.01
Difference from Goal	-\$1,173.64
Total Designated Gifts	\$716.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$28,281.01
Budget Goal to Date	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts to Date	\$27,565.01
Difference from Goal	-\$1,173.64
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$35,103.80
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$7,538.79
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$175.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,765,469.23

What a Roundup!

By Ann Hertzfeldt

If you noticed cowboy hats and jeans, yeehaws and howdys, and music that sounded like line dancing music last week don't get excited, it was VBS in full swing. From June 21st until 25th our church enjoyed VBS with *SaddleRidge Ranch - Need Answers - Ask God*. Each day the children sought the answers to questions like: Who am I? Does God care about me? What is God's plan for me? How can I be like Jesus? What do I do Now? Our VBS scripture came from James 1:5 "Now if any of you lack wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him."



This year we enrolled 214 children, including youth at night, and had 127 youth and adult leaders. Our average attendance was 293. Our leaders this year were fantastic. I so appreciate the willingness of our leaders to give up a week of their summer to share with our children about God's plan for them. Another reason for the great week of VBS that we had was our youth that volunteered. We have the most awesome group of youth anywhere. They were definitely an asset. Thank you youth and adult leaders!



In order to make a difference both at home and abroad we decided to split our missions offering between Mustard Seed Ranch and children's ministry in India. Our classes had a competition to see which group could raise the most money. The 1st and 2nd grade won the competition by bringing in \$335. We have \$1,000 to share with the two groups.

Thursday we closed our worship rally with Pastor Randy simply explaining the plan of salvation using the Evangecube. At the end of the service an invitation was offered and leaders were on hand to counsel those who made decisions. Sixteen children made a decision. We will be following up with these decisions in the next few weeks.



Family night was Thursday night with about 300 children and their families enjoying a hotdog supper and a worship rally. The children presented some of the music they had learned. During the offertory the children in grades 1-6 sang "Who He Says I AM". The preschool children sang "HAPPY" and "God has A Plan". Pam Farris shared with us about her vision for sharing the gospel with the children of the world, especially those in India. She shared the plan of salvation using the flip chart that they use in India with the children. After a closing prayer the children shared one of their favorite songs from the week, "Tumbleweed".



Judging by the smiles on the children's faces our VBS was a success! Now we are looking forward to next year when we will be visiting the *Big Apple*.

Soles for Soldiers

Members of First Baptist, Cookeville donated 130 pairs of shoes to the Veterans' Restoration Quarters in Asheville, North Carolina. On June 28 the Nelms family delivered them to the facility which houses 250 homeless veterans. Volunteer Coordinator Kelly Freeman will distribute the shoes to the grateful veterans.



Bulletin Board

HAPPY TRAVELERS



Cumberland Playhouse to see *TN USA!*

Tuesday, August 17

Lunch at Cumberland Mountain State Park

Cost per person is \$35 (includes lunch & show)
Bus will load at 10:45 a.m. & leave at 11:00 a.m.
Money is due at the Sunday, Aug. 8th luncheon.



The Cove, Billy Graham Training Center

Asheville, NC - Tues. & Wed., Oct. 12 & 13

Cost will be \$135 per person (2 to a room)

Sign up & pay \$70 deposit by August 29, 2010



CHILDREN

Terrific Tuesday

July 13

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Bowling World

Meet there. Cost is \$3.50 per game.



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Terrific Tuesday

July 20

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Gilley Pool in McMinnville

Children 3rd grade and below must have an adult with them. Cost is \$4. Bring your lunch or bring money to buy lunch at the snack bar. Sign up by July 18.

YOUTH

Cross Training

Wednesday, July 14

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Youth Dept.



Youth After Church Fellowship

Sun., July 18

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Krissi & Adam Cox's

Cross Training

Wed., July 21, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. at *Hidden Hollow*



Day at Nashville Shores

Thursday, July 22

9:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss a fun day at a great water park in Nashville.
Cost is \$20 plus money for food. Sign up by July 21.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, July 11

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
11:00 A.M. Sen. Adult Luncheon
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, July 12

1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Tuesday, July 13

8:45 A.M. MDO
1:00 P.M. Open Gym
Children to the Bowling Alley
7:30 P.M. Ruth Bible Study in Cafe

Wednesday, July 14

3:00 P.M. FLC Open
5:00 P.M. No Supper
6:00 P.M. Team Kid
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
Yth Cross Training
No Choir Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 8:00

Thursday, July 15

1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Friday, July 16

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Saturday, July 17

Sunday, July 18

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
4:30 P.M. Preschool/Children's S.S. Teacher's Mtg.-Chapel
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. YAC Fellowship @ Cox's

To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at www.fbccookeville.org.

Stewardship Verse

Generous giving always results in God's blessing.

"Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness."

(2 Cor. 9:10)



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