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Jesus on the 4th of July

We gather 'round to celebrate
On Independence Day
Pay homage to our country
As the children run and play.
With barbeques and picnics
And fireworks in the air
The flag we own is proudly flown
To show how much we care.

The stars and stripes spell freedom
She waves upon the breeze
While bursts of colors can be seen
Above the towering trees.
This is all quite wonderful
We revel in delight
But God above in divine love
Has brought this day to light.



With just a stroke of liberty
A touch of His great hand
He gave democracy to us
And helped this country stand.
The stripes upon our stately flag
Were touched by His sweet grace
Each star of white that shines so bright
Reflects His loving face

So as you turn to face the flag
For battles that were fought
Be filled with pride for those who died
And freedoms that were bought.
But don't forget to thank the one
That gives the bright display.

The reason why we paint the sky
On Independence Day.

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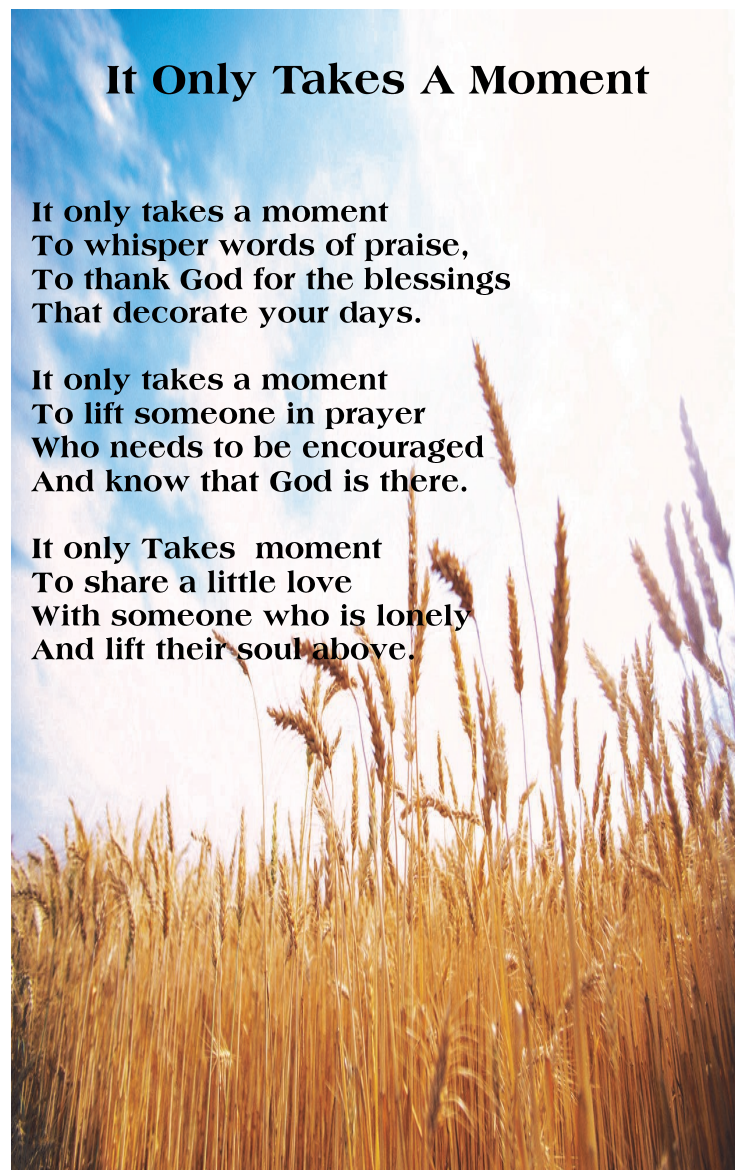
July 2012

It Only Takes A Moment

It only takes a moment
To whisper words of praise,
To thank God for the blessings
That decorate your days.

It only takes a moment
To lift someone in prayer
Who needs to be encouraged
And know that God is there.

It only Takes moment
To share a little love
With someone who is lonely
And lift their soul above.



The Prez Sez

We want to thank Roy and Mable for having Dr. Op Walker to show us how to look better in 10 days and how to eat to have better health. I don't know about you but I needed that information on better health.

We are looking forward to our July 8th luncheon. Inform and invite someone to join you on that day. We are always trying to reach others to share this day with, both at our services and at the luncheons.

Many of you are traveling to and from children, and many are having children coming to visit. This disrupts our routine however much we enjoy the activities. Remember to pray safe travel and maintain good health as we go about enjoying all these things the Lord has provided. We are a blessed people indeed to be able to enjoy a country where we are free to travel from coast to coast, not having to show papers or ask permission. And don't forget to remember our veterans this July for keeping us free. Freedom isn't free, someone paid the price, just as our Lord Jesus Christ paid for our right to have eternity with Him.

So get out, enjoy our beautiful world He has made for us, enjoy families and be safe. See you at the luncheon on July 8th.

We are all together on this
journey of life,
sharing each other`s joys
and sorrows.



55+ Luncheon

Covered Dish - July 8, 2012
After Morning Worship Service
All 55+ visitors are invited.
Program: Surprise!

Prayer List

Please remember the following in prayer:

Bethesda Nursing Home

Geraldine Alloway
Elizabeth Carlton
Doris Horn
Jewell Sliger (Van Sliger's Mother)

Cedar Hills Assisted Living Home

Violet Cate (Mother of Marilyn Overstreet)

Heritage Pointe

Winnie Clinton
June Mattson
Sara Stewart
Gaines Rogers (Cita Pickett's father)

Life Care (Sparta)

Bob Jones

Master's Health Care Center

Howard & Mildred Mahler
Polly Shanks
Minnie Clouse (Barbara Clouse's mother-in-law)
Doris Ramsey
Arlene Powers

Morningside Assisted Living Home

Gene Dunn
Dorothy Mullinix
Kenneth Wilson

NHC

Faye Curry
Dee Smith
Irene McCall (Mother of Steve McCall)

Webb House (Smithville)

Fay Ramsay

The following are at home and need our prayers for their health, comfort, recovery.

Johnny Curry
Barbara Means
Tom Nixon
Kathern Owens
Madie Ruth Russell
Dinah Spilman
Shorty Winningham
Freda Crowley
James Madewell

If you know of anyone who is not on this list, please notify the church office.



OFF WE GO - INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER

The bus is filled, some are following the bus and since this is being written before our trip has taken place, I still don't know where we are going.....Charlie says east, north, south or west. I am sure we will have a great time.

The Townsend Mission trip is July 8-14 and Brenda Boyington is in charge. We have 15 staying in the Lodge, and some at the KOA. We will put on a daily VBS type program in the morning for the children in the campground who wish to participate. Each evening we will put on a different program for the families. Monday is BINGO, Tuesday is *Everybody's Birthday*, Wednesday is *Family Fun Faceoff*, and Thursday we run a *County Fair* with sno-cones, popcorn, games and prizes. Friday finds Steve and Pam Farris doing *Fisherman Peter*. We want to thank all who helped to put this week together. Many have done things in preparation before this week of events. Wednesday, a group of us from the Townsend trip will venture over to Chestnut Hill and see how Bush Beans are made and eat in their café.

August will find you sitting in the comfort of your home because we cancelled the COVE trip due to lack of interest.

Connie Hawkins 261-0861 Reservations and payment
Church Office: 526-7108 Reservations and payment
Pam Vasseur 525-6052 Home or 525-6086 Cell information ONLY

Activities Schedule

July 6	Fun Friday	9:30 a.m.
July 8	55+ Luncheon - After Morning Worship	
July 8 - 14	Townsend Mission Trip	
July 13	Fun Friday	9:30 a.m.
July 20	Fun Friday	9:30 a.m.
July 27	Fun Friday	9:30 a.m.
Aug. 3	Fun Friday	9:30 a.m.

RESCUE MISSION

Tuesday, May 29th, a team from the Seekers Sunday School class served a spaghetti dinner to approximately 37 including residents and team at the Rescue Mission. Jim & Joy Mitchell headed up the team with Dona Viar, Pat Chancy, Jim & Judy Clay helping. We all cooked, served, cleaned, laughed, and enjoyed visiting with each other and the residents. Dolores Langford, Kay Grider & Juanita Brown baked delicious cakes which were enjoyed by all. After dinner, Jim Mitchell presented a short devotion and then Judy Clay sang a couple of songs. Keith Emrich brought a message on "remembering"—the things we do and don't remember. Things and people with great impact upon our lives and the people whose lives we impact. One action/deed can have a far reaching effect on one person or many people and for much longer than we would ever imagine. Look at Jesus' sacrifice. Salvation was made free to all who would believe and accept through this one final sacrifice for sin. The one thing we all should remember is that "Jesus loves us and gave His life for us." Larry Self closed by leading in praying the "sinner's prayer". It was a great evening. The residents (men, women and 2-3 children) expressed their appreciation for the food and service.

What a blessing it is to be a part of this ministry!

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

First Baptist has the opportunity to lead a devotional at Morningside Health Care the 4th Monday of each month at 10:00am. You choose the devotional material to share with anywhere from 2-15 folks. You will be blessed as you encourage and bless others.

Still a chance to go.....!

TOWNSEND MISSION TRIP

We are now preparing for the Townsend Mission Trip

July 8-14, 2012.

We invite others to go with us.

MISSION

Park View School

Items for School Nurse:

Band aids

Hydrogen Peroxide

Cotton Swabs

Chap Stick

Antibacterial wipes

Item for Classroom

Kleenex

Antibacterial wipes

Dry erase markers

Please bring these items to the luncheon or give to Ann Hertzfeldt in the church office.

Thank you for providing for this mission opportunity.