

WANTED!! MDA Donations

The Muscular Dystrophy Association "Independence Lock-up" is coming up on Thursday, June 26. For those of you that have never heard of this, it is simply a fundraiser for MDA. Pastor Rick and Sandi Bishop have both been "issued a warrant." MDA will pick us up from the church at 9:00 AM. We need your help "raising our bail". If you would like to help, we would appreciate it. Please make checks payable to MDA, and give your donations directly to Rick or Sandi. Thanks.
www.mdaevent.org

School Supply Drive

Each summer we partner with Caring Communities to collect school supplies for children in our surrounding neighborhoods. This year we want to start early. If you would like to donate school supplies, we will be collecting them every Sunday, or you can bring them to the office during the week. Thanks for your support!

**Church Canoe Trip
Saturday & Sunday,
July 26 & 27.
More information to come**

"O Lord ... the day is yours, and yours also the night; you established the sun and moon. It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter." -- Psalm 74: 16-17 (NIV)

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Windermere is turning 50 this year!

Windermere Baptist Conference Center will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a special weekend of activities on September 19-20, 2008. The staff is collecting memories of experiences at the camp. If you would like to share your remembrances with them, please send them via email to:

windermere50@windermereusa.org.

If you would like to join them for their special celebration in September, call toll-free for reservations at: 1-800-346-2215 ext. 2001.

Food Pantry Needs

The food pantry is in need of paper sacks.
Thanks!!

We are looking for volunteers to serve on Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 am to noon. Volunteers would manage the food pantry for those two hours. Distributing sacks of groceries as people come in. Call the office if you are interested.

Call on us when you have a need:

Pastor – Rick Jordan (cell phone 885-1297)
Minister to Students – Ken Johnson
Minister of Worship – Brenda Sanders
JOY Choir Director – Randy Parks
Administrative Assistant – Sandi Bishop

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June 22, 2008

Quarterly Mission & Vision Review

Wednesday,
July 16,
7:00 PM
In the
Worship Center

Join us as we look at the
present and future
of our church.

PASTOR'S NOTE

Family,

I am grateful for everybody who joined in the May 31st workday. You accomplished much good. I am grateful to our youth group for leading us in worship June 1st, and especially for their powerful dramatic presentation. I am grateful for everybody who helped with the June 7th Block Party and Eastern Jackson County Christian Music Festival. I am grateful for everybody who participated in an energized, delightful, and sometimes wet Vacation Bible School. And I am grateful for Debbie Peterson, who shouldered the treasurer position for eight months while also working full time AND being a mom and a wife and a student. WOW Debbie.

I am grateful for Ken Johnson's June 1st sermon, during which he gave us a guided tour of this past year's youth group activities and emphases while at the same time issuing several well-aimed challenges to us. One challenge had to do with giving. Ken, if I accurately recall your words relative to stewardship, you told us that, even if we do not tithe, we need to give something; we need to start somewhere. I agree with your words. If accelerating from 0% of your income to 10% of your income (tithing) is too much for you, at least start giving. And do not give because the church needs the money. Give because God wants you to and because it's good for you and because giving acknowledges that everything you have and are belongs to God in the first place.

I am grateful for vacation! Carla, Amanda, and I will be gone July 7-13. Thank you Tony Herrman for leading "Refresh and Renew" Bible study on July 9. And thank you Mark Crosby for preaching on July 13.

We received a letter from Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association interim director of missions Dean Preuett. I've known Dean for years and have high regard for him. He's a friend of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. AND he holds the most impressive sounding job title I believe I've ever run across...BRKCBAIDOM. Dean tells us the associational nominating committee is soliciting new members for various associational committees. This could be a good opportunity for you to broaden yourself and invest in Baptist life beyond our own family. Contact me if you are interested.

We're still prayerfully seeking an individual or a couple to lead a young adult ministry. If you have the faintest tug or itch, contact me pronto so that we can start praying together about what God might be saying and doing.

We ALWAYS have guests on Sunday mornings. And we ALWAYS have a bottleneck following worship. Use that bottleneck as an opportunity to seek out people you do not recognize. Introduce yourself. If they are visiting, encourage them to fill out a visitor's card.

July 6th we are beginning a new Sunday morning sermon series entitled "Be-Attitudinal Christianity." Yes, it's on the beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12).

I trust you are experiencing joy and meaning in our journey together as a church. I certainly am.

Blessings,
Rick

Youth Happenins' Youth Camp - July 21-26

We want to thank everyone who has given toward Youth Summer Camp. Because of your support our Youth group will have an amazing time at camp next month. We look forward to their testimonies when they return. Please pray for the Youth, the Youth leaders, StudentLife camp and for safe travel.