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SKYWRITER

From the Pastor's Desk

by Rev. John Freeland

It's August, and August brings us to our eighth fruit of God's Holy Spirit, Gentleness. Think for a moment of gentleness... I bet you thought of something similar to meekness or kindness, or maybe humility. Maybe you thought of a person who is kind and soft spoken; one who rarely speaks harshly. Well, if that's what you thought you have a good understanding of part of Gentleness. But Gentleness must also allow room for boldness and even confrontation. As a fruit of the Holy Spirit, Gentleness cannot be contrary to the nature of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is both bold and confrontational when necessary. Think about Jesus in the Temple driving out the moneychangers with a whip. That's pretty bold, and it's definitely confrontational.

My grandfathers were two very different people, but both exhibited Gentleness. Granddaddy, my father's father, was a dentist. I thought he was the greatest man on earth! Granddaddy was one of those men who was in bed by 9pm

and up by 5am. The highlight of his day was coming home to work in the garden. I used to spend summers with them, and most of what I know about gardening, I learned from him. He always made me feel like somebody special. Granddaddy didn't mind bringing correction when it was needed, but I never heard him speak harshly. However, when he spoke, everyone listened – including his opinionated and strong-willed wife. When he passed away several of his patients came by to pay their outstanding dental bills. Some had been delinquent for over a year. My father simply refused the money and canceled their debt – much like Granddaddy would have done.

My mother's father also exhibited gentleness. We called him Papa. He too was a gardener, and I spent many days in the garden with him as well. Papa was a highwayman. He actually worked with Linda's grandfather for the DOT in Gainesville.

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**ARTICLES FOR
SEPTEMBER SKYWRITER
DUE AUGUST 15**

FRIDAY NIGHT FIRE

Come worship in the freedom and joy of the Holy Spirit on August 6 at 7:00pm. A light supper will be served at 6:15pm in the dining area



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From the Pastor's Desk continued

The two were very good friends and neighbors. He didn't have much of an education, but he was a smart man. I never heard him speak an unkind word. He was even polite to the pigs. The only thing I remember him being stern and forceful about was the well. It was one of those old fashioned ones with a bucket tied to the end of a rope. You know the kind where everyone drank from the same dipper. We little ones were not allowed near it. Apparently, he didn't like the thought of fishing out one of his grandchildren. Papa didn't take kindly to those who spoke ill of others. He was a simple man who tinkered with everything. He didn't have to worry about anyone stealing his car or his tractor. No one could. He had tinkered with them both so much that only he could get them started.

Now that I've talked about these two wonderful men, allow me to say this. Being gentle does not mean you have the fruit of Gentleness. The Fruit of Gentleness comes from the Holy Spirit. I hope you will join us every Sunday in August as we explore scripture to understand the fruit of Gentleness.

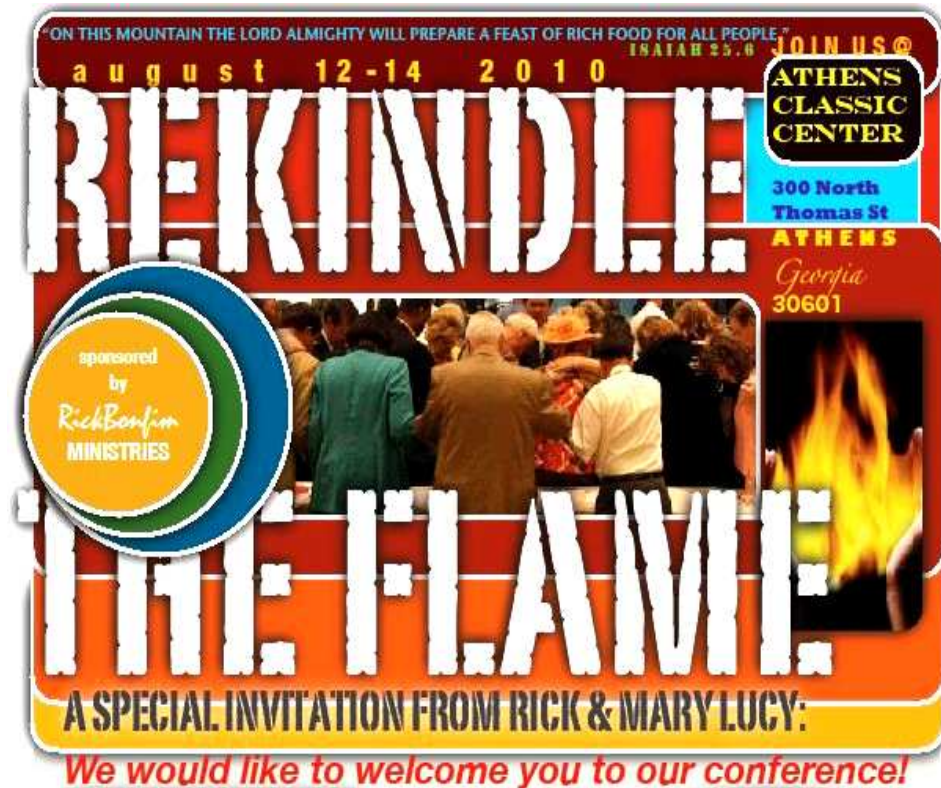
Your servant,



Weekly Attendance			
Date	Small Groups	10:00 Service	11:00 Service
6/27	63	45	55
7/4	66	53	57
7/11	64	49	57
7/18	61	42	60

Offerings			
Date	Mile of Pennies	General Funds	Designated Funds
6/27	4.00	4875.00	1,600.00
7/4	5.30	6,811.96	271.00
7/11	44.00	6,567.18	6,327.27
7/18	6.70	4,768.00	3,065.36


Designated Funds	
Evangelism	600.00
Youth Ministry	1,000.00
Good Samaritan	16.00
Sarah Olds Missionary	150.00
Ken Freeman Memorial	7,470.00
Library (Sarah Caldwell)	25.00
Property Maintenance	72.27
Q. Pirkle Memorial	1,485.00
Choir	10.00
Children's Ministry - Freeman	50.00
Children's Ministry - Q. Pirkle	50.00
Postage	15.00
Utilities	50.00
MOP Interest - Missions	245.36
Hugh Jackson Memorial	25.00



It is our prayer that this encounter will be a precedent that will stand for years to come. Rekindle the Flame provides an atmosphere for the presence of God to move freely. We eagerly anticipate your registration, hoping that you will attend this year. Taking part in all programs offered including a dynamic portion for youth. Online registration is available at www.latterrain.com or call (706) 353-1546.



We are so blessed to have Skyland as our church family. You are helping us through a very sad time. We thank you for your prayers, flowers, cards, food, and all of your help in caring for our family from out of town. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. - The Ken Freeman Family



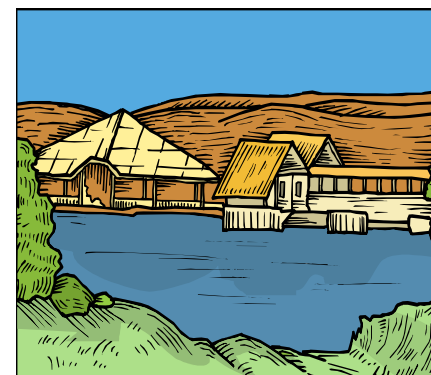
Prayer Walk

Join the Witness Committee for the next Prayer Walk on **Tuesday, August 3 at 7:00pm**. Please meet outside the Chapel doors - rain or shine! If you are unable or would prefer not to walk, please come and pray for us in the Chapel.

Lay Leadership Meetings

August 16	September 13
August 23	September 20
August 30	September 27

It's that time of year again for us to start thinking and praying about our leadership team for year 2011. Several meetings have been scheduled. Hopefully we will not need all of them. Each meeting will begin at 7:00pm in the church library.



The Young Adult Fellowship will be going to the Baumann's lake house at Lake Sinclair on **Saturday, August 21 from 9am - 9pm** for a day of fun in the sun, rest, and good food. Bring your bathing suits, towels, and a few friends. You can swim in the lake, relax by the water on the covered dock, cook-out, or just chill inside with friends. Please RSVP by Monday, August 16 with Kristen Wages (404) 323-7221. Watch the Sunday bulletins and your email for directions and more details. Hope to see you there!