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**Making Disciples  
 of All Nations**

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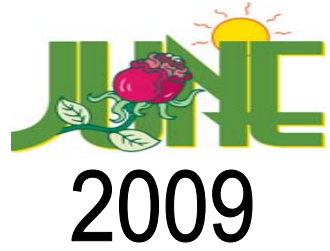
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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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| <b>6/1</b> Joe & Jo Mull        | <b>6/11</b> Mitchell Snipes    |
| Dave & Evelyn Smith             |                                |
| <b>6/3</b> Pete & Kristen Wages | <b>6/21</b> Stephen Pirkle     |
|                                 | Quentin & Martha Pirkle        |
| <b>6/5</b> Laura Walsh          | <b>6/23</b> Margie Morgan      |
| <b>6/6</b> Tom & Mary Foster    | <b>6/24</b> Maryalison Salosky |
| <b>6/7</b> Keith Ellis          | <b>6/27</b> Janet Walsh        |
| Chad Norman                     | Christine Boyd                 |
| <b>6/8</b> Jim & Helen Pirkle   | <b>6/28</b> Russell Wages      |
| <b>6/10</b> Tom Palmer          | <b>6/29</b> Evelyn Smith       |
| Sarah Wages                     |                                |

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Martyne Gilleland, Hugh Jackson, Carolyn Mull, Helen Buffington, Blackie Black, Faye Freeland, Lois Ellis, Bonnie Ellis, Dave & Evelyn Smith, Mildred Holt, Margaret Barnwell, Velma Jackson, Rhoda Hall, Van Smith, Pam Johnston, Sgt. Benjamin Stewart, Jinnifer Hoyla, Shirley Bryant, Bill O'Donald, Jan Boehn, Jeenece O'Donald, Chris Barber, Jean Bennett, Margo Kilpatrick, Edna Williams, Kay Whaley, Sally Foster, Winnie Zink, Maude O'Donald Michelle Barnette



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**ARTICLES FOR  
 JULY SKYWRITER  
 DUE JUNE 14**

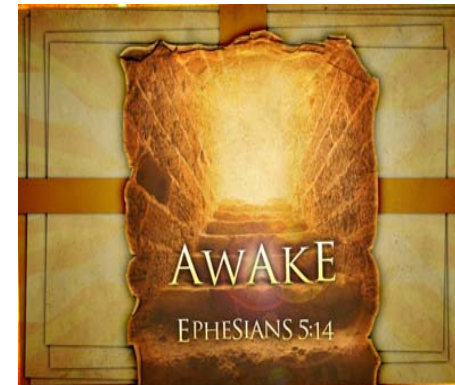


*Join us for prayer  
 in the sanctuary on  
 Tuesday nights  
 at 7:00 p.m.*

**SKYWRITER**

**From the Pastor's Desk**

*by Rev. John Freeland*



Sometimes, it doesn't take much to ruin your day. Saturday, it was the ball-bearings on my treadmill that brought me to a grinding halt. Yesterday, it was a flat tire on my Explorer that left me breathless. For the last five years, it has been a desk drawer. The slides on the file drawer in my desk have been worn out for years. After five years I couldn't take it anymore, so I ordered new slides. Slides are the "rails" that have ball-bearings in them to help the drawer slide easily out of the desk. The ball-bearings in my desk's slides lost their ability to slide a long long time ago. Opening my desk drawer was less of a problem than closing it. The force necessary to close the drawer created the expectation that the whole desk would tumble down. It takes even less than these things to ruin one's spiritual life. Each of the examples above is negative, but each one is relatively

minor. A broken treadmill is a minor thing compared to a broken leg, for example. A flat tire is minor compared to a broken axel. Desk drawer slides are minor compared to unemployment. In our spiritual lives, however, it is not always the negatives that ruin us. Sometimes it is the positives. Maybe you've heard the saying, "Some folks God can't keep, 'less they poor." When everything is going along well, we tend to let God sit in the back seat (and we hate back-seat drivers).

Looking at the world today causes us to realize that all is not well. The economy, strife among nations, political divisions, and declining morality all cause us concern. What then does it take to bring the Church in America back to prayer? Prayer is the ball-bearings of our spiritual life. Prayer is the air in our spiritual tires. Why don't we pray more? Tuesday nights at 7:00pm we gather in the sanctuary for prayer. Usually, it's just a few of us, but that's better than none of us! Dr T.A. Pierson said, "There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in *united* prayer." (*emphasis added*)

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**From the Pastor's Desk cont'd.**

The Israelites, during the time of the Judges, ran a cycle of apostasy – oppression – repentance – deliverance. This same cycle can be seen in the history of the United States. Right now, we are teetering on the edge of apostasy – oppression. Do we really want to wait for economic oppression to worsen before we turn to God in prayer?

Every great revival began as a small prayer gathering of three or four people. That's what Tuesday night at Skyland is: a small prayer gathering preceding a great revival. I want to be a part of that.

The Second Great Awakening (1792-1800), which swept two continents, began when Isaac Backus called a few men together for prayer. The revival of 1858-1860 began when Jeremiah Lamphier started a prayer meeting with a group of

businessmen in a small room of the Dutch Reformed Church in Manhattan. Is it possible that the history books will record that the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Great Awakening began when Karlee Baumann suggested meeting for prayer in the Skyland Sanctuary? I want to be part of that – not for the sake of the historical record, but for the sake of spiritual renewal!

Don't sell the united prayer of a few short. There is power in united prayer. My question is, "Where are you?" What do you have going on that you can't give even one Tuesday night a month to prayer. There are several who have given every Tuesday night for the past four months! Why? It has *not* been for the sake of reward or even for the sake of revival. They desire time with God. Every great spiritual movement has been born from that desire – the desire to

spend time with God. Perhaps you are physically unable to join us on Tuesday nights. Join us in spirit. Turn off the TV and pray at home from 7:00 – 9:00pm.

Are your spiritual ball-bearings "shot?" Has the air gone out of your spiritual tires? What is your heart's desire? The cause of one's spiritual ruin is less of an issue than one's spiritual return. Don't be fooled into thinking this article is simply a creative invitation to Tuesday prayer. This is an invitation to a spiritual awakening! "Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." (Eph 5:14 NASB)

Your servant,



**Weekly Attendance & Offerings**

	4/26	5/3	5/10	5/17
Small Groups	68	67	60	68
10:00 Service	50	46	60	50
11:00 Service	53	44	43	55
Mile of Pennies	11.70	27.80	20.10	39.40
General Funds	4,145.90	7,034.00	3,273.94	5,895.50
Designated Funds	611.86	532.60	35.00	25.00

**Designated Funds**

FNF Supper/Evangelism	43.00
Global Ministry	543.93
Property Maintenance	212.53
Good Samaritan	25.00
Postage	35.00
Choir Treasury	10.00
Jessica's Scholarship	300.00
Wesley Woods Offering	10.00
Flowers	25.00



Our 10th Annual Block Party will be held on Saturday, June 6 from 5-8pm. Setup will begin at noon – Many hands needed

There will be moonwalks, face painting, a dunk tank, snow cones, music, raffle prizes, as well as food – all FREE! Come meet and greet our neighbors. Also, we need people to sign up for a 1-hr shift to man the different stations (Moonwalk, Ninja Train). Remember to wear red!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 10TH – JUNE 14TH  
9AM – NOON

If you have a child who has completed Kindergarten - 5th grade, Crocodile Dock VBS is for you! It's FREE! Invite your friends and prepare to have a Swamp Stompin good time! For more info, call Andy at (404) 634-6209



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Stephanie Earnest, Masters in Education - Mercer University



**Fun for Seniors**

The Sky Angels will meet on June 11 at 11:45 a.m. in the dining area. Please bring a covered dish to share and join us for some good food, fellowship and a fun-filled afternoon of Bingo.

**Youth Summer Camp**

Skyland Youth UNITE is heading to camp in Covington, GA June 22-26. At camp we will focus on living a lifestyle of true worship towards God. We are in need of counselors and scholarships. If you are interested in helping out or feel led to sponsor a child, please call Andy as soon as possible at (404) 634-6209.