



HUNTSVILLE HERALD

PASTOR'S PEN—BY RON HYMER

As Jesus was approaching the Cross He drew near to Jerusalem and “wept over it”. And then he utters these words: *“For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”* (Luke 19: 43-44) How is it that the majority of people in Jesus’ day did not recognize they were in the presence of God in

the flesh. They had no idea that God was doing something very special in their midst in spite of all the evidence. Do we realize when God is doing something in our midst? These are exciting days in which we live. God has given us a tremendous opportunity to impact our community and reach people for Christ. Let us not be so tied to the past and the material and physical that we miss what God has for us.

I am reminded of the words of the apostle Paul when he met Christ on the road to Damascus, *“Lord, what do You want me to do?”*

(Acts 9:6) This is a question each one of us should ask. In light of what God is doing in our church and community, what would He have you to do? As each of us respond to His leadership He will do those *“great and mighty things”* (Jer. 33:3) promised in His World.

Please pray as summer quickly approaches and Vacation Bible School nears. What a great opportunity lies before us.

I trust I shall see you Sunday.
Your Pastor and Friend,
Bro. Ron



Vacation Bible School
June 1-5
12:30-5:00 p.m.

“It All Comes Back to Jesus” - 1 John 4:9

Volunteers are needed, so please contact the Co-Directors:
Elvina Cunningham or Joyce Powell
to see where you can work.

Be sure to pre-register at www.huntsvillefirstbaptist.org
or contact the church office at 277-4687.

WMU Corner - - - - -

by Dora May Craven

We are finishing our Church year and planning a new year, so I thought you might like to be reminded of the prayer times, the learning times and the giving times that YOU made happen this past year.

PRAYER TIMES:

- Steve & Alice Quarles and Family as they serve in Romania
- Aaron Summers and his students; and his parents as they traveled to Indonesia
- FBC hosted the Crossroads Associational World Day of Prayer in November of 2008
- State Missionaries especially Bro. George Roach and Vivian McCaughan at the State Conference
- International Missionaries in Videos
- North American Missionaries
- Bro. Damian & Lorri Phillips and the Missions adventure coming up in August

LEARNING TIMES:

- Missouri Baptist Children’s Home by James Morrow (State Missionary)
- Missions Night sharing by Aaron Summers about Indonesia
- Foreign Mission Fest with study of Venezuela
- Video presentation of Hot Spring, SD

and the needs of the church there that will be a part of the upcoming Mission Trip

GIVING TIMES:

- Christmas in August ‘08 for the Quarles family—Approximately \$1000
- State Missions in September ‘08—\$1502 (goal was \$1200)
- Diapers and baby items for Mo. Baptist Children’s Home
- Operation Christmas Child (Shoebboxes) 37 boxes were filled and delivered in November ‘08
- International Missions Offering (Lottie Moon) - \$5500 (goal was \$4800)
- January “Souper Bowl” large grocery cart of soup, peanut butter and jelly was taken to Christos Center in Moberly for local distribution
- 17 personal hygiene kits were prepared for migrant workers in Missouri and taken to the State Language Missionary
- Love offering was sent to Aaron Summers and one of his student, Sonja for their Mission Trip held recently in Indonesia
- North American Missions Offering (Annie Armstrong) - \$2175 (goal was \$2000)

Again we went over all three of our

goals for State, North American and International Missions. Thanks to everyone who participated in special prayer, study and giving for our Missions projects during this past Church Year. Many individual and family lives have been touched by your generous support and giving hearts.

As Christians, we are “Called to Love”. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.” *Matthew 22:37-39*

Mission Project: We will be taking up a love offering during May for Steve & Alice Quarles and their family. I think they are planning to come back to Huntsville this fall and in the last letter I received they are planning to build a church building for the “Church family” they have been building in Romania. From their letter:

“We have been thinking and praying about when to come to the U.S. for a visit. Not only do we want to see you all, but we need to communicate what God is doing among us and some of the needs we have. Right now, we don’t have enough money to make the trip so we will try to write more emails and letters to keep you updated.”

Pray for the Quarles and pray about what you can give to help them as they minister in Romania and as they plan to return to Huntsville for a visit.

Mission Trip to Hot Springs, South Dakota

August 10-15

Please be praying for all those that will be attending.

Trip to the St. Louis Zoo

**Saturday, May 9
Leave at 8:30 a.m.**



When was the last time you went to the zoo? We are planning a trip on May 9 and would like you to go with us! A picnic lunch will be provided, however you must sign up on the bulletin board in the overflow area, so we will know how many to plan on. This trip is for all ages!!!!

**Senior Adults Trip
Thursday, May 14**

The Senior Adults will travel to Deviance, Missouri to tour the home and grounds of Daniel Boone. Anyone wishing to go on the trip, must sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please see Mamie Johnson if you have any questions.

Congratulations to the Graduates!

High School Senior

Wade Emerson - Graduating from Salisbury High School (Son of Brent & Karen Emerson & Grandson of Doug Emerson & Jerry & Viola Cross)

Plans to attend Ozark Technical College in Springfield, MO

College Graduates

Angela Walker - Graduate of Texas A & M Master’s of Mathematics

May Calendar of Events

3	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Bridal Shower for Whitney Kertz & Jason Lewis	2:00 p.m.
	Church Council	4:00 p.m.
	Truth Project (last session)	5:00 p.m.
	Evening Worship Service	6:30 p.m.
	Sr. High Youth Group	6:30–8:00 p.m.
5	Truth Project (last session)	
6	Monthly Business Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	Jr. High Youth Group	6:30–8:00 p.m.
9	Trip to St. Louis Zoo (meet in Trask Hall)	8:30 a.m.
10	MOTHER'S DAY	
	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Westran Bacculaureate	3:00 p.m.
	Evening Worship Service	6:30 p.m.
13	Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Jr. High Youth Group	6:30–8:00 p.m.
14	Senior Adults trip to Deviance, MO	
16	Baby Shower for Casey & Katie Cunningham	2:00 p.m.
17	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Westran High School Graduation	2:00 p.m.
	Evening Worship Service	6:30 p.m.
	Sr. High Youth Group	6:30–8:00 p.m.
20	Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Jr. High Youth Group	6:30–8:00 p.m.
21	Last day of school at Westran	
24	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Evening Worship Service	6:30 p.m.
25	MEMORIAL DAY - Office closed	
27	Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
	Jr. High Youth Group	6:30–8:00 p.m.
31	Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
	Church Council Meeting	5:00 p.m.
	Evening Worship Service	6:30 p.m.



**Bridal Shower for
Whitney Kertz & Jason Lewis**
Sunday, May 3 at 2:00 p.m.
Held in Trask Hall
(Everyone is invited to attend)

May Birthday's

- 1 George Case
- 2 Robert Hurt
- 4 Kay Kilgore
- 8 Robert Greenfield
- 10 Thelma Merry & Bud Owens
- 11 Vickie Lewis
- 13 Buddy Myers
- 14 Elizabeth Lippelman
- 15 Rick Kertz
- 17 Pearl Gipson
- 19 Vera Nelson
- 24 Brynden Moore
- 27 Kelly Odneal
- 28 Barbara Pierce
- 29 Terri Johnson
- 31 Jordan Summers & Gayle Wilson

May Anniversary's

- 9 Mr. & Mrs. Leo Howard
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Rob Berry
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. George Long
- 20 Bro. Ron & Kathy Hymer
- 20 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Crutchfield
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Bud Owens
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. Craig Cunningham

Bottle Drive with Life Network of Central Missouri Begins on Mother's Day—Sunday, May 10.

Life Network will provide the empty baby bottles for the congregation to take home and fill with spare change, cash or checks!

Baby Bottle Boomerang can provide: A free ultrasound and medical consultation for a woman contemplating abortion, pregnancy education, birth control education, medical & community referrals, Bible studies, parenting classes with material rewards, and more- all in a Christ centered atmosphere! Be sure to pick up your bottle and start collecting. The Bottle Drive will end on Father's Day, June 21. If you have any questions, please see Leslie Keeney.



Baby Shower in Trask Hall for Casey & Katie Cunningham Saturday, May 16

Everyone is invited to attend!

"They know it is a GIRL!!!!!"



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NOTE FROM AARON SUMMERS

Dear Church Family, Well, I'm back. This year's Sea Tribe trip was just as amazing or more amazing than last year. We planted tons of seeds in places where nothing was alive and growing. Only God knows what fruit will come from our short stint of labor, but I have a strong feeling there will be an abundance at harvest time. Watching and working with our students is definitely the highlight for me.

Our students really are remarkable. They have hearts and passions and talents and joy and wholesome fun that just blows me away. To be apart of shaping and molding their lives is very humbling and rewarding. Hopefully, in a couple months when I return for the summer I'll have some things to share and show. I'm looking forward to being back with you for some time to rest, relax, and be restored. Thank you for the many prayers and generous support for this significant event in my life, in students lives, and in the lives of the multitudes of people who have never heard the Good News. God bless you all, Aaron Summers



Relay for Life - June 5 & 6 *"Celebrating 25 Years of Hope"*

The American Cancer Society saves lives by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by finding cures and by fighting back. As Relay for Life celebrates its 25th year, you can help be a part of this world-wide movement to end cancer.

This year's relay will take place from 6:00 pm on June 5th to 8:00 am on June 6th at the Larry K. Noel Stadium in Moberly. We have a great team assembled: Carol Summers (Team Captain), Vickie Lewis, Donna Young, Nicole Summers, Joyce Powell, David Gipson, Tara Barger, Elvina Cunningham, Laura Holloway, Sandra Rinehart, Sondra Vaughan, Phyllis Campbell and Buddy Myers.

The Survivor Lap will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday, followed by games, food, music, fellowship and fun. The Luminary Ceremony/fireworks show takes place at 9:00 pm. Our tent will be decorated with a 25th anniversary theme (lots of silver) and feature "Sweet Shoppe" items for a donation.

Please get involved in this year's relay by: praying, donating, purchasing luminaries, contributing to the "Sweet Shoppe", walking laps and attending the Relay for Life Dinner to be held at Trask Hall (date yet to be determined). Contact Carol Summers at 660-277-4780 for more information.