

THE POINTER

A publication of Stony Point Christian Church

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Morning Worship	8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School	9:50 a.m.

Attendance for Sunday, July 12, 2009:

Morning Worship 228
Sunday School 126

Offering for Sunday, July 12, 2009:

General Fund \$3,695.50
Other Funds \$1,152.50

THOSE BLESSED BY SERVING THE LORD ON SUNDAY, July 19, 2009

ELDERS: 1^s Steve Heffley & John Jones

2nd Jack Jarratt & Craig Delich

CHAPEL: 1st John Jones 2nd Craig Delich

DEACONS:

1st Homer Collier, Steve Grinter, Jason Hill, Bob Bradwell, John Wareham, Dwight Welton, Carl Tucker, Rod Zugelder

2nd John Cannon, Jason Filbeck, Jeremy Willey, Larry Fletcher, Steve Herring, Robert Manthei, Tim Norris, Eldon Barnes

DEACONESSES: Jenny Golden, Reida Szewc, Kallie Szewc, Barbara Berry, Diana Whittington, Eva Callahan, Miranda Filbeck

VIDEO TECH: Troy Reed

GREETERS:

1st **Front:** Carol & Sharan Hamman

1st **Back:** Jake & Carol McKinley

2nd **Front:** Jason Filbeck Family

NURSERY:

1st **Crib:** Melanie Edwards

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Tressa Richardson

2nd **Crib:** Susan Kuzmic & Kailan Kizmic

WEE WORSHIP: Darlene Macleod & Taylor

TRANSPORTATION: Eldon Barnes

HOSPITALIZED: None at this time

Talent Show/Concert In The Park

This year we plan to do something a little different for the Concert in the Park during the last Sweet Summer Sunday Night on July 26. We plan to have a Talent/Variety Show! We would love to have singing (solos or groups), musicians (solos or groups), comedy or even special talents such as juggling, dancing, etc. We plan to have a stage and sound system set up and we can even help coordinate musician backup if you need it or you can use accompaniment tracks. If anyone is interested in doing one or more acts, please contact Pat Hoyes at pat_moondog@hotmail.com or call him at 913-220-5445. Let's show how much talent our church family has!!!!

TRANSPORTATION TRIP PLANNED

On Saturday, July 18, the Transportation Committee has planned an outing to City Market and the Steam Boat Arabia Museum. We will leave the church at 9:00 and return approximately around 1:00. There is no cost for the bus, however for those who would like to tour the museum, the cost is \$12.50 per person. If you have questions or would like to reserve your spot please contact Eldon Barnes at 913-244-2906 or the office.

PARENTS MEETING FOR CIY is scheduled on Sunday July 19, after second service in the lounge. Everyone attending this event should be present at this meeting!

EVANGELISM MEETING is scheduled for Monday, July 27 at 6:00. All those involved in this ministry should plan to attend. Anyone wanting to become a part of this ministry is invited to attend.

Bill's View

Four Bitter Words

The buzz that was so prevalent in the city has died down. The Feast is over. Pilgrims are going home. The horrific executions were completed on Friday. The masses no longer teem in the streets. Everything is back to normal. Luke's gospel records this event. It is "normal," but it is sad for two followers of Jesus. They are walking back to Emmaus from Jerusalem. It is a seven mile walk, but it must feel like a "forever" journey. You see, the hopes and dreams of these men are now sealed in a tomb. Jesus, the one that would redeem Israel, is dead. They meet a stranger on the road. This stranger wants to know the topic of discussion. They are incredulous. "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" The man pleads ignorance and then Cleopas and his traveling companion relate to him the story of Jesus. Jesus was the one that had done and could do so much. The chief priests and leaders, though, crucified him. Then Cleopas utters some of the most bitter words in the English language, "but we had hoped." They had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. They had hoped he was the deliverer. They had hoped. Now, though, hope was lying in a borrowed tomb.

"But we had hoped..." Those words drip with the frustration and sadness of disappointment and despair. Some of you might be familiar with these four bitter words.

The situation at home is deteriorating fast, but we had hoped...

The prognosis isn't very good, but we had hoped...

She says she doesn't love me, but I had hoped....

The treatment isn't working as well as it could, but we had hoped...

What do we do when dreams are dashed and hope seems to be buried? Let's revisit the story from Luke's gospel. The two travelers told the stranger their story. They even relayed the message of the women who said he was alive, but they relate, too, that the disciples who went to the tomb did not see him. The story takes almost all of the journey. They men urge the stranger to stay with them. It was, after all, nearly dark. He decides to stay. When they sat down to eat the stranger prayed and broke bread. Then, it happened. Their eyes were opened and they realized that the stranger to whom they had poured out their hearts was the Lord himself! Then, he disappeared.

What does that tell us? Simply this. When hope seems to be gone and all is lost, don't quit believing. Continue to trust. Hang in there. It is quite possible, as it was for these two travelers, that Jesus may be nearer than you think.

NEW BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!

Craig Delich will begin a new study on "Timothy and Titus: Do As You Have Heard" on August 2 running through October 18. If you would like a study guide, please contact Craig Delich at 334-1521. Make plans to attend now!!!

MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS in Branson will be on November 14 and 15. Ticket and hotel information will be coming soon. If you have questions, please contact Eldon Barnes at 913-244-2906.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 15 9:00 Rummage Sale begins
July 16 7:30 Men's Breakfast at Corner Café
July 18 9:00 City Market & Steamboat Arabia Museum Tour
July 19 6:00 Sweet Summer Sunday Luau
July 21 6:30 V/F Class Dinner

Attention Seekers Class

Save the date and enjoy an evening under the stars! Friday, July 24 - Show begins at 8:30 (tickets on sale at 7pm, gates open at 7:30) Theater in the Park, Shawnee Mission Park- presentation of "The Wedding Singer" \$8.00 per person Bring blankets/lawn chairs and goodies to share! Arrive early to get seating as a group and enjoy a picnic together. See Vikki Ham (816)830-1244 or Miranda Filbeck for info or questions.

BABY SHOWER

for Samantha Cannon will be held on Saturday, July 25 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the lounge. She is registered at Target and WalMart.

*An anonymous donation of \$29 was given in cash on 7-5-09. The Stewardship Committee is seeking guidance as to how to apply the funds. Anyone with information please contact Becky, Claudia or Andrew.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Nearly 100 people were in attendance for the ice cream social on Sunday. It was held in the Fellowship Hall due to the rain earlier in the day. There were several different flavors of ice cream to choose from along with an array of toppings. In addition, several different cakes, pies and cobblers were donated as well. Thank you to Bob and Jeanne Bradwell and Trudy Barnes for heading up this event. Thank you to all who brought desserts to go with the delicious ice cream too!! Our next Sweet Summer Sunday is next week, July 19 at 6:00 in the park. We will be having a luau! Meat, drinks and table service will be provided. Everyone should bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. It promises to be quite eventful-hope to see everyone there!!!

Stony Point Christian School is now accepting enrollments for the 2009-2010 school year for ages 3 through 5th grade. Class size is limited and are allocated on a "first come, first served basis". Call the office for more information.

DEACON'S MEETING will be held on Saturday, July 18th in the lounge. All Deacons should plan to attend.

The Annual CWF Rummage Sale/Exchangerama will be open for business July 15,16 & 17 from 9:00-7:00 and July 18 from 9:00 to noon. Be gathering your useful, gently used, clean items to donate. Please hold your donations at home until Sunday afternoon, July 12. At which time you may bring them up to the church. **No analog t.v.'s will be accepted this year!**

Our Mission:

IN GOD'S LOVE...

*To win the lost

*To strengthen believers

*To make disciples

*To promote holiness in our community