

The Good Word

Bethel edition

August—September 2010

Bethel & Clarks Chapel

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From the Mouth of Lyons Praise the Lord!

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150:6). The goodness of God, the richness of his grace, and the beauty of his creation compels me to sing praises to the Lord. I pray your soul sings too.

I am feeling extremely blessed to have been sent to the Bethel and Clarks Chapel churches. God's prevenient grace has been at work. Our worship experience is so rich that one recent Sunday morning I said to myself, "This is awesome! I get to worship God four hours today." I was overcome with joy and desired for others to experience and feel the same. Then I thought others might not appreciate hearing me preach three times!

We have a lot to learn. You are curious about the one the Bishop has sent to be your pastor. I look forward to getting to know you. There is a whole new way of doing things that we both must get use to. I have been welcomed into many of your homes and am still learning my way around Franklin and Clarks Chapel. My GPS has only gotten me lost twice. Everything is so new to me.

Yet, the one constant is God. Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." He is our God. We are his people and I am his servant. Time continually changes as does the world around us. The one who attempts to stand in place and hold the same view of their surroundings will definitely fall off of the treadmill.

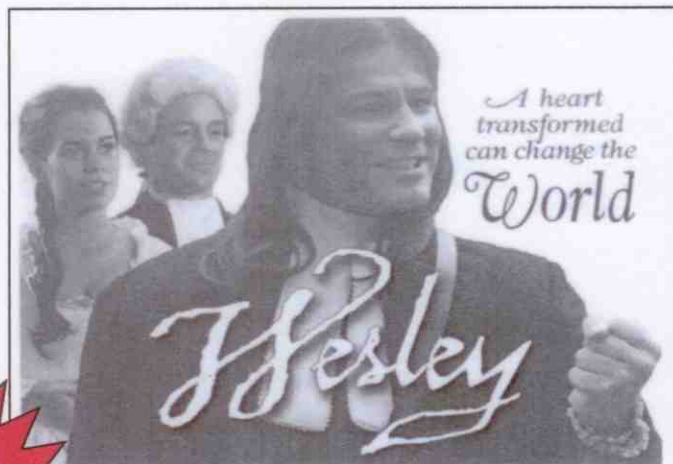
As I learn our systems we will be making adjustments so that we both can be more fruitful. A good harvest comes from the workers being matched according to their gifts, graces, and passions. I am seeking the Lord's will for the best use of my time and gifts.

How about you? In your station in life and the role you play do you feel like you are matched well with

your gifts, graces, and passions? One measuring rod is the fruit that is harvested. How full is your harvest basket?

Thank you for accepting me and loving me. Thank you to all who have done so much to prepare for our arrival, to help my family move in, get settled, and adjusted. One day the cardboard will all be gone! Thank you for all of the gifts, especially the bounty from the land and your hand. I look forward to working along side of you for the Kingdom of God.

Peace,
Pastor Dan
Pastor Dan



TICKETS
\$10

SPECIAL SCREENING – ONE DAY ONLY!

Personal appearance planned by director John Jackman.
An audience Q&A will follow the screening.

"This movie may just stir you to deepen your spiritual roots. How many films do that?" - Dove Foundation Review

"This movie made me proud to be a Methodist." - Jessica Miller Kelley, Editor, Abingdon Press

"Wesley" gives fantastic insight into the man who would shape the face of Protestant Christianity for centuries to come. - Circuit Rider

Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts

Friday, August 13 - 2:30 pm

1028 Georgia Road - Franklin, NC

Phone: 828.524.1598 / Toll Free: 866.273.4615

www.wesleythemovie.com

News from the Charge

Clarks Chapel will host a **Meet & Greet Reception** for the community to welcome the Reverend Dan Lyons and his family to Franklin in the Ministry Hall on Sunday, August 8th, at 3pm. Please bring your favorite finger foods to share.

Pastor Dan will lead the Through the Bible in One Year study following the **Wednesday evening meals at Clarks Chapel** in the Ministry Hall, starting August 25th. All are invited to attend. The study will resume with Lesson 32—Acts 1-12. If you need a study guide, please ask Pastor Dan for one *as soon as possible*. Study Guides cost \$20.

Clarks Chapel hosted the Mountain Top Emmaus Board of Directors on Saturday, July 31st. Each one greatly appreciated the Ministry Hall for their meeting remarked about the beauty of Franklin, the Ministry Hall, the Chapel, and the location.

The **elevator** at Bethel is installed, has passed inspection, and is operational. The Trustees will conduct an information session on how to use it.

Bethel has been awarded the bid to provide concessions at the **Macon County Fair**, September 15-29, 2010.

"I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another.
Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another."
~ Jesus (John 13:34)

News from the Pews

We celebrate with **Rick & Debbie Westerman** on the occasion of the birth of their grandson Jonah!

If you enjoy singing and are available on Tuesday and/or Friday mornings, join the Nursing Home Ministry Team at 10am to sing for the residents of Grandview and Britthaven, respectfully. Contact Margaret Ledbetter (524-5973) for more information.

Pastor Dan Lyons spent a week as the Pastor of the Week at Camp Tekoa, the Western North Carolina Conference Camp of the United Methodist Church. He taught 21 Bible studies and preached twice to 304 campers (Kindergarten—High School). There were about 180 rededications and first time commitments to Christ. Pastor Dan's sons **Rich** and **Rett** were campers during the week.

AWARDS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

submitted by Judy Hughes

Each academic year the Rotary Club of Franklin presents the Weimar Jones Memorial Award to the top ten students in academic rank in each class at Franklin High School. This year three Clarks Chapel Teens are being honored with this award for outstanding academic accomplishment. Recipients are **Carrie Doster** and **Cassie Doster**, daughters of Tara and Joe Doster, and **Kaitlyn Sutton**, daughter of Vickie and Chuck Sutton. The awards will be presented on August 4th at a luncheon given by the Rotary Club for the students and their parents at Tartan Hall in the First Presbyterian Church.

Bethel's Prayer List

Kathie Akins
Al Beck
Elizabeth Beck
Lois Bowser
George Bradley
Wilda Bryson
Nora Clark
Rose Clark
Cindy Crane
J. Dawkins & Emily

Cathy Decker
Jessica Donnelly
Deeda Elmore
Frank & Jeanetta Finch
Gerald Fouts
Lisa Hampton
Charles Horn
Mary Houston
Nancy Knutowski
Audrey Ledbetter

Tina Ledbetter
Bruce Lynn
Jeff Martin
Pat Martin
Kathy Neel & Helen
Leota Norris
Emma Jane Philips
Eve Philips
Bob & Elaine Porter
Gayle Rambo

Nancy Sellers
John Shapard
Thomas Stewart
Kevin Swafford
Roger & Judy Thibaut
P. VanStaggen's family
Joseph Vernon
Becky Widdencombe
Frances Wood
Cainan Yaskiewicz

