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E-NEWSLETTER

Editor's Note: Barbie Wood is one of our newest members, baptized on June 8th. Her husband, Steve, recently brought this poem to us and with Barbie's permission, we wanted to share it with you.

We are all a part of God's garden,
We start as a seed and we're
nurtured with God's care
and patience.
Around us He places a great border
of understanding.
We are watered with His falling
tears and bathed in His light.
We grow together, near each other.
Sometimes we're too close, and
Sometimes we're spaced evenly,
Sometimes with great distance.
We're very much the same, yet
different;
One is taller, one is shorter, one is
bigger, one is smaller.
One seems perfect, while others
are not.
God loves all that grow in His
garden.
He places a fence of compassion
around those more fragile.
He gives them a stem of hope and
leaves of faith.
We are touched by others as bees
and butterflies.

In God's Garden

By: Barbie Wood

He watches over us and
provides us with the
basic elements,
With love added, He watches
us grow to be the
Best we can be – some grow
stronger, some grow
weaker,
Some take more time, some
not as long.
When God feels we are
ripened,
It is then we are picked for His
Heavenly bouquet.
In God's garden we are all
annuals that live only
once,
Until we are chosen, and then
we are placed in God's
gentle Hands,
So that we may live forever like
a perennial in Heaven's
Yard.

This Month's Events

- June 14 & 28 – Food Distribution
- June 22 – 27 – Vacation Bible School for elementary ages, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Food Pantry Needs for June:
Spaghetti
Pancake Mix

(Place donations in the bin in the coffee area).

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You Can Serve!

By: Janet Parrott

During Wednesday night Bible Study a few weeks ago, Pastor Theo challenged us to service. Sometimes that is difficult within the Body of Christ because we don't know who to contact. This article is meant to get YOU involved in your area of spiritual giftedness. Some ministries have special requirements, such as Youth Ministry (to serve everyone must submit to a background check in order to protect our children). Please look over the list below, and let the particular Ministry Leader know if you would be willing to help:

- Gardening and keeping our outside area clean – Doug Taylor
- Helping with Wednesday night community dinners – Dan Pullen or Paul Gantzer
- Working with babies and toddlers – Katie or Janet Kallam
- Working in the card ministry – Melissa Matthews or Stephanie High
- Interior maintenance – Rick Brumleve
- Helping with Food Distribution – Jim Myers
- Assisting with baptisms – Danny Seow
- Preparing for fellowship dinners – LaVon Able
- Preparing desserts for Wednesday community dinners – Kathy Braun
- Becoming part of the Women's Ministry – Melanie Gantzer
- Being part of the prayer chain – Shirley Hopper
- Greeter on Sunday mornings – Jeannie Burgin
- Kitchen clean-up – Paul Gantzer
- Taking responsibility for one small area of the church and keeping that area clean, trash emptied, dusted, etc. (i.e., Library, History Room, Front Foyer) – Rick Brumleve
- Prepare Sunday communion – Joe Douthitt
- A special service that only you have thought of – one of the Elders.

As our numbers grow, we may not realize everyone's talents and interests. God has promised us gifts – USE YOURS!

There are other ways to serve God's Kingdom. Pastor Theo even suggested a few weeks ago that we develop our own service ideas. That can be difficult, but there are a number of service opportunities already available. One of these could be just right for you!

WATER FOR SHOES is an organization that turns used shoes into pure drinking water. This is not done by fancy chemistry or blasting the shoes with radiation. It is a simple process. Used shoes are collected – they are then sold by the pound to a broker. That money goes to provide water purifiers to developing countries. However, the good doesn't stop there. The used shoes are shipped to Third World Countries and sold to small business people who clean and polish them. The shoes are then sold to people who do not have the means to buy new shoes. Pure water, small business, and shoes for the poor. It's a win, win, win situation! YOU CAN HELP by going through your closet and finding shoes that you no longer wear; talk to your friends and families about helping, and you can pick up shoes from those who can't bring them in themselves. There are boxes several places around the church building in which to put them.

CASES OF CARE is an organization that serves foster children in our state. Foster children have very little that is truly theirs. When they have to move from place to place, their belongings are placed in garbage bags. Who wants their possessions considered garbage? This group collects used suitcases which social workers give to the children for their possessions. Their belongings are no longer "garbage." YOU CAN HELP by looking in your attic, closet, garage and shed to find suitcases, duffle bags, totes, backpacks and train cases that you no longer use. Some of the older ones are very sturdy but too heavy to use on airplanes. Ask everyone you know to do the same. Then bring them to the church and put them by the locker room door in the gym, or call Janet Parrott to pick them up.

FUTURE HOPE MINISTRIES is the ministry for children in Uganda, Africa which SLCC helps to support. The school we have built has just opened. We are waiting to find out what supplies we need to send them. While we are waiting for that information, we are working on getting supplies for a medical trip this fall. On the medical trip we will treat the children at the children's home, as well as people who live in the slums around the home. We need over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, anti-fungal cream, antibiotic cream. We also need Band-aids, tape, gauze,
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Youth Summer Schedule 2014

Christian Camp Dates

All Elementary – June 8-13

Junior High – June 15-20

Senior High – June 22-27

J.A.M. Jesus And Me group

(4yrs – 5th grade)

Summer Schedule

Wednesday Nights June - July

6pm - 8pm

Dinner

BOLD = Building Our Lord's Disciples

(Junior and Senior High Group)

Wednesday Nights June and July

6:00pm – 7:00pm

6:00pm Half Hour Group Session

6:30pm Dinner



Vacation Bible School -- June 22nd – 27th

Ages: 4 years - 5th Grade

Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Come journey with us as we travel through the forest of the Fruits of the Spirit!

pads, alcohol pads, thermometers, hand sanitizer and antibiotic soap, etc. Essentially, we need anything you use for a minor illness or injury. **YOU CAN HELP** by buying these items to donate whenever you have a little extra money. The Dollar Tree and Deals have many of these items. The generic forms of these medications are fine, as well. You might also have some of these items at home leftover from an injury. It is, however, a requirement that the medications are not expired.

SPRING BOUTIQUE 2015 is an idea just being developed. We would like to have an event next year before Easter that will provide a new or gently used outfit for every child that comes for it. We also want to provide new underwear and socks. Of course, the girls will also get hair bows and barrettes! This would be set up like a real store with clothes pressed and on hangers, and "sales people" to assist. We want to serve children from size 12 months through girl's size 16. **YOU CAN HELP** by watching yard sales and thrift stores for nice clothing at inexpensive prices. Talk to your friends who have young children and ask them to donate. The end of summer would be a good time to buy these things. We also need someone who would like to be in charge of this program. Please pray about that.

There are many other ways you can serve. We will keep updating you on other possibilities.

