

THE CHURCH SPIRE

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This Sunday we issued a pair of challenges. One to the children: to draw a picture of Jesus that will remind them of how God is always protecting them. The other was to the adults: to find a Psalm, or write a Psalm, and get it under the skin for times you need it. We know that giving homework is rarely popular, especially on a Sunday morning, so we weren't sure how it would go over.

Before we even made it out of the sanctuary, we saw a couple fantastic pictures of Jesus. If you have one, we would still love to see it! Since then we have heard about two people who have already found the power of Psalms in their lives. One sent us a beautiful Psalm they had written. Another told us how a Psalm has become a daily discipline, and a way to process the world.

After all that, we decided we'd better do our own homework! Below are some favorites of mine and Micaiah's. Two poems and a hymn we're getting under the skin.

Avowal

As swimmers dare to lie face to the sky and water bears them, as hawks rest upon air and air sustains them, so would I learn to attain freefall, and float into Creator Spirit's deep embrace, knowing no effort earns that all-surrounding grace.

~Denise Levertov

Praying

It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak."

~Mary Oliver

It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control: that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul!

Deacons meeting August 9 immediately following worship.

Worship Scriptures: Sunday, August 9, 2015 Psalm 130:1-8

John 6:35; 41-51

August 11, 2015 6:00 pm 6:00 pm

Leadership Council meeting.

Every team needs a representative at this meeting. (This does not have to be the chairperson.) We will look at what is planned for the next 3 or 4 months.

Thank you from Oklahoma

Your gift arrived just in time to replace a septic pump which had been damaged by the water during the flooding. We were not able to see that until the water had receded – the pump was flooded and did not turn off automatically and burned out. Finding the replacement took time, but was able to have it up and running by Presbyterial Camp time thanks to you all! Please convey our deepest gratitude to all. And do come see us sometime. Thank you again, Betty Jacobs

Prayers of the People: John Noble (hospital) and his wife Joyce who is home sick; Patrick Duncan; Mike Lee; Rex Parris; Michael Boring; Erica Scott; Jane Outlaw; Bill Beigay; Mary Jo Bradford; Shelia Amos; Susan Waldrup; Tommy Crumbly; David Patrick; Julie Merwin; William Pfeil; Des Noble; Tom Wilkinson; Richard Dillon; an infant in the family of Dana Allums who was transported to the hospital; Stella Benson; Stroby Stewart; Carol Baggett; Dave Barnes (Pat Rusidoff's brother); and others in our thoughts and prayers from Sunday, August 2, 2015.

If you have a name to add to the prayer list please use the Christian pads to put the name on and drop it in the offering plate. You may also email them to cumberland@scottsboro.org, thank you, The church office.

Job Posting: Administrative Assistant

Where: Scottsboro Cumberland Presbyterian Church

When: To start between Sept. 1 and Oct. 1

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9AM-3:30PM (with 30 min. lunch break)

<u>Job description:</u> The church administrative assistant supervises and facilitates the day -to-day administrative operations of the church. This position reports to the pastors, the personnel team, and the session. The church administrative assistant is essential to the ministry of the church at large, and would ideally see it that way.

Skills needed: (Those in bold are of priority)

- -Professionalism
- -Confidentiality
- -Organizational skills (ie: clean, inviting office space)
- -Proficiency in the use of technology, including: email, Facebook, website updates, minimal website design, Google calendars, Word Processing (Word, Excel, etc)
- -Ability to create flyers, pamphlets, bulletin inserts, and other advertising documents
- -Ability to operate financial software and do the bookkeeping
- -Willingness to learn new computer programs
- -Work well with a team
- -Edit documents each week that will be published
- -Making and receiving phone calls
- -Arranging schedules for the Pastors

Salary Range: (Based on experience) \$10-\$15/hour

Contact Micaiah Tanck for more information: micaiah.thomas@gmail.com

ATTENTION SESSION MEMBERS

The session will be going on a day-retreat on Saturday, August 29th from 9AM to 4PM. We will meet at the Haralson's lake house. All those who are serving on the session are strongly encouraged to attend.

Food Pantry

Thank you to everyone who brought items last Sunday. We still need items. Items

to Bring: Non perishable food cans or boxes, small breakfast bars or cereal, fruits, vegetables, easy fix items, peanut butter, crackers, canned chicken, tuna, etc. and toiletries (toothpaste, brushes, soap) paper products, dish and clothing soaps, cleaning supplies. We give out 3 or 4 boxes a month and need to replace items and we are



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<u>General Fund</u> <u>Budget Requirements</u>

August 2, 2014 offering: \$8,779.00 Budget Requires per Sunday: \$6,533.67

YTD Offering: \$ 185,671.51 YTD Budget Requires: \$ 203,543.77

Attendance for 8/2/2015

Sunday School 50 Worship 148

Worship Aids for Sunday

Head Usher: Corey Webb

Pastor: Micaiah Tanck

Worship Leader: Brian Tanck

Greeter: Cynthia & Joe Hollingsworth

If you can not serve find someone who will replace

you.

If you need something please call the Church office If no answer please call Micaiah, ((205) 478-5985; Brian (630) 730-1577. Your concerns and needs are important to us.

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