

FROM THE PASTOR

Man has an innate fear of death. We don't want to think about it. We repress the thought of dying. We call it "the grim reaper."

The book of Hebrews says as much: "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." (Chapter 2, verses 14b-15)

I have been reading a fascinating book that was written by Martyn Lloyd-Jones, for decades a minister of Westminster Chapel in London. He puts it this way: "Belief in a supreme God is an instinct that all people have in common. Everyone who is born into this world has this instinct. In the same way, there is an instinct in human nature that death is to be feared. Men and women are afraid of death because they have an innate belief that there is judgment after death, as the Scripture teaches, and that there is suffering and punishment which goes on for ever and for ever. They are in bondage because of the fear of death."

Man fears death. But the Christian sees it differently. He sees it as the doorway that leads to bliss and eternal joy. With Paul he asks: "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" (I Cor. 15:55)

We know we will be victorious over death through our faith in Jesus Christ.

Opportunities at Portside

Sunday, September 21st

9:45am – Sunday School

11:00am – Morning Worship Service

No Evening Service – Franklin Graham Festival

Monday, September 22nd

6:00pm – Church-wide Visitation

Wednesday, September 24th

5:15pm – Family Supper – Chicken Tenderloins

6:15-6:40pm – Prayer room open (Chip Hester's SS Room)

6:45pm – Prayer Meeting, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends

Youth Group Meeting

7:30pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, September 25th

12:00noon – J.O.Y. Luncheon – Social Hall – The Glad

Reunion Singers

Saturday, September 27th

10:00am – 3:00pm – Fall Family Festival – Bonnie Doone Plantation (gate admission \$5.00 per car)



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| September 21 | Hosea 7-12 |
| September 22 | Hosea 13, 14; Joel 1-3 |
| September 23 | Amos 1-5 |
| September 24 | Amos 6-9; Obadiah |
| September 25 | Jonah 1-4; Micah 1, 2 |
| September 26 | Micah 3-7 |
| September 27 | Nahum, Habakkuk |

PLEASE NOTE

Living Lord's Supper and Mission Trip 2008 DVD's are now available. The cost is \$5.00 for each DVD.

J.O.Y NOTES

Not long now! Our next J.O.Y. covered dish luncheon will be Thursday, September 25, 2008, 12 noon in our fellowship hall. Scheduled will be The Glad Reunion Singers. Please make plans now to attend. We would like to have a great crowd. Call your friends now to invite them to come and join us in sharing the good food and great fellowship.

Have you lost your joy?

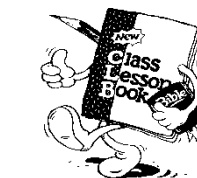
Ask Jesus to help you be JOYFUL again!

FRIENDS OF BONNIE DOONE

We are counting down to our *Fall Festival* Saturday, September 27, 2008 at Bonnie Doone Plantation. A lot of items have been collected so far. The last day for donations will be Monday, September 22. This will give us time for getting prepared. Thanks to all of you who have helped in so many ways.

Discipleship Training Classes

Two new discipleship training classes will begin on September 28th



New Classes Begin

"The Power of a Praying Parent" – Mandy Wade, teacher
"Beth Moore's Daniel Study" – Jennifer Mitchum, teacher

For those of you who will stay in Pastor Mike's class, he will continue his teaching on Landmines in the Path of Believers.

Steel Magnolias

Join us for a wMu Ladies Retreat at Bonnie Doone Plantation in Walterboro, October 3, 4, & 5. The Cost is \$120.00 and that includes 2 nights in the mansion, 2 dinners, 2 breakfast meals, and crafts. **ALL** ladies are invited to attend whether you are involved in a wMu group or not.

If you have any questions, please see Sally Hester, Nancy Huggins, Patty Paige, or Marsha Hollifield.

Starting Wednesday, October 1st the cost of the Wednesday evening meal will increase – adults will be \$4 and children 1st- 6th grade will be \$3.00, all meals to go will be \$4.25 for adult and \$3.25 for children. A family price is set for \$15.00 – this is for mother, father, and children. This is due to the increase in grocery costs.

Plans are being made for our Fall Festival scheduled for Friday, October 31st.

Each Sunday school class is going to be asked to sponsor one or more booths or games. Sign-up sheets for anyone able to donate cakes, cupcakes, cookies or brownies are located throughout the fellowship hall. If you can donate candy for treats, please place them in the box on the stage in the fellowship hall. More details will be forthcoming as time draws closer.



WORLD HUNGER

October is World Hunger Month!