



Watkins Chapel Chatter

Pastor: Jim Grieme

Associate Pastor: Randy Bridges



Boulevard of Broken Dreams

In the spring of 1942, a painter named Edward Hopper created a painting, which he entitled *Nighthawks*. It depicts a bartender, dressed in a white uniform behind a triangular bar, a man in a suit and hat with his back to the observer, and a younger couple to the left of that man. The painting is a picture of lonely emptiness, which was exactly what Hopper was trying to capture. It was the mood of the country immediately following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The most recent incarnation of this painting is Gottfried Helnwein's *Boulevard of Broken Dreams*. In this painting, the characters of Hopper's are replaced with Elvis Presley as the bartender, Marilyn Monroe and Humphrey Bogart as the couple, and James Dean, whose back is no longer toward the viewer but is turned and he takes his characteristically "cool" stance while seated. Everyone in Helnwein's work is striking a pose that is most recognizable for those stars, yet the message is the same: lonely emptiness.

Now Helnwein is one seriously messed up mind. Yet even if you were to acknowledge this about him, he does possess a talent to communicate emotion in his works. The overwhelming conclusion you would get viewing any of his "art" is that humanity lives in a world of violence, loneliness, emptiness and has no lasting meaning. In *Boulevard of Broken Dreams* he communicates they all died senseless deaths. Presley died

from complication due to extended use and abuse of alcohol and drugs; Marilyn died from an apparent drug overdose; Bogart's death was attributed to alcohol abuse and James Dean died in a tragic auto accident. All were avoidable, all wasted life and talent, all were meaningless.

The Apostle Paul speaks prophetically about our culture in his opening chapters of **Romans**. There Paul describes a culture that has rejected God and His commands but instead has chosen to worship the creation of God rather than the God of creation. Paul writes in **Romans 1:18-19**, the unrighteousness of those who are enemies of God suppresses the very truth of God, the very thing that *could* give them the life and meaning they seek. Since their activities are not right, or are *unrighteous*, they are unable to see the truth God has placed about Himself in all of creation.

Paul's conclusion is very unpleasant for those who refuse to come to God through submitting to what Jesus Christ has done for them: in **v.20** Paul writes, "As a result, they are without excuse." Those who claim that Christ and Christianity is nothing more than a recycled and repackaged psychological rational to deal with life have made their choice. These people know God, they have seen His wonders in this world and in the lives of people, but they have refused to glorify "Him as God or show gratitude" (**v.21**). Paul's thought continues: "Instead their thinking became nonsense . . . Claiming to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of . . . God for . . . man, birds, four-footed animals and reptiles" (**vv.21-23**). Today, we have chosen to substitute choice, materialism and the environment and therefore claim a greater sophistication over those silly ancients who worshipped "idols."

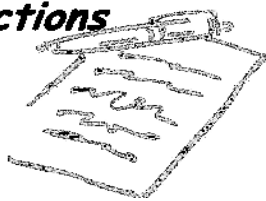
Yet all of this is merely a conclusion of what "is" which is a description rather than a prescription. In **John 10:10**, Jesus is "painting a picture" for His listeners so they might understand the difference between what they could find on their own and what He is offering them. Beginning in **v.7**, Jesus tells them He is the door through which everyone who enters can find salvation – in other words, completion, meaning and communion. He concludes in **v.10**, "I have come that they may have life and have it in abundance." Jesus Christ promised to all of those who were seeking fulfillment and not finding it, the very thing they sought: real, lasting, fulfilling life with meaning and no loneliness!

As a pastor, I find it extremely difficult to watch people fill their lives with everything but Jesus Christ. This is true of those who claim to know Christ as well as those who do not. Unfortunately, their dreams will not be broken in some late-night diner. Instead, their brokenness will be realized before the throne of Christ hearing the words, "Depart from Me." It is also sad that often, people do not even know they are lost or on the wrong road. In all of our "going," we do not realize we have made a wrong turn. For too many people, the awareness of going down the wrong road will not occur until we reach the end.

The "dead end."

Pastor Jim

Pastor Randy's Reflections



The word “essential” has a number of meanings. Webster defines it as “of utmost importance, indispensable, necessary”. I would add that if something is essential then it is absolutely necessary or needed. I can think of a number of things that are essential for me to survive, including food and water to just name a few. There are many more things that I have that I would not consider essential, but I like them nonetheless. But the idea behind something that is essential carries much more weight in terms of importance.

Essential Church is a book written by Thom & Sam Rainer. They also recently wrote a book called *Simple Church*, which encourages the church to return to the simple methods of sharing the Gospel through tighter alignment and focus in all its ministries. However *Essential Church* is based on significant research and provides a number of solutions for the church to be more relevant in the lives of church members, especially younger adults and families. The research in the book is very revealing, and I believe the conclusions are important for the church to consider, including Watkins Chapel.

First, here is some data that really sets the stage well: more than two thirds of church-going young adults drop out between the ages of 18 and 22 (70% dropped out, 30% stayed in church). The research lists several reasons why this occurred. The most interesting to me included the following: 1) simply wanted a break from church, 2) church members seemed judgmental or hypocritical, 3) moved to college and stopped attending church, 4) work responsibilities prevented me from attending, 5) became too busy though still wanted to attend, 6) didn't feel connected to the people, 7) chose to spend more time with friends outside the church, and 8) was only going to church to please others.

Based on this data, Thom & Sam Rainer make the following conclusion. Why do more than two-thirds of churchgoing young adult Americans leave the church? They do not see the church as essential to their lives. The church is often seen as just one option among many for their lives, many times not held as more important than any other part of their lives. The Rainers cite a number of possible problems in the church that may contribute to this statistic, including dilution of doctrine, loss of evangelistic passion, failure to be relevant, few outwardly focused ministries, conflict over personal preferences, priority of comfort, and biblical illiteracy. They also highlight the important point that critical life changes also affect whether young people continue to see the church as essential. This would include things like high school graduation, entering college, getting married, having children, and more. While I will not go through all of these in detail in this article, I think it's important to note that many of these problems clearly take the focus off of Jesus Christ and puts it on ourselves.

Outside of the Rainers' book, I have certainly read a lot of independent research over the last few years. And every one of these independent sources confirms a key premise behind *Essential Church*: we are seeing the large majority of our young people leave the church right after high school graduation. Of those who leave, only about 25-30% of them usually return to the church. The research states that these young adults are not typically abandoning their faith – they are just abandoning the church. Why? The Rainers' and other research point to the fact that they do not see church as essential in their lives.

In spite of these trends, there is still hope. The Rainers give a number of suggestions for churches to become more relevant in the lives of young people. Most of these suggestions encourage churches to simplify their ministry approaches. The key is to make disciples while making ministries relevant to everyone. A focus on evangelism is also important along with sound biblical teaching. The other research I've read on this subject also encourage the church to develop deep, relevant relationships with young adults. This develops stronger attachments with the church that make it harder to leave behind. Having the right attitude and desiring to reach these people with the life-changing message of the Gospel is also critical.

An important message I see in all of this is that we cannot continue to do church the same way and expect different results. I believe that is similar to the way Einstein defined insanity. Please understand that the Gospel message never changes, ever. And we should never focus exclusively on young people and forget everyone else. However to turn a blind eye to what's happening in our world and the ministry opportunity it presents to us as the church would be sin. There is a wealth of Scripture that backs that up.

I believe this means we need to continue to evaluate our ministries and priorities as individuals, families and the church. God has blessed us with a church family to minister to for His glory. He's also placed us in a community that needs Jesus Christ or it will be lost forever. To disciple those here and reach those not here, we will need a positive willingness to change where needed and a growing passion to serve Christ in the opportunities He provides. That will likely be uncomfortable at times, but if we are driven by our love for Him, and we follow His leading, we will see lives changed radically. Then, I believe more people will see the church as essential in their lives.

Pastor Randy

The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything

They just make the most of everything

The collection now contains 2508 items cataloged and shelved. We have processed and shelved 44 items this month. We have recently catalogued and shelved a series of Christian Fiction books by Robert Whitlow which have been very popular with our Margie Godwin Library patrons. The catalogs are now available on the Watkins Chapel Website - www.watkinschapel.com. The Website has been experiencing some problems, so if you are having problems accessing it, try again a little later.

Book reviews for two Robert Whitlow books have been submitted to Harriet Nusser to be published in the **WATKINS CHAPEL CHATTER** this month.

The JBA Media Center now contains 822 items cataloged and shelved. We have processed only a couple of items this month. We have completed the cataloging of the Video Tapes and the Multi-Media Kits. Kelton Hinton has suggested that at the present time not to catalog the items of historical interest and other miscellaneous books and subject files. We have spent almost 3 years in getting the JBA Media Center automated and cataloged so now we just have to keep new videos and multi-media kits cataloged and shelved as they are purchased. The catalogs are available on the JBA webs site - www.johnstonbaptistassociation.org.

To Meet the needs of our patrons, the Margie H. Godwin Memorial Media Center is open for circulation 15 minutes before and after Sunday Morning Services – 15 minutes before and after all Wednesday evening services – 15 minutes before and after all special services – and at other times upon request.

Carmen J Creech
Library Director

Jimmy by Robert Whitlow

Reviewed by: **Stephen E. Garner**
(Buchanan, GA)

Whitlow has written several other novels classified as legal thrillers, which have been compared to John Grisham's novels, but "Jimmy" is different. The book's dust jacket offered comparisons to Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" and Harper Lee's "To Kill a Mockingbird," both of which I enjoyed. While I think comparing Whitlow to Twain and Lee is a long stretch, I did enjoy this book.

Jimmy is a special book about a special young man. The title character is initially described with the euphemism "special" because of his low IQ. But it is only as you proceed through the pages of this special book that you come to see this term "special" in a whole new, and very positive, light. Besides this special young man, what was it that made Jimmy, the book, special? Part of the book's appeal is the setting of the story. Piney Grove, Georgia could be any number of small west Georgia towns "tobacco spitting distance from the Alabama line." I happen to live in just such a place, and Robert Whitlow has painted a beautiful portrait of not only the place, but the people and the kinds of problems they experience. There is no doubt that the cast of characters make this book special. There are several rich relationships which are explored through the author's expert story telling, but my favorite was the bond between Jimmy and his Grandpa. You will read of Jimmy going fishing with his Grandpa, and later of Jimmy becoming a fisher of men. You will find that the characters have their fears and frailties, and when they are able to overcome those fears and frailties through faith, your spirit will soar right along with theirs. And as the case of any truly special book, you will experience a full range of emotions while reading Jimmy. One minute I would find myself laughing out loud, and the next I would be reaching for a Kleenex.

Jimmy is, indeed, a special book. It is a multi-faceted journey with something in it for everyone: courtroom drama, outdoor adventures, exploration of emotional issues, encounters with angels, life-lessons, and a legacy of love which will challenge you to become someone "special" yourself.

Back to School Shopping information to help in these economic times:

The Friendship Closet Apex United Methodist Church 8/7-8

Upscale Resale Masonic Lodge Cary 8/14-15

Triangle Mothers of Twins & Triplets - NC State Fairgrounds 8/15

Twice as Nice Kids Consignment Sale New Horizons Fellowship Apex 8/21/-22

Next2New4Kids Cleveland Rd Clayton 8/28-30

Raleigh Divine Consign 8/31-9/3 check their website

KidsAround KidsSale Wake Forest The Factory 9/11-9/13

First United Methodist Church of Cary 9/19

Kidz Stuff Consignment Sale Hayes Barton Baptist Church 10/1-10/3

Carolina Kids Consignment Sale National Guard Armory Smithfield 10/2-4

KidAround KidSale South Raleigh Tryon Rd 10/9-11

check www.trianglemom2mom.com for more information



Worship Ministry

David Jeremiah defines worship as “the proper recognition and celebration of God, returning to Him the glory that He alone deserves and honoring Him with our lives and our words.” There are so many ways to worship God in this way, including reading Scripture, praying, singing, giving, and much more. Jeremiah says that in fact our entire lives must be an act of worship to God.

Too many times we think that we are only experiencing worship when we are singing or listening to music. But true biblical worship is so much more than that. One of the ways I experience worship is through reading the Bible. I thought this month, rather than ramble on with my own words, I’d share God’s Word with you. I pray it will focus on His attributes and be used to spark a revival of worship in each of us.

Gen. 1:1 – “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Gen. 15:5 – “Then He brought him (Abram) outside and said, ‘Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.’ And He said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’”

Deut. 8:18 – “And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day.”

Josh. 21:45 – “Not a word failed of any good thing which the Lord had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.”

1 Sam. 12:22 – “For the Lord will not forsake His people, for His great name’s sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people.”

Ps. 50:15 – “Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

Ps. 121:1-2 – “I will lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

Prov. 14:26 – “In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge.”

Isa. 6:8 – “And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’”

Growing in Worship,

Pastor Randy

Lighthouse Kidz

Wednesday Nights 7pm

Pre-School Schedule

August 5th - Bible Study - Phillip & Bonnie

August 12th - Music - Stacey

August 19th - Bible Study - Warren & Heather

All Ages

August 26th - Lighthouse Kidz end of church year party



Memory Verse Games

Memorizing Bible verses is a great way to get God’s Word into our hearts and minds.

Memory-Verse Memory Game

What you need:

- Index cards (two for each word in the Bible verse)
- Crayons and markers
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Choose a different color for each word in the verse. Write that word on two different cards. (Non-readers can draw pictures.)
2. Mix up the cards and spread them out (face down) on a table or floor.
3. Players take turns trying to uncover cards that match. For extra difficulty, try finding the word pairs in the order they appear in the verse.

The Vanishing Memory Verse

What you need:

- Dry-erase board, markers and eraser
- OR chalkboard, chalk and eraser
- OR large piece of construction paper, pen and self-stick notes
- A Bible verse

What you do:

1. Write down the verse and read it (alone or with a partner).
2. Take turns erasing (or covering with self-stick notes) one word at a time. Then read the verse, remembering what word went in each blank.
3. Eventually, the board will be blank, and you’ll be able to recite the whole verse!

**UPCOMING WATKINS CHAPEL YOUTH
EVENTS**

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming youth events. More information on these events will be announced during our youth meetings. See Pastor Randy for more information.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Aug 23
Pool Party, 5:30 PM
(Wendell Country Club)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES/ACTIVITIES

Aug 22
YouthFest (Pilot Baptist Church)

Nov 5
Casting Crowns concert (RBC Center)

T4J BIBLE STUDY

BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS (SUMMER)

Aug 5 Philippians 3
Aug 19 Philippians 4

REAL LIFE – REAL ISSUES (FALL)

Sept 2 The Friendship Factor
Sept 16 The Silent Roar
Sept 30 How Far is too Far
Oct 7 Family Funk
Oct 21 Numbing Out
Nov 4 Not One of Us
Nov 18 Giving Thanks
Dec 2 Worship & Testimonies
Dec 16 Christmas Lesson
Dec 30 TBA

BIBLE STUDY

1ST, 3RD & 5TH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

WORSHIP & MISSIONS

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Another Book Review

Life Support by Robert Whitlow

Reviewed by Eric Wilson and

Michael Hickerson

The marketers try to convince us that every writer of legal thrillers is "the next John Grisham." Within the Christian market, the twist goes like this: "he's the Christian John Grisham." (As if Grisham's books aren't often Christian in content!)

Well, I'm here to say that two writers live up to the pretentious billing. Randy Singer, who recently won a Christy Award for "Directed Verdict," is one of them. Robert Whitlow, also a Christy Award winner, is the other. Both authors tell gripping tales with Christian themes and believable characters. Both are capable of matching the best legal thrillers out there.

Robert Whitlow's "Life Support" is a legal thriller-and it's one with a Christian emphasis. But I'd easily put this legal thriller up against some of the best the secular publishing world has to offer. "Life Support" is just that good.

Rena Richardson did not have a happy childhood and she's not grown up to be a happy adult. She married an heir to a family's good fortune and has grown to love the good life. She wants to keep all that-the thing is she doesn't want to keep her husband, Baxter. So, one day while hiking she pushes him over a cliff and makes it look like an accident. But in a cruel twist of fate for Rena, Baxter survives and is put on life support. Rena wants to terminate it to cover her own secrets, but her fat her-in-law, Ezra has another legal document that gives him control over Baxter's life-and he very much wants his son to be living so he can exercise his power of attorney. Ezra has his own agenda as well-he's not all on the up and up and his company harbors some shady secrets he'd rather see kept out of the light of day.

Enter into this attorney, Alexia Lindale, who is assigned by her law firm ,which represents Ezra, to go in and mediate things. Rena draws Alexia into her web of lies, leading to Alexia's termination and striking out on her own to represent Rena in a battle against her former employers. Along the way, Alexia meets the musical director at a local church and finds herself being drawn not only to him but also to a newer and deeper relationship with God.

"Life Support" is a fascinating character study and one in which the pages fly by. Unlike a lot of other contemporary Christian fiction, the characters are all not lily white, but are instead real human beings. For as much of a one-note villain as Rena could be, Whitlow invests her with just enough likeability to make us feel some sympathy for her and to understand her plight. And as much as Alex and the music minister are the heroes of this novel, they are still human enough to have faults, doubts and foibles. It makes the pages come alive because we feel like all these characters are real people-not just one-note characters the author has created to hammer home his own agenda or point.

And although there are some things that are the standard stock of your basic legal thriller and your basic Christian-oriented novel, Whitlow blends them together seamlessly in his novel. This was a great book and one that I found myself sorry to see end-even though it does end at a crossroads with a promise for more to come. I highly recommend this book, and believe it is Whitlow's finest to date. With these authors presenting such compelling evidence, who can honestly discount the legal thriller's ability to make a strong case for God's working in everyday humanity?

I rest my case.





Old barns and old people

A stranger came by the other day with an offer that set me to thinking.

He wanted to buy the old barn that sits out by the highway.

I told him right off he was crazy.

He was a city type, you could tell by his clothes, his car, his hands, and the way he talked.

He said he was driving by and saw that beautiful barn sitting out in the tall grass and wanted to know if it was for sale.

I told him he had a funny idea of beauty.

Sure, it was a handsome building in its day. But then, there's been a lot of winters pass with their snow and ice and howling wind. The summer sun's beat down on that old barn till all the paint's gone, and the wood has turned silver gray.

Now the old building leans a good deal, looking kind of tired. Yet, that fellow called it beautiful.

That set me to thinking. I walked out to the field and just stood there, gazing at that old barn. The stranger said he planned to use the lumber to line the walls of his den in a new country home he's building down the road.

He said you couldn't get paint that beautiful. Only years of standing in the weather, bearing the storms and scorching sun, only that can produce beautiful barn wood.

It came to me then. We're a lot like that, you and I. Only it's on the inside that the beauty grows with us.

Sure we turn silver gray too... and lean a bit more than we did when we were young and full of sap.

But the Good Lord knows what He's doing. And as the years pass He's busy using the hard weather of our lives, the dry spells and the stormy seasons to do a job of beautifying our souls that nothing else can produce.

And to think how often folks holler because they want life easy!

They took the old barn down today and hauled it away to beautify a rich man's house.

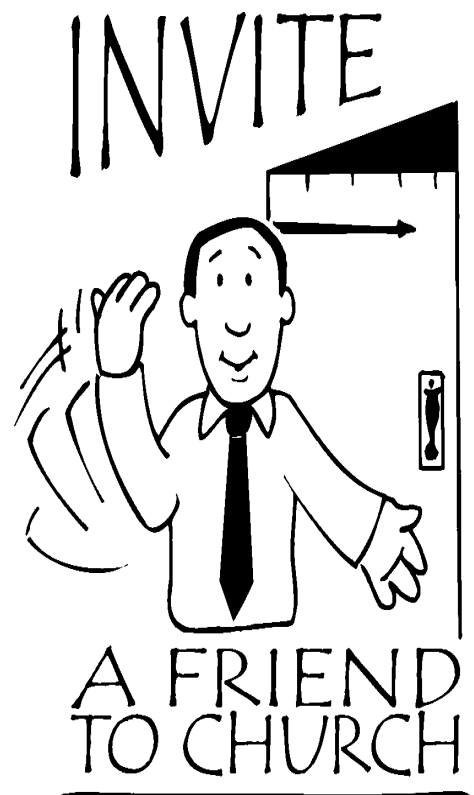
And I reckon someday you and I'll be hauled off to take on whatever chores the Good Lord has for us on His Great Ranch.

And I suspect we'll be more beautiful then for the seasons we've been through here...and just maybe even add a bit of beauty to our Father's house.

May there be peace within you today. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

And I do sincerely Thank God for my wonderful friends and family who care about me even though I show signs of weathering!

Watkins Chapel Baptist Church is seeking a part-time pianist who desires to honor the Lord in worship within a blended musical style. A minimum of 1-3 years of experience and an ability to read music is required. We are interested in having someone play for Sunday morning worship, Sunday evening worship ministry rehearsals, and Wednesday night choir rehearsal. There are also other opportunities to play, including with our praise team. However this is not a requirement of the position. Please contact Randy Bridges (919-349-0459) for more information.



August Birthdays

- 2nd Jo Godwin
Anita Hales
- 3rd Joan Wilson
- 5th Megan Bridges
- 6th Cheyenne Parrish
Morgan Rizzuti
- 7th Martha Parrish
- 9th Belinda Norris
- 10th Randy Hales
- 11th Phil Creech
Kelly Davis
- 11th Meredith Godwin
- 12th Phil Winstead
- 15th Brenda Cogan
- 16th Jason Hocutt
- 17th Pam Mobley
- 19th Todd Roberts
- 21st Bunni Nusser
Jackson Wall
Meredith White
- 22nd Daryl Hales
Braxton Murray
- 23rd Misty Smith

Happy Anniversary

Nick & Meredith White
August 10, 2002

A prayer for our church

Lord Jesus, we pray that you will somehow give us ears to hear, hearts to love and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known not for our glory but for thine alone - a congregation of people who know you; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding.

Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Change

Change keeps occurring throughout all of life.

Sometimes it brings joy, and sometimes it brings strife.

Change what you should; but you still have a voice -

How you accept every change is your choice.

AUGUST 9TH

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Following lunch, served by WOM.
Donations used for mission projects.

Sunday Service

9:45am Sunday School

11am Worship Service

1st Sunday 8am Baptist Men Meeting

2nd Sunday 8am Deacons Meeting

3rd Sunday 4pm Church Council Meeting

Monday 11am Senior Bible Study

2nd Monday 7pm Women On Mission

Mid-Week Worship

Wednesday 7pm Prayer & Bible Study

Lighthouse Kidz

Teens for Jesus (T4J)

2nd Wednesday 6:15pm Family Night Meal

Weekly Practices

Sunday

5pm Grace & Glory

5:30pm Victory Praise Team

6pm Unto Him Praise Team

6:45 Eternal Praise

Wednesday

8pm Celebration Choir



AUGUST 2009



Loving God
Loving Others
Changing Lives

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8 am Baptist Men Meeting	3	4	5 7 pm Mid-Week Worship Lighthouse Kidz T4J	6 7 pm Women's Ministry Meeting (Pam Mobley's)	7	8
9 8 am Deacons Meeting Church Conference after lunch	10 7 pm WOM Meeting	11	12 7 pm Mid-Week Worship 6:15 pm Family Night Meal Lighthouse Kidz T4J	13	14	15 8 am - 12 pm Training Extravaganza Trinity Baptist Church Raleigh
16 4 pm Church Council Meeting	17	18	19 7 pm Mid-Week Worship Lighthouse Kidz T4J	20	21	22 12 pm - 7 pm YOUTHFEST 2009 Pilot Baptist Church FREE
23 5:30 pm Youth Pool Party Wendell Country Club	24	25	26 7 pm Mid-Week Worship Lighthouse Kidz end of church year party T4J	27	28 MEN at the CROSS 7 pm RBC Center Raleigh 18 & under \$19.00 Adults \$54.00	29 MEN at the CROSS 8 am RBC Center Raleigh 18 & under \$19.00 Adults \$54.00
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Just for KIDS

Upon your hearts

The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.

WORD BANK

children	road
commandments	sit
down	Talk
foreheads	Tie
hands	up
hearts	walk
home	



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“These (1) _____ that I give you today are to be upon your (2) _____. Impress them on your (3) _____. (4) _____ about them when you (5) _____ at (6) _____ and when you (7) _____ along the (8) _____, when you lie (9) _____ and when you get (10) _____. (11) _____ them as symbols on your (12) _____ and bind them on your (13) _____.”

The Jesus Chronicles - Mark's Story

written by

Tim LaHaye and Jerry B Jenkins.

Mark was not one of the twelve disciples but he was a friend of Peter and it was at his home that the Last Supper was served. He isn't sure that Jesus is the Messiah at first but senses there is something special about Jesus. He hears the prophecies Christ predicts before his death and sees them all come true. After the Crucifixion, he learns that many have seen Jesus and when he sees him as well he is convinced that he is looking at the Son of God.

He wants to preach and be part of the ministry but he is still too young and has much to learn. The twelve disciples were given powers to heal and they start preaching the ministry begins to grow. One of his most bitter enemies Saul of Taurus claims he heard Christ speak from heaven. A schism arose in the ministry when gentiles become Christ followers and did not have to adhere to law. Mark finally accompanied Peter to Rome where the believers were growing at an amazing rate. The more Nero tried to snuff it out, the more believers listened to the preaching of Mark and Peter. Mark writes the stories that Peter told him of Christ and it becomes one of the gospels. After Peter, his wife and Paul were executed, God sends Mark to Alexandria to start up a new church.

Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins writes so that readers can understand the preaching of Christ, how the church spread and the terrors believers had to endure because they were considered enemies of the state. These talented writers chronicle Mark's belief as he and others perform heroic deeds in a dangerous atmosphere that in many ways will remind the audience of what is happening to day in Myramer. Readers well feel love, heartache and hope as they read this special tale based on the Word.

Review by Harriet Klausner



Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry met on Thursday, July 9th at the home of Shelia Driver to have our devotion and study about Esther.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6th at 7pm at the home of Pam Mobley. We will be learning more about Elisabeth.

The devotion and study questions are located on the table at the church entrance. Please join us!

In Christ,

Jennifer Driver

Women On Mission

The last WOM meeting was held on the 13th of July, with eleven members present and one visitor.

The meeting was called to order by Betty Lewis.

Connie Jeffreys had devotions, taken from Judges 11:36. Prayers were offered up for all our missionaries having birthdays that day and others with special requests. If you need prayer for yourself or someone else, please let us know. We love all of you and we do remember you in our prayers.

Ann Driver had the program about "Loving Outcasts". Exemplifying Christ's love in a juvenile hall.

Margaret Hackett, Director

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of the sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. Psalms 1:1

Ministry Positions

NEEDED

2009/2010

Church Clerk

VBS Director

Bears 2 & 3 yr. olds (1)

Nursery (for Sunday school) (2)

Lighthouse Kidz (2 yr - K) Wed. nights

Lighthouse Kidz (1st - 6th) Wed. nights

Several needed for Lighthouse Kidz

Volunteers for one Wednesday night a month will help and is acceptable

Be a blessing to a child!

**PLEASE
COME
AND
JOIN
US
AS
WE
WORSHIP
OUR
LORD
AND
SAVIOR
TOGETHER**

Bible Quiz

Christians consider themselves to be people with whom God has made a New Covenant.

Which Old Testament prophet first spoke of the New Covenant? Choose the correct name below:

- A. Isaiah
- B. Joel
- C. Jeremiah
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Upcoming Christian

Happenings

Grace & Glory

Meet this Artist . . .

Chris Sligh, American Idol Season Six Top 10 Finalist

Gifted guitarist, singer and songwriter with rock solid faith.

Grew up in Germany where his father worked as a Chaplain among American Troops.

Music and theater took root during high school.

Began college study in pre-law at Pensacola Christian College in Florida and transferred in his sophomore year to Bob Jones University in

Greenville, SC to major in music. He progressed rapidly in the school's

vocal performance program, to the point of understudying major

baritone and tenor roles in student opera productions and being

invited to audition both for The Juilliard School and the

Metropolitan Opera in New York. His parallel interest in theater

earned him an A in playwriting and exploring the Stanislavsky

method of stage performance.

His debut CD "Running Back to You" was released May 6, 2008.

He was nominated in the new artist category for this years Dove Awards.

You can see Chris at his 2nd annual "Back to School Tour - The Stimulus Package" along with 3-time Dove award winner, Aaron Shust and special guest, Meredith Andrews (grew up in Wilson, NC)

"You're Not Alone" and introducing, Rough Draft,

Sunday, September 13th at 7pm in the Raleigh Christian

Community Worship Center Auditorium, 7000 Destiny Drive, Raleigh, NC.

From "Running Back to You" debut single- should be our desire to be empty of self & filled with God

"Empty Me"

I've had just enough

Of the spotlight when it burns bright

To see how it gets in the blood

I've tasted my share

Of the sweet life and the wild ride

And found a little is not quite enough

Pre-chorus

I know how I can stray

And how fast my heart could change

Chorus

Empty Me of the selfishness inside

Every vain ambition and the poison of my pride

And any foolish thing my heart holds on to

Lord, empty me of me so I can be filled with you.

I've seen just enough

Of the quick buys and the best lies

To know how prodigals can be drawn away

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

'Cause everything is a lesser thing

Compared to you, compared to you

'Cause everything is a lesser thing

Compared to you, so I surrender all

Chorus

Training Extravaganza

FREE EVENT

Aug 15th 8am-12pm

Continental Breakfast 8am

Trinity Baptist Church

4815 Six Forks Rd Raleigh NC

YOUTHFEST 2009

12pm-7pm Saturday, Aug. 22nd

Pilot Baptist Church, Zebulon, NC

Harbor View 12:40

Finding Favour 1:50 ("Hear Them Breathe" current single)

Carl Cartee Band 3:15

Asfin Ziafat (guest speaker) 4:45pm

Echoing Angels 6pm

Kidz Zone

Food

Concert is FREE

Hosted by HIS Radio

MEN at the CROSS

Empowering Men to Reach Men

7pm Aug 28; 8am Aug 29

RBC Center, Raleigh, NC

Students (18 & under) \$19.00

Adults \$54.00

Michael W. Smith

Chris Julian

Ric Cua

The MATC Band

Brian Daniel

Joe White, speaker

LIFEFEST 2009

12pm-10pm Oct. 17th

Booth Amphitheatre, Cary, NC

12 Bands on 2 Stages

Stryper

Pillar

BarlowGirl

SuperChick

Rush of Fools

VOTA

and others

Hosted by HIS Radio





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We Welcome You!

We're waiting for you! It's true, because we believe that everyone who comes to Watkins Chapel is sent by God! It's not by accident that we will have the joy of meeting you. So, above all else we want to express Christ's love to you with genuine, heartfelt warmth. We're eager to get to know you, and to share with you the marvelous ways God is working through Watkins Chapel. It won't take you long to discover that Watkins Chapel is truly a family, rich in relationships that matter most. Our doors are open. Our hearts are open, too. If you have been searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say to you

WELCOME HOME!

**If your desire is to be in
a loving family, our
church family will welcome
you with open arms.**

Come join us!

Sunday services

9:45am Sunday School

11:00am Worship Service

Wednesday

7:00pm Mid-Week Worship