

**KEENAGERS**

The Keenagers Meeting Tuesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.  
Our special guest will be Eddie Boling and Kaye Bacon who will provide a musical program. Bring a covered dish and join us.

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**DEACON'S DEVOTIONAL**

**HOW BIG IS GOD?**

(Psalm 30)

Just how big is our God, anyway? God should be huge in our daily lives and when we allow Him to be, God is bigger than our foes. In Psalm 31:1 David writes, "I will extol God for thou has lifted me up, and not made my foes to rejoice over me". Remember that ever since David was a young man he relied on God to empower him to overcome his foes which included Goliath, who was the biggest human being ever recorded. We may not face the same foes David faced, but nevertheless we do face foes. Let us remember that our God is bigger than any foe we will ever face.

Our God is bigger than our fears. In Psalm 30:3, David acknowledged that God "has brought up my soul from the grave; thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit". In verse 5-6 David gives us hope to overcome our fears when he states "weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning". In David's darkest hours God strengthened him so that his greatest fears would not overwhelm him. So our God is bigger than any of our fears.

Our God is bigger than our failures. In Psalm 30:7 David alludes to the fact that God has given him success but then came failure on David's part and God hid his face from him. The good news comes in verse 11 when David rejoices because God turned his mourning into dancing and his sackcloth to gladness. So we, like David, should stand tall and rejoice in our God who is bigger than our failures.

Let's don't limit our God and try to make Him smaller than He is because our God is truly bigger than our foes, our fears, and our failures when we trust in Him and allow Him to be big in our lives.

Jim Boyer

**WORD FROM OUR PASTOR**

It 's hard to believe that the summer of 2010 is already over. The kids are back in school, football season starts in just a few days, and there is just the slightest hint of coolness in the morning air. What a wonderful thing it is to live in East Tennessee! What a joy it is to live in a place where, four times a year, we get to see the Creator at work in His creation. As the seasons change it should cause us to stop and worship, to "be still and know He is God". Let me encourage you to take some time to stop and worship, to stop and praise, to stop and be amazed by the One who created all things.

When we stop our busyness long enough to worship Him "in spirit and in truth", we will be blown away by the awesomeness of His power and by the complete and unconditional love He has for us. When we stop thinking only of ourselves and putting aside our selfishness long enough to offer Him true, genuine, heart-felt praise, we will begin to see the incredible blessings He has given us. We may even be able to "name them one by one". Finally, when we stop allowing ourselves to be "wowed" by the latest and greatest things of this world, and allow ourselves to stand in awe of the One who flung the stars into space and who knows them by name, we will indeed be amazed by the greatness of our God.

Thank you to all those who helped make this summers events so special. We were able to complete two mission projects. One at Camp By-Yo-Ca, and one at The King's Academy. Plus, we had a tremendous Vacation Bible School where four young names were add to the Lamb's Book of Life. Also, we were able to go to Cawood again and have a special time with the students and staff there. This month gives us another mission opportunity in Williamsburg, KY on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21st. Please begin to pray now for those who will be going on this trip as well as for those to whom they will be ministering.

Last, but not least, I want to welcome Mike Tilley to our Clear Springs ministerial staff. Mike has over 34 years of music ministry experience. He will be a great asset to our church as we continue to move forward in seeking to build God's Kingdom. Please make Mike feel welcome...and JOIN THE CHOIR!

I probably don't say it enough, but it is both a humbling responsibility and an awesome opportunity to be your Pastor. I look forward to seeing you at church. Pastor Chris

**CHILDREN CHURCH WORKERS**

Sept. 5 Scott & Tiffany Barnard

Sept. 12 Rhonda & Joey Drinnon

Sept. 19 Sue Boyer

Sept. 26 Trish & Ronnie Berry

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**NURSERY WORKERS**

Sept. 5 Morning – Vivian Stallings, Kelley Hardy, Amy Rose  
Evening – Pat Akans

Sept. 12 Morning – Karen & Ronnie Nease, & Megan Cook  
Evening – Tonya Phillips

Sept. 19 Morning – Rhonda & Mike Walker, & Sue Boling  
Evening – Lela Lovell

Sept. 26 Morning – Karen & Harold Lynn, Laura Walker  
Evening – Trish Berry

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**WILLIAMSBURG MISSION TRIP**

We are participating with the Appalachian Ministries for a mission trip to Williamsburg, KY on September 20 & 21. A list of items needed for the trip is posted on the bulletin board. If you can donate any of the items, please place them in the boxes located in the hallways by September 5<sup>th</sup>. We hope to provide for 200 families. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Boyer or Vivian Stallings.

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**THIRD ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER 9**

**Pancake Breakfast, Yard Show, Car Show and Live Music**

Mark your calendar and make plans to be here and support the various ministries of our church by your participation. For more information contact Vivian Stallings or Trish Berry.

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**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN:** Eric Boyer, Nathan Brown, Major Scott Bryant, Mitch Collins, Rocky Fultz, Brian McCormick, Jimmy McElhaney, Dustin Martin, Abigail Morin (father in Iraq), Willie Perry, Josh Ray, Forrest Shell, and Matt Underwood.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3. Bill Vance
- 7. Mack Rule
- 8. Tiffanie P. Duncan
- 13. Grainger Roberts
- 15. Betty Roberts  
Judy Shuler
- 17. Rick Abdella  
Joe Lovell
- 18. Ron Essary
- 19. Wayne Johnson
- 20. Lisa Lusk
- 21. Kristi Fisher
- 24. Matthew Shuler
- 27. Preston Hardy
- 28. Jewell Webster

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1. Greg & Kay Rose
- 4. John & Juantia Conley
- 5. Wayne & Karen Johnson
- 11. Clifford & Edith Berry
- 12. Scott & Tiffany Barnard
- 21. Woody & Agnes Horton  
Mack & Eva Jean Rule
- 22. Ralph & Jewell Webster
- 24. Doyle & Viola McElhaney

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Prayer Time	9:30 A.M.
Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Children's Church	11:00 A.M.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 P.M.
Children's & Youth Choir	5:00 P.M.
Focus Group	6:30 P.M.
G. A. Meeting	6:30 P.M.
Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP**

Prayer Meeting	6:30 P.M.
K-Jam	6:30 P.M.
Youth Meeting	6:30 P.M.
Youth Choir Rehearsal	7:30 P.M.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
TENNESSEE STATE MISSIONS  
AND  
GOLDEN STATE OFFERING**

Sept. 12 – 19

**SET FREE – THE GOSPEL  
UNLEASHED**

**And ye shall know the truth,  
and the truth shall make me free.**

**John 8:32**

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