

Happy Birthday Romaine!

We are off and running on a busy and exciting school year. The MSU Pride Band blessed us during the worship service and we managed to get them all fed afterwards. I appreciate Cory and others who worked with him in planning and providing food and hospitality to them. We are fortunate to have a vibrant university so close, and I am proud of our support of the Bears.

This is an important semester for our church family, as we are doing our best to reach out to our students and make them feel welcome. Sometimes it is a challenge to know what appeals to them and how we can most effectively connect to where they are in their spiritual formation.

Brett McCracken has an article in the *Wall Street Journal* entitled "The Perils of 'Wannabe Cool' Christianity." He talks about this challenge and some misconceptions. He laments the exodus of students from our churches, referring to a statistic from Lifeway Research that indicates 70% of young Protestant adults between 18-22 stop attending regularly. Because of this development, churches are tempted to try all sorts of "gimmicks" to get them back into church.

A twenty-something himself, McCracken offers some sage advice for churches like ours as we seek to be relevant, meaningful, and effective in our ministry. He says, "I can say with confidence that when it comes to church, we don't want cool as much as we want real. If we are interested in Christianity in any sort of serious way, it is not because it's easy or trendy or popular. It's because Jesus himself is appealing, and what he says rings true."

Our Vision 2020 Task Force is beginning its work and is learning about our history and heritage. It's important to know where we've been in order to properly determine where we need to be heading as a church family. We'll want to stay focused on Christ above all else, so keep this group in your prayers. Their names will be on the Wednesday prayer sheet until their work is completed next year.

We have a wonderful church, largely in part to the faithful service of men and women like **Romaine Jaconski**. She is celebrating her 95th birthday, a great accomplishment and worthy of recognition. She remains a vital part of our church family and many of you know her and love her. I am grateful for her friendship and all she has done in service to Christ through the years. I know you will join me in wishing her a happy birthday.

Your pastor and friend,
Danny



- 9/9 Paul Nerren
- 9/9 Laura Umphenour
- 9/11 Doyle Kinder
- 9/11 Lois McCullars
- 9/12 Tandi Edelman
- 9/13 Jerry Clopton
- 9/15 Kathryn Bartee
- 9/15 Mary Jo Megee
- 9/16 Jerry Gray
- 9/16 Holly McGehee
- 9/17 William Marrs
- 9/17 Nan Olmsted
- 9/18 Mary Bunselmeyer
- 9/18 Ingrid Denney

Christian Sympathy

To the family of Harlan Spurgeon on the death of his sister, Shirley Carson, August, 2010.

To the family of Peggy Mullins on the death of her daughter, Sharon Kaufman, August 25, 2010.



September 6th
Church office is closed.

MANAGING OUR FINANCES

GOD'S WAY SMALL GROUP STUDY

Experience Financial Freedom from God's Perspective

A 7-week, video-based small-group study from Saddleback Church and Crown Financial Ministries!

1. The Big Picture—Rick Warren
2. Dedicate It All to God—Chip Ingram
3. Plan Your Spending—Ron Blue
4. Giving as an Act of Worship—Chip Ingram
5. Saving and Investing—Ron Blue
6. God's Solution to Debt—Howard Dayton
7. Enjoy What God Has Given You—Chuck Bentley

One study guide workbook is recommended for each participant if used in a small group.

No special leader training is required. Simply use the enclosed material that is included, and you're ready to go!



Sunday Mornings
9:15 – 10:15
beginning
September 12
Class will meet in
The Parlor
and will be led by
Don & Diane Denton & Chase Blakey

SUNDAY'S REPORT

August 22, 2010

Sunday School	229
Morning Worship	572
Budget Offering	\$9,711.91

August 29, 2010

Sunday School	240
Morning Worship	276
Budget Offering	\$7,751.69

We are now giving at 78.89% of our budget

Welcome

By letter,
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DEACONS OF THE MONTH

September 2010

Mark Wilson
Jan Hockensmith

A.R.M.S. VOLUNTEERS

September 5-11

Dick & Ann Willingham: 883-0538

September 12-18

David & Pam Edwards: 724-1736

BREAD MINISTRY

September 5

Joe & Nancy Brown

September 12

Melinda Nutt & Nancy Luxton

MENUS

Each meal includes soup, salad bar, bread & dessert

September 8

Spaghetti & Meatballs,
Broccoli, Cheese Bread.
Serving Group: Green

September 15

BBQ Brisket on Bun, Potato Wedges,
Baked Beans, Slaw.
Serving Group: Green

Church Wide Golf Tournament at Horton Smith Golf Course
Sept 18, 2010 - 8:00 a.m.

\$40 per person - Two-Person Scramble
(includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, and prizes)
All are welcome to participate!

You may sign up by contacting Cory Goode or Andrew Sherrill, or by placing this completed form in the offering plate by September 12.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Prime Time Future Events



The following information is to use in your planning. Details will follow when we get closer to each activity.

Sept. 20-23: Senior Adult Conference at Windermere. We plan to take a group Monday morning and return Wednesday afternoon. A more detailed sheet with prices will be available in the church office or in the Searchers classroom Sunday mornings. Transportation will be furnished. Individuals may attend single day events if they prefer. The event is sponsored by the Baptist Home and details can be found at: <http://www.thebaptisthome.org/FallCelebration.html>

Oct. 21: A one day road trip to the Maple Leaf Festival in Carthage, MO with a side trip to the birthplace/museum of George Washington Carver is being planned. Cost is not known but it should be low. Transportation will be provided at a modest cost and lunch will be at a restaurant.