

The Tilly Swamp Beacon

“You Are The Light Of The World”- Matthew 5:14

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From The Pastor

As a new church year is upon us 2016-2017 will be remembered as a year of changes. God has blessed us the past several months as AWANA came to a close and we were able to have a program (Kid Time) for the children all summer. I was so happy to see the adult Sunday school classes willing to help by feeding the children each Wednesday night and I pray this will continue.

Tilly Swamp hired Aaron Hurley as the new youth pastor and worship leader. Though we had to wait for his arrival for a few months I believe the wait was worth it as the church has been blessed by his and Kimberly's presence.

Also, Bob Fontana has passed the baton of choir leader to Kimberly Hurley. I have heard good things about this transition and I look forward to seeing the choir lead us in wonderful times of worship.

We have been blessed with the arrival of new family members, Bryson Primm. And we have had to say good bye to some dear family members.

The United States elected a new president and many have rejoiced and many have rebelled. The nation has divided in many ways. It is a tenuous time politically. Yet we must remember that the Lord is sovereign over His creation and He has a plan. I believe it is crucial for every Christian to remember the following scriptures.

First, we are told in 1 Timothy 2:1-4

“1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Whether or not we like the new president we are to pray not only for him but also for those in places of authority.

Second, Romans 13 has some important admonitions for us:

1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. **For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.** 3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; 4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who

brings wrath on the one who practices evil. 5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.

7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Violent protests against the leadership is not godly. King David gives us a good example to follow as he would not harm the king because he knew that the king was God's anointed. King Saul failed but it was not David's place to take Saul's life; Saul's life was in God's hands. We are to honor the office whether we like or dislike the person seated there.

Third, I believe Jude has some strong input into the conversation.

8 Yet in the same way these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties. 9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you!” 10 But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed.

A person that rejects authority invites trouble to themselves. The angels understand this and follow the guide lines of authority.

Lastly, let us understand what Proverbs 21:1 tells us.

1 The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.

Those in leadership are not there by mistake nor are they alone. The Lord guides them to accomplish His task and this is confirmed in the prophets of the Old Testament. All of these combined should give us peace in our chaotic day, give us clear warnings about our actions and words, and show us our responsibility in the world.

In the Altman family changes occurred as well. Savanna and I finished college the same year. Deana and I were blessed to be able to travel to Zambia, Africa for a life changing mission trip.

God has truly blessed our church and my family. He is surely good and gracious.

Please pray that the coming year will be a year with events that only the Lord can take credit for.

Pastor Scott

To our Tilly Swamp family,

We have had such a great time with Pastor Scott & Deana here in Zambia. Thank you so much for making this trip possible! We also want to thank you for sponsoring two of our bush trips this year. Your first trip was to the village of Makowa. We were so blessed to take the trip and the people were blessed because you sent us. People were saved & some even chose to be baptized the next day! We cant wait for you to see the next Bush trip video to the village of Muziya, Pastor Scott & Deana were “live on the scene”! It was an amazing time. Words alone could not describe it, so I hope the video will “partially” be able to express our love for these people and our appreciation to you for your continued financial support. May God richly bless you. Love in Christ, Ken & Karen Buckner

Women's Ministry

Georgia Bryant and Debbie Sharrer

As you know, Carla Kline has stepped down as leader of WMU, but will still be attending any and all meetings she can. Thank you, Carla, for all the hard work you have put in directing WMU.

There was a short WMU meeting held after church service Sunday, August 13. Since no one stepped forward or was nominated to be director, two people have volunteered to be interim leaders – they are Georgia Bryant and Deb Sharrer. They each want to be helpers for WMU and will need your input and help in doing a good job. In working together, they want WMU to grow and be known in the community. Please help support your local WMU by attending meetings and other activities on the upcoming calendar.

Speaking of calendar, this September 9, will be a retreat held at Bethlehem Church. A flyer will be coming soon with all the information and a sign-up sheet will be available as well.

The next WMU meeting will be held Saturday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. in order to put dates and activities on the calendar for the upcoming year. If you have anything you would like WMU to do or be involved in as a group, please come and bring your suggestions to this meeting. All ladies are welcome to attend. God bless.

Youth Ministry

Aaron Hurley, Youth Pastor

Greetings! It's back to school time! This is Pastor Aaron bringing you the latest on the youth and children's ministries! This article will be reiterative of last month's, reminding you of what is coming up this new school/church year. On Wednesday nights, the children are finishing their "I Am" statements of Jesus, while the youth are finishing their "**Why Jesus?**" study by David Nasser discovering why Jesus is so important and learning to discover Him as He describes Himself in the gospels. We have continued to have a meal every Wednesday, and have games to go along with the studies for both the youth and children. We have been seeing new families come into both the youth and children's ministry, and are seeing many return with school starting!

We have a new vision for the youth and children's ministry and have newly named them "**THRIVE: Student Ministries**" and "**TRANSFORMED: Children's Ministries**". This month, we are launching our new **Wednesday Night** format for both



youth and children! For the children we will start "**Connect Kids**" and for the youth we will begin "**IGNITED**". Both ministries will follow a new VBS-like format where there will be a splitting of the younger and older children in "**Connect Kids**" and the younger and older youth in "**IGNITED**" where each group will rotate through times of bible study, a meal, games and activities, and a new feature for Wednesday nights, the addition of worship to the service! With this in mind we will continue with the 6:30-8pm time frame, and I ask the church to pray about serving in these ministries and investing in the young people here at Tilly Swamp! For example, we need Sunday school classes to continue helping with the food rotations. For more information on these new ministries and activities, go to tillyswamp.org and click on the tabs "THRIVE: STUDENTS" and "TRANSFORMED: CHILDREN". Again, be in prayer for these ministries as we strive to reach the children and youth of the Conway area! Blessings to you all!

Sunday School

Ralph Bryant, Director

The new church year sees us delving into a study entitled "The Dark Side". Not only will we learn more about Satan, but also more about the demonic forces that are associated with him. But one important thing to remember is a quote from the introduction to this study: "Satan is mighty, but our God is almighty!"

The Bible class is continuing their in depth study of "Step by Step Through the New Testament", a framework for understanding and interpreting the New Testament.

Our Elementary classes will be learning about the creation and other figures from the book of Genesis including Noah and Abram.

I pray this year blesses each and every one of you in your study of God's word!

Want to get to know the Lord better? Have questions? Come and seek the Lord in one of our Sunday School classes!

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am (or 9 am if you care to have breakfast with us in the Fellowship Hall) as together we learn more about how we can better serve and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

Morning Fellowship Clean-up

9/3: Ellen Goolsby
9/10: Charles & Dawn Lee
9/17: Floyd & Laura Kirby
9/24: Chuck & Carla Kline

Morning Service Greeters

9/3: Debbie Sharrer & SS Class 3
9/10: Carl & Pat Hardy
9/17: Kelly Long & Linda Bullard
9/24: Deana Altman & Ann Barger

Daily Bible Reading for September *(From Mature Living)*

1	Proverbs 21–23	1 Corinthians 6
2	Proverbs 24–26	1 Corinthians 7
3	Proverbs 27–29	1 Corinthians 8
4	Proverbs 30–31	1 Corinthians 9
5	Ecclesiastes 1–3	1 Corinthians 10
6	Ecclesiastes 4–7	1 Corinthians 11
7	Ecclesiastes 8–12	1 Corinthians 12
8	Song of Songs 1–4	1 Corinthians 13
9	Song of Songs 5–8	1 Corinthians 14
10	Isaiah 1–4	1 Corinthians 15
11	Isaiah 5–7	1 Corinthians 16
12	Isaiah 8–9	2 Corinthians 1
13	Isaiah 10–12	2 Corinthians 2
14	Isaiah 13–14	2 Corinthians 3
15	Isaiah 15–18	2 Corinthians 4
16	Isaiah 19–22	2 Corinthians 5
17	Isaiah 23–25	2 Corinthians 6
18	Isaiah 26–29	2 Corinthians 7
19	Isaiah 30–32	2 Corinthians 8
20	Isaiah 33–35	2 Corinthians 9
21	Isaiah 36–39	2 Corinthians 10
22	Isaiah 40–41	2 Corinthians 11
23	Isaiah 42–43	2 Corinthians 12
24	Isaiah 44–47	2 Corinthians 13
25	Isaiah 48–50	Galatians 1
26	Isaiah 51–53	Galatians 2
27	Isaiah 54–57	Galatians 3
28	Isaiah 58–60	Galatians 4
29	Isaiah 61–63	Galatians 5
30	Isaiah 64–66	Galatians 6

Nursery (Infant—3 yrs.)

(During Morning Service)

9/3: Pat Rutherford & Mandy Ammons
9/10: Pat Rutherford & Misty Newlands
9/17: Pat Rutherford & Sylvia Causey
9/24: Pat Rutherford & Kasey Herrington

Children's Church (3-5 yrs.)

(During Morning Service)

9/3: Bill & Chris Skipper
9/10: Megan Stiltner & Betty Strickland
9/17: Cindy Waddell & Peg Neiferd
9/24: Rob & Kasey Herrington

Usher Teams

9/3: Team 1
9/10: Team 2
9/17: Team 3
9/24: Team 4



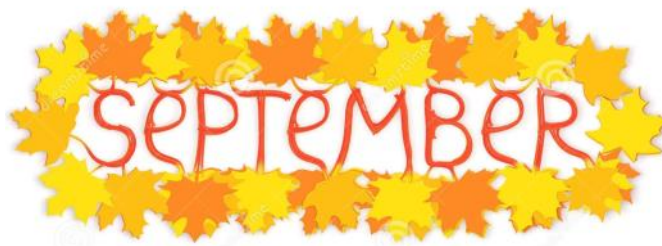
Birthdays This Month

2– Heather Thomas
2– Linda Dilworth
3– Mary McDowell
6– Tommy Gunter
6– Linda Sutton
8– Jessica Ward
8– George Todd
10– David Staley
13– Marie Thompson
14– Terra Thomas
15– Lannis Goolsby
16– Keith Neiferd
17– Cindy Waddell
17– Jim Hamilton
19– Rob Herrington
20– Ken Bondurant
23– Gwen Montgomery
24– Jennifer Stewart
29– Bill Collins
30– Carl Hardy

YARD SALE!! YARD SALE!!

WMU is holding a yard sale on Sat., Oct. 7, from 8 – 12 noon. Anyone and everyone who wants to donate items, please start setting them aside and put a price on them. If the items are not priced, they may be sold for 50 cents to \$1.00. This will help save us time that morning in order to get everything setup. More information will be given as details are worked out during our September 16 meeting. So start saving your items and clean out cupboards, cabinets, garages, closets, even under the bed (ha, ha). Snacks or cakes are always a good item to sell. So, even if you don't bake much, wrap up some cookies, brownies, etc. and sell it. Bring it on. The proceeds will go for shipping the shoe boxes (all 150). We need about \$700 more to mail them.

TSBC Calendar 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 No evening service	4  Office closed	5	6 Ignited (Youth) & Connect Kids 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	7	8	9
*Chris Singleton 843-465-9049						
10 Deacon's Meeting 5pm Business Meeting 7pm	11 Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm	12 Blood Drive at SWA 7-12pm OASIS 10:30am- Todd House Street Reach 6:30pm	13 Ignited (Youth) & Connect Kids 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	14	15 Youth Night	16 WMU 10am
*Bill Skipper 843-399-5736						
17 Homecoming Dr. Tommy Richardson (Dinner on the grounds) No PM Service	18 Revival led by Dr. Tommy Richardson 7:00pm	19 Revival 7:00pm	20 Revival 7:00pm Newsletter Deadline	21 Brotherhood	22 Autumn begins	23
*Bill Bullard 843-685-1358						
24 Communion Council Meeting 5pm	25 Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm	26	27 Ignited (Youth) & Connect Kids 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	28	29	30
*Rob Herrington 843-241-0327						



OASIS (Senior Adults)

Join us for a bus trip on Tuesday, September 12th, for lunch at the Todd House in Tabor City. We'll be meeting at the church at 10:30 am.



Operation Christmas Child

September Collection:

Safety scissors and ink pens (blue or black ink). A collection box is in the church foyer.