



FROM THE PASTOR...

An old Jewish story tells of a rabbi who asked the Lord to show him heaven and hell. "I will show you hell," said the Lord as he opened the door to a room. Inside was a large round table with a pot of delicious stew in the center. The people in the room were equipped with long-handled spoons, but they were starving. They were able to dip into the stew quite easily, but because the spoon handles were longer than a person's arm, they were unable to get the nourishing food to their mouth. "Now I will show you heaven," said the Lord. This time the rabbi saw a room identical to the first except that the people were well nourished, laughing, and talking. They had the same long-handled spoons, but somehow had overcome this handicap. To the puzzled rabbi, the Lord explained, "It's simple, but requires a certain skill – they have learned to feed each other."

Scripture is clear that the way to success and satisfaction is selflessness and service. Jesus said, "...whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:43-45)

Let's cultivate that servant spirit as we love God and others. This is greatness. This is the winning way!

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WISE WORDS FOR WINNING WAYS

Beginning Sunday, July 6 at 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Cregg continues the journey through the Sermon on the Mount as we consider, "Wise Words for Winning Ways", Sundays this summer!

Triumph over Temptation

Sunday, August 10 at 10:45 a.m.

Winning over Worry

Sunday, August 17 at 10:45 a.m.

The Plight of the Plank

Sunday, August 24 at 10:45 a.m.

Weathering the Storms

(Patsy Gilmore in Concert)

Sunday, August 31 at 10:45 a.m.

REV. EDDIE WOODS TO SPEAK

Sunday, August 3 at 10:45 a.m.

Rev. Eddie Woods is a popular speaker at camp meetings and churches throughout the region. He has been involved in numerous nursing home ministries in the Jackson area for fifteen years. Full of optimism and joy, his is a refreshing message of hope in a world full of desperate need. Everyone is invited!



PATSY GILMORE IN CONCERT

Sunday, August 31 at 10:45 a.m.

Victory Church welcomes worship leader, recording artist and music educator, Mrs. Patsy Gilmore as she inspires through a concert of sacred song and spoken word on August 31. With a lengthy history in the field of gospel music, Patsy has been named Music Educator of the Year, 2004 Thad Cochran Distinguished Educator, and received an Award for outstanding leadership in 2006. She presently teaches Music (K-2) at Richland Elementary School and continues to minister in concerts, local churches, and in the community. Everyone is invited to this exciting opportunity for inspiration and celebration. Don't miss it!



STUDENT LIFE

Led by Pastor Michael Matthews
**THE HISTORY AND MYSTERY
OF REVELATION**

Wednesdays in August at 7 p.m.

Page 2295. Well, that what page it's found in my Bible anyway. This month we'll begin digging into the last book of the Bible, Revelation. We will take a look at the amazing prophecies, heavy judgments, and the coming King! All teens are invited to come with their Bibles and questions as we apply this awesome book to our lives. See Pastor Michael for details.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Roger & Linda Polk
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Kid's Korner
VBS VOLUNTEER SUB PARTY
Saturday, August 16 at 4 p.m.

Let's get ready to rumble!! Blowing off a little steam following a vigorous VBS is just what the doctor ordered! All VBS volunteers are invited to this fun time as Sub sandwiches and ice cream sundaes will be served. Afterward, all willing & able will enter the ring and go at each other (in Christian love). First up—Directors Robin Moffitt & Melissa Puckett! Everyone should bring chips & drinks to compliment sandwiches. All VBS volunteers are invited with family members.



SENIOR LUNCHEON
Tuesday, August 26 at Noon

Liz Owens announces that Baptist Cardiovascular Services Director Heather Sistrunk, RN, BSN, will be the guest speaker as she comes to talk about the heart. The meal is potluck and everyone is invited!

HOME GROUP MINISTRY MEETING
Sunday, August 17 at 6 p.m.

If you are interested in learning about home group ministry, this meeting is for you. Pastor Cregg leads the discussion as we explore development of a new opportunity for fellowship, discipleship & outreach. Anyone interested in home groups are invited to attend this meeting in the Family Life Building. For more information, please contact Pastor Cregg.



MUSIC NOTES

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSALS BEGIN
Wednesday's at 7 p.m. in August

The Victory Worship Choir begins preparation for an exciting Christmas Musical in December. Anyone interested in preparing for this event are welcome to attend rehearsals Wednesday's in August at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. See Mrs. Janette Bock for details.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

thru Sunday, July 27, 2008

General Income YTD	\$159,949.44
Budget YTD	151,849.00
Building Fund	89,258.64
Average Attendance:	
Sunday School	130
Sunday Morning	185
Wednesday	79

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

MEN OF ACTION BREAKFAST
Sunday, August 10 at 8:00 a.m.

We are grateful for Rev. Eddie Woods' faithful service and leadership as the Victory Men of Action chairman for many years. A special fellowship for all men is set for August 10 as Eddie recommends Greg Eiler as the new chairman for the Men of Action. Breakfast is provided and plans for the future will be discussed. All men are encouraged to attend this meeting in the Fellowship Hall!



SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY	
Pastor's Prayer Partners	9:00 A.M.
Sunday School Hour	9:30 A.M.
Choir Practice	10:30 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:45 A.M.
EVERY 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY	
Men's Bible Study	6:00 P.M.
EVERY 4TH TUESDAY	
Senior Luncheon	12:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Family Supper (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 P.M.
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	7:00 P.M.
Adult Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	7:00 P.M.
Student Life Meeting (Youth Room)	7:00 P.M.
Bible Skills for Kids (Annex)	7:00 P.M.

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