



The Good News

August 2011

The Word

August 7

"Come

Matthew 14:22-33

August 14

"Getting It Together"

Psalm 133

Genesis 45:1-15

August 21

"Rock Solid"

Psalm 124

Romans 12:1-8

Matthew 16:13-20

August 28

"Who Am I?"

Exodus 3:1-15

Pastors:

Rev. Justin Fisher

Rev. Michael Lawson

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A PASTOR IN SUMMER....



"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull the weeds up?' 'No," he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest.'" (Matthew 13:28b-30a)

Let's not mince words: it has been HOT this summer! When it was a bit cooler, I spent some evenings weeding in the garden "island" in the parsonage backyard. It's a thankless task, isn't it, this weeding business? They never stop growing. As the evenings grew hotter, my weeding got a bit more animated. In frustration one night I took the weed eater and just mowed down one whole end of the garden, including Teresa's gladiolas, all of them, *including their roots*. While she was not pleased, I thought the garden had a nice clean feel to it. Two weeks later I'm weed eating the whole mess again, minus the "glads". I also destroyed a patch of poison ivy, which returned my favor 100 fold with scratching and itching and plagues me to this day.

Now why do weeds grow so plentiful among the "good stuff", both in nature and in daily living? Nobody from Purdue can tell me the agricultural answer, and the seminary I went to was rather vague on the biblical text above. But like it or not, Jesus says that sometimes it's just better to let the weeds alone, even, especially as they seem to invade the wheat, the basic substance of life. Pastorally speaking, I like to think of myself as a "master gardener" who can easily discern the good from the bad, the righteous from the unrighteous, and the true from the false, but usually I fail miserably at that. Perhaps Jesus is teaching me to let him be the Master and that He will handle the harvest in his Father's good timing. My job is to do the best I can with what I have and to nurture the very best in the "gardens" in which I am planted. That said, I firmly believe my life (and yours) needs weeding on both the outside and the inside, but by the same token we need gracious nourishment too, pressed down and overflowing. Somewhere between God's "weeding" and his grace, we do our best ministry.

So, Teresa, I'm sorry about the gladiolas, but in truth, I never liked them very much. And trustees, I'm sorry I whacked the end out of the garden, but I did pay the price with the poison ivy. For now, weeds and flowers are just plain tuckered out with all the heat. And I am "off duty" in the weeding department for a spell. Slowing down, I am coming to terms with the weeds that persist, both in the garden and in the soul. I thank the Lord of the Harvest for his grace in loving me and you "in spite of" all that "clings so closely."

Peace, *Jake*

P.S. Rural King has "Poison Ivy" soap that helps, and free popcorn too.

2011 Tithes and Offerings

Received to date:
\$ 264,141.24
Needed to date:
\$ 277,131.90
\$1 Club to date:
\$ 2880.00

August Mission Prayer Focus

Wesley Foundation -
Purdue

McCurdy School

Retired Ministers
Offering

Prayer Focus

Downtown Fire on
7/19 - Pray for the families and for the Hallelu-Yah Way Christian Store which will all be displaced until clean up and repairs are done.

Norway - Pray for the victims of the attack and for their families as they search for healing.

August Missions

Wesley Foundation at Purdue is a student organization that leads worship services and Bible studies, participates in campus activities and raises funds for mission projects and trips. Our goal is \$2000 with \$1500 budgeted.

McCurdy School is a mission school in New Mexico that provides physical, educational and spiritual ministries for students as well as crisis intervention,

counseling and programs to deal with family conflict and violence. Goal amount is \$1000 with \$750 budgeted.

Retired Ministers Offering is a special conference offering to help enhance the pensions payments of pastors who retired prior to 1982. Look for special offering envelopes in the pews in August.

Shrubbery Trimming Sat., Aug. 13 8am-noon

Time to get our bushes in shape! If you are interested in helping, please come and bring trimmers (and extension cords if needed). Meet at the back entrance to the church.



The Mountain Mission

truck will be returning to our church at the end of September. We will begin collecting the first Sunday of September. Household items and men's clothes most needed. A detailed list will be in the September news.



Membership Class

Pastor Jake will have a meeting with those interested in Membership on Sun., Aug. 7 at 10am in his office. A decision will be made then about where and when to have the classes. Bring your calendar, please!

Broasted Chicken Dinner

Sun. Sept. 18 noon-1:30p.m.

Fundraiser for Sheltered Reality

Mark your calendars

You're invited to celebrate the retirement of

Mike McLaughlin

Sat. Aug. 6 2-5pm

at St. Matthew

No gifts, please.
Stories and pictures encouraged

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The September newsletter will be mailed Wednesday, August 31, 2011 .

Deadline for articles is Wednesday, August 24, 2011.

Carla Keafer, Editor

Thank You!

Prayer Concerns

Ryan Bachman
 Harold Banks
 Stacy Baugh
 Andy Ehrmann
 Jim Nickles
 Ella Nickles
 Jim Seatter
 Tom Stout
 Joanne Weston
 Connie Young
 Maxine Rothenberger

Your generous gifts have been gratefully receive by Solar Oven Partners. Despite the great difficulties in Haiti, you are investing in a ministry that touches the lives of individuals by meeting daily necessities for cooking food and pasteurizing drinking water using the free energy of the sun! With your prayers and help, we are working together by joining hands with the Haitian people to minister with perseverance and hope. Thank you for your compassionate giving.

Rick Jost
 United Methodist Missionary

Thanks to all who made pillowcase dresses to be sent to Haiti. In all 78 dresses were made. A special thanks to Lucretia Altman, Sherrie Troyer, Eva Banks, Gail Riedel, Nan Fullerton, Evelyn Donoho, Eva Banks, Carol Wray, Mary Lou Kays, Mary Jo Giesler, Joan Platt, and Gwen Kelly from Michigantown and Edith Gould who donated \$200 to purchase pillowcases and materials to be made into dresses.

Janeen Burrows

Words cannot express my deepest appreciation for your support and concern during Maurie's illness and in the time of his passing. Thank you, Pastor Jake and Rev. Wortinger, for your visits and calls to Maurie and I at home and while Maurie was in the hospital. Your words and prayers were comforting and helped to ease the pain. The flowers that we received brightened our days. Thank you to Pastor Jake for making Maurie's memorial service at the church so meaningful and heartfelt. The family, friends, and I greatly appreciated the delicious luncheon that Mary Ellen and her team prepared and organized after the memorial service. Throughout the last several months, I truly felt the love, concern, and support from my church family.

Ruth Huffer

Thank you so much, Pastor Jake, for your prayers and visits while I was in the hospital. And also to the members of St. Matthew for their well wishes and prayers. I'm doing well and will see you soon!

Ron Rosen

Person in the Military

Andrew Stewart
 Kris Kennedy
 Jeffery Pearson
 Loren Crone
 Anthony Louk

Birthdays

(for those age 90 and above)

Helen Whitaker
 Aug. 3

 Doris Pflugh
 Aug. 15

 Sally Liptrap
 Aug. 17

 Charlotte Stoops
 Aug. 19



The St. Matthew Sheltered Reality members represented St. Matthew by working in the Pork Producers tent to raise money for their scholarship fund. This money will help pay for their members monthly membership fees. St Matthew SR members would also like to thank their additional helpers Tony and Linda Mongonia and their brother for helping, Whitney Keafer, Jeff and Denise Goodman, Connie Earl, Pastor Jake and Teresa, Leslie Douglass, John and Mary Kay Baker, Ron and Sherry Pritchett, Chris and Jane Carter, Tonya Klingler, and Carly Crabtree.

Special Event:

Thursday, July 28 the Sheltered Reality team of Grace Stewart, Emily Goodman, Caitlin Douglass, Elizabeth Pritchett, Mary Kay Baker, Leslie Douglass, Denise Goodman and the Smith Family went to St. Louis for a national event. They participated in mission work on Friday, practiced all day on Saturday and Sunday they worshipped together and then perform at the park in Troy, IL. This improved their skills which will allow them to participate in more concerts in the area.

Children and Youth Sunday School

Summer Classes:

Pre-K—6th grade:

Rooms 8 & 11

7th - 12th grade:

Rooms 24 & 25

Adult Sunday School

Summer Classes:

Adult Class:

Room 16 (Parlor)

Faith 101:

Room 28

Other Classes

Wednesday:

W.O.W. (Worship on
Wednesdays)

6:30pm each week

Meetings in August

Aug. 8

7:00pm Trustees

Aug. 9

7:00pm Staff/Parish

7:00pm Education

Aug. 20

9:00am Worship

Aug. 22

6:00pm Missions

Aug. 29

7:00pm McTeam

Vacation Bible School



There was a fabulous week of learning, music, and fun at VBS.

Thank yous go to Director Libbi Smith, Tony & Linda Mongonia, Cindy Goldsmith, Barbara Strong, Julie Miller, Patt Elliott, Gail Reidel, Jacki Crum, Linda Anno, Churchwide Fellowship, Mary Jo Giesler, Diane Pearson, Charles Frey, Grace Stewart, Kevin Smith, Julie Harris, Melissa Jacobs, Kim Ferrel, Deedie Herndon, Jean Catron, Nancy Pearson, Cathy Kas, Kameron Dehn, Denise Goodman, Bernadette Frey, Madison Kimball, Jane Carter, Debbie Avery, Carrie Pickard, Vicki Griggs,

Madigan Strange, Cheryl Whitaker, Angela Hale, Shelley Carter, Chloe McLaughlin, Carrie Heady, Cheri Carlson, Katie Linger, and to everyone who donated items for snacks and crafts.

Special thanks goes out to Brenda Buckingham-Ehrmann for the beautiful banners she made that hung in the Narthex and to Pat Elliott, Jacki Crum, Linda Anno for great job they did in decorating the church! Thank you, ladies!!



Summer Choir

The Summer Choir will sing August 21. Rehearsal will be at 8:00 AM in the choir room that Sunday. All singers are welcomed.

Choir Party

Ruth and Glen Lock will host the choir picnic at their home Sunday, August 21 at 5:30. Spouses are invited. Please bring your table service and a salad or dessert.

Chancel Choir

Rehearsals will begin again on Wednesdays starting August 31. High School students and new singers are welcomed.

3rd Graders

Receiving of Bibles - Sun., Aug. 21

Plan to be at church to receive your brand new Bible

Bible Retreat - Sat., Aug. 27

Learn what's in your Bible and how to use it through games, activities, and the Scavenger Hunt! More information will be mailed soon!

Kids'N Music 11:30am-Noon Wednesdays July 27—Aug. 24



Join this weekly class for Toddlers, ages 3 and under, with a participating parent or caregiver. Children learn about sharing, movement to music, counting, colors, and directions all while listening to music. We sit on mats, sing, dance, enjoy "tea parties," move around with colorful scarves, play with a big parachute, beat drums, roll balls, etc. all to live music.

Fee: \$25/5 week session or \$5/session.

Walk-ins welcome. Contact Barbara Strong at 765-242-7477 for more information.

Building Bridges



Building Bridges Counseling Services

Rev. Dr. Jim Witty, Jr. ,
DeAnne Kinsey, and
Ruby Burris offer
many counseling
services. Brochures
are available on table
by church office.
Phone them at:

Jim 317-846-5912

DeAnne 317-489-8920

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Preschool Staff

Administrator:
Mary Kay Baker

Linda Anno

Jane Carter

Jacki Crum

Kim Ferrel

Sherri Howard

Rhonda Hundley

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Stephanie Orem

Jannine Rule

Procrastination

By DeAnne Kinsey

Building Bridges Counseling Services

Several times I attempted to write this article, but I found myself distracted by other things happening around me. The dryer chime just went off... I remember I need to pack my lunch... Oh that reminds me, we're out of bananas. I better write that down... Where is my favorite pencil?... Now the dog needs out again... Oh look, there's my....

You get the picture. The simple fact is I was procrastinating. I tell people it's my spiritual gift, but of course that's not true.

Why do we procrastinate? For some it is a fear of failure. For others it is a lack of focus and/or time management skills. Yet for others, it is a coping skill developed over time to put off something perceived as unpleasant. This could be anything from making a phone call, to doing homework, applying for school or a job, or starting an exercise program (and even writing a newsletter article). Frequently we put off something, even though we know we will feel better when it's done. By procrastinating, we set ourselves up for self-defeating

thoughts and feelings such as guilt and shame, misery and frustration. We feel anxious and incapable. This cycle can lead to depression and low self-esteem. The good news is you can put a stop to it! According to Henrik Edburg, there are seven tips to help stop procrastinating.

1. **Stop thinking. Start doing.**
2. **Don't blow a task out of proportion.**
3. **Take the first step.**
4. **Start with the hardest task of your day.**
5. **Make a decision, any decision.**
6. **Face your fear.**
7. **Finish it.**

To some, this list may appear simple or obvious. For procrastinators, it can be overwhelming. You may find yourself procrastinating once again. But by following this list, one step at a time, you can get moving and stop that procrastinating! Seek assistance if need be. Ask your spouse, a friend, or a therapist to help you get started and to stay on task. Take it one step at a time. Be kind to yourself. And do not put off for tomorrow what you can do today.

St. Matthew Community Preschool Public Registration

Enroll for 2- or 3-day classes.
Must be 2, 3, or 4 by Aug. 1, 2011

There are still a few openings...and a possibility of opening a new class.

Hurry in!

Open House

Parents of preschoolers will be receiving letters in the mail soon with the open house dates and hours.

Hooked for Life



Preschoolers and
older, come fish
with Jerry Lesley

and his crew out at the Frankfort
Lagoons this summer and learn
about the ultimate fisher...of men.

The next fishing dates are:

Aug. 4, and Sept. 1.

Fishing begins at 6:00pm.

Volunteer Opportunities

August Volunteers

	<u>Sunday School teachers</u>	<u>Donuts</u>
Aug. 7	Bernadette & Catherine Frey	Larry & Carol Price
Aug. 14	Thaya Sterrett	Jean Catron
Aug. 21	Mary Jo Giesler	Connie Garrett, Cathe Kas, Shareem Anderson
Aug. 28	Cheri Carlson	Will & Sandy Pullins

Volunteer Notice:

**Child Protection Training
Sun., Aug. 14 at 10am
Fellowship Hall**

If you volunteer with infants, preschool, elementary or youth on a regular basis you need to see Mary Kay during this time to update your training!

A Christmas Journey 2011

School will be starting before we know it, which means fall and Christmas are close behind! There are a few work projects that still need to be completed, and we need to start gathering names of people who would like to actually be in the Journey, either behind the scenes or as characters.

You will find in the narthex a Christmas tree with jobs and work areas. Look at ways you would like to help. Sign your name on the sheet and take the ornament with that job as your reminder.

If you are interested in being a costumed character, there are spots for speaking and non-speaking characters as well as "entertainers" for the park. Non-speaking parts include doorman, host/hostess, group greeters, bobbies, hall monitor for the sanctuary, and servers. Speaking parts are required to be memorized, including the guides. There will be Saturday morning rehearsals as well as the preview night on Tuesday, Dec. 13 and the performance nights of December 16 & 17. Characters must be available for all of these dates, so please check your calendars carefully.

Preview Night – Tuesday, December 13

Performances – Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 & 17

Saturday morning rehearsals beginning in November

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Do you sing? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you plan an instrument? _____ Yes _____ No What instrument? _____

Are you interested in a speaking part? _____ Yes _____ No

Children must be 3rd grade or older to participate and have their parent's permission.

Parent signature _____

**A Christmas
Journey**

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Invite Others to Faith in
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Grow in the Likeness of
Christ
Love and Care for
Others
Go Forth to Serve,
Sent by the Holy Spirit*

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Worship Opportunities

Sunday Morning

8:45 a.m. Traditional
Worship

11 a.m. Contemporary
Worship

Wee Worship

For children 3yrs-1st grade
Sundays 8:45 am & 11 am

Worship on Wednesday
(W.O.W.)

6:30 p.m. in Room 16

Nursery provided up to age
3 for all worship services

Don't forget these activities in August:

Membership meeting - Sun., Aug. 7 at 10am
(for those interested in joining St. Matthew)

Hooked for Life - Thur., Aug. 4 at 6pm

Third Grade Bible Retreat - Sat., Aug. 27
in the evening

