



Family News

Hospital List

Centennial Medical Center

Jim Sweeney

Sumner Regional Medical Center

Georgia Koch, Room 467 (sister of Eunice Sears)

Discharged

Amy Jackson (wife of Joe Jackson)

Sympathy

Clifford and Jean Reel on the death of their son and Lisa Connor on the death of her brother, **Kip Reel**, March 13. There was a memorial service Thursday at the Tennessee State Museum at Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville.

Response

Prayer: **Shron Wade** *Baptized:* **Jordan Ralph**

Men's Softball

If you are interested in playing softball, practice is **today**, from 12-1 p.m. on field #12. If you have any questions, contact Mike Lyle.

Women's Softball Practice

Women's softball practice will be Tuesday, March 24, from 6-7:30 p.m. on field #12. If you have any questions, contact Tammy Webb at 866-8074.

Project Strive

Do you have shrubs that need trimming? Windows that could use a good scrubbing? Maybe some flower beds that need mulching? If the answer is yes, you have an opportunity to have some of our teens come to your house on Saturday, April 18, to do service work. Sign up by calling Carolyn in the church office at 824-6622 no later than Friday, April 10.

Our middle school teens are looking for projects for their Local Mission experience, July 13-17. If you have a job they can do during that week, please let us know. Your support of our teenagers is appreciated!

Bridal Shower

The ladies of the congregation are invited to attend a bridal shower honoring **Caroline Genung**, April 19, 1-3 p.m. in the Tea Room. Caroline is registered with Dillard's and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

ADULT EDUCATION

9 a.m. Sunday • January - March

Classes	Location	Teachers
New Christians	TBA	Nathan White Jimmy Robinson
College-Age Singles Ecclesiology	Room B-2	Sean McPherson Rod Stamps
Young Professionals Portraits of Christ as Seen in the Gospel of John	Room B-1	Richard Swint John Young
Singular Connections 30+/- Singles and Single Again Keeping in Step with the Holy Spirit	Room F	Nick Rapheal
Young and Married What God Says About Money	Room 419	Mike Ryan Pat Raymer
Homebuilders The Christian's Everyday Problems	Room 420	Mark Hayes Barry Potts
Young & Restless Grace, Faith, Works	Room 421	Rodney Cloud Dan Walker
Baby Boomers Parables	Room 201	David Swanger
Seekers Jesus' Apostles and Other Disciples	Room 204	Doug Brown John Kester
Keenagers Jesus and His Teachings	Room 422	Joe Jackson Clyde Head
Empty Nesters Miracles	Room 101	John Groves Karl Wagnon
Special Class Lamplighters	Room 203	Jan Blackwell
Auditorium Class Transition and Interim Ministry	Auditorium	Jerrie Barber Bill Ruhl Larry Graham

Wednesday Night Meal

March 25, 5-6 p.m., MPR

Spaghetti **Tossed Salad**

Dessert **Kids' Table**

Age 12 up, \$3, 6-12 \$1, under 5 Free

Welcome to...

Sunday, March 22, 2009

Hendersonville

Church of Christ

Morning Worship 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Song Leader Joe Connor
 Song #213 He Gave Me a Song
 Song Here I Am to Worship
 Scripture: John 6:66-69 Brian Sheppard
 Opening Prayer Owen Slaughter
 Song #889 There's Something about That Name
 Song #484 O Sacred Head

Lord's Supper - Communion

Dismissal for Children's Worship Ages 2-5

Song #892 The Steadfast Love of the Lord
 Sermon: Jerrie Barber
 "Are You Building Your Life on Facts or Fairy Tales?"
 Song #288 I Need Thee Every Hour
 Song Lord, Reign in Me
 Closing Prayer John Bradley

Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Song Leader Bob Shannon
 Song #716 Walking Alone at Eve
 Song #727 We Shall See the King Some Day
 Song #499 O to Be Like Thee!
 Sermon: "Are You Properly Dressed?" Jerrie Barber
 Song #197 Have Thine Own Way, Lord
 Song #234 Higher Ground
 Closing Prayer Don Litchford

ONE HEART TONIGHT!!



Please report your totals.

Church Office Hours

Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Email Us

HendCOC@aol.com

24-Hours News Line

615.824.0808

Day School

615.264.0308

Pier 511 Youth Ministry

www.Pier511.com

Singles Ministry

www.SingularConnections.com

Life of Christ Study

www.StudyJesus.com

Sermon Broadcasts Channel 3

Wed., 5:30 p.m., Sat., 7 p.m.



Welcome our new Youth Minister

Jon Micah Richardson, wife **Jennifer**, daughters **Christine** and **Lara**, sons **Jack** and **Luke**

Self-Study Survey

Please complete a Self-Study Survey online at www.hendcoc.com or pick up a paper copy in either lobby. As of Thursday, 564 people have participated. For the results to be valid, we need 700+. What you think and the suggestions you have are important. When we finish this task, we will be ready to begin the selection process.

Volunteers Needed

We need people who will volunteer to transfer the paper self-study surveys to surveymonkey on the web. You can work as much or as little as you like. We will have a computer available at the building in the office wing. Please call Jerrie or Connie to schedule the time best for you.



The Art of Confession

Chapter 8 of *The Life You Have Always Wanted* begins with the following quote: “Many Christians are unthinkably horrified when a real sinner is suddenly discovered among the righteous. So we remain alone with our sin, living in lies and hypocrisy... He who is alone with his sins is utterly alone.”

The author (John Ortberg) proceeds to examine how one can practice the confession of sin in a way that heals the soul and re-establishes our relationship with God and others. The first step is preparation. Confession begins with pinpointing the specific sin one has committed. Next comes self-examination and acknowledging the fact that my sin is not the result of bad parenting, poor genes, or a chemical imbalance from one too many Twinkies, but a choice I made. It is a choice that needs to be forgiven, not excused or explained.

The next step involves seeing the sin through the eyes of the one I have sinned against. There are no “minor sins.” I hurt, abused, misused, or took advantage of someone, and they are rightfully hurt. I need to recognize rather than ignore that hurt. Next come two very important questions: “Why?” and “What happened?” “Why did I do what I did?” Honesty demands that I was probably attempting to meet some legitimate need in an illegitimate way. “What happened as the result of my sin?” I find myself living under a cloud of guilt, avoiding the one I have sinned against, and struggling in my relationship with God. “Why?” and “What happened?” honestly answered bring a lot of perspective to one’s sin and situation. That perspective brings a new feeling. True confession is not just the exchange of information. It is entering into and experiencing the pain that I have caused another, and painfully considering what this is doing to my relationship with God. This act of “godly sorrow” is a good thing, as it can lead to restitution and reconciliation, change and growth.

Finally, confession involves a promise. Having sinned and acknowledged my sin, I now commit to making right what I did wrong and being more godly in my actions in the future. The end result is grace. Grace is always given by God, as most of us have experienced, and readily given by most others. We jokingly say that “confession is good for the soul, bad for the reputation.” Actually it is good for both. It cleanses your soul and builds your reputation as being “human” just like the rest of the world.

David Swanger



Children's Ministry News

Sunday, March 29, 4-6 p.m., Courtyard

Easter Eggstravaganza

4:15-4:30 p.m. - infant through age 3

4:45-5:00 p.m. - age 4 through age 7

5:15-5:30 p.m. - age 8 through age 11

Enjoy egg hunts, fun activities, and a special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny. Hamblin Photography will be taking pictures with live bunnies in the MPR for \$20. This includes 2 sheets of pictures. Bring a “picnic” dinner to enjoy before the 6 p.m. church service, blankets and/or lawn chairs.

All parents - Please send 20 plastic, candy-filled eggs for each child who will be participating in Eggstravaganza. Anyone else that would like to donate plastic, candy-filled eggs, that would be greatly appreciated. Please place these eggs in the box in the back lobby by Wednesday, March 25. If you can help in any way with the Easter Eggstravaganza (especially with set-up and/or cleanup), please contact Shannon Starks, 394-7898 or Tracie Thibault, 812-8563.

Sunday - Wednesday, July 26-29 - VBS

Photos from the Mother/Daughter Banquet may be picked up in the back lobby.

Day School Registration Schedule for the 2009-2010 School Year

Pre-K (4 yr. old 3 and 5 days) and Kindergarten

March 24 (Tues.) 8-10 a.m. for currently enrolled

March 25 (Wed.) 8-10 a.m. for siblings of currently enrolled and church members

March 26 (Thurs.) 8-10 a.m. for public

Mother's Day Out (3-yr. old 3-day, and all 2-day programs 6 wks.-3 years old)

March 31 (Tues.) 8:30-10:30 a.m. for currently enrolled

April 1 (Wed.) 8-10 a.m. for siblings of currently enrolled and church members

April 2 (Thurs.) 8-10 a.m. for public

March 22

Sue Foster
Teresa Johnson
Anna Savage
David Swanger
Linda Swanger
Sherry Williams



March 29

Stacey Becker
Ninette Blackwell
Haley Fussell
Lee Anne Fussell
Anna Scudder
Julie Scudder

Calendar of Events

March

- 22 One Heart (Please report your totals to the office)
- 23 Ping Pong, 7-9 p.m., Pier
- 24 Ladies' Bible Class, 10 a.m., Room 420
- 24 Karate, 7-8 p.m., Pier
- 25 Senior Moments, 9 a.m., Community Room
- 25 Wednesday Night Meal, 5 p.m., MPR
- 26 Basic Oil Painting, 6-7:30 p.m., Room 419
- 26 Medical Information Notebook, 6-8 p.m., Room 421
- 26 Sign Language, 6-8 p.m., Room 420
- 26 Karate, 7-8 p.m., Pier
- 29 Easter Eggstravaganza, 4-6 p.m., Courtyard
- 29 5th Sunday Singing
- 30 Ping Pong, 7-9 p.m., Pier
- 31 Ladies' Bible Class, 10 a.m., Room 420
- 31 Karate, 7-8 p.m., Pier

Singular Connections

The Singles Ministry Friday Night Live will meet every 3rd Friday from 6:30-10 p.m. in the Pier. Enjoy friendships with other Christian singles and fun events. Please bring a snack or appetizer and a liter of soda. Check out the website at www.singularconnections.com for further information.

Personal Enrichment Classes

Thursday Nights

Basic Oil Painting - March 5-26, 6-7:30 p.m., Room 419, Penny Kester

Medical Information Notebook - March 5-26, 6-8 p.m., Room 421, Mabel Jordan (Please call to schedule your 30-minute session)

Sign Language - March 5-26, 6-8 p.m., Room 420, Michael Rich and Poppy Steele

Tuesday Nights

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew - April 7-28, 7-8:30 p.m. Room 420, Rodney Cloud

FOR THE RECORD

Attendance:	3-15-09
9 a.m. Sunday School	797
7:30 a.m. Worship	128
10 a.m. Worship	1213
Total AM Worship	1614
HS Retreat	57
6 p.m. Worship	348
6:30 p.m. Wednesday 3/18	553
Contribution	\$44,165.94
Weekly Budget	\$46,000.00
YTD Budget	\$506,000.00
YTD Contribution	\$477,158.00
Under Budget	(\$28,842.00)
www.StudyJesus.com	123,813

FROM OUR ELDERS

Craig Callis	Larry Perry
Rick Fussell	Ron Ponders
Larry Graham	Glen Rodgers
Dennis Johnson	Bill Shannon
John Kester	Rod Stamps
Don Litchford	Karl Wagnon

“Hold Fast to Dreams...”

Poet Langston Hughes summed up the power of a vision for one’s life with these words: “Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken-winged bird that cannot fly.” Here is a good illustration of what he meant.

Auguste Bartholdi traveled to Egypt in 1856. He saw the grandeur of the pyramids, the majesty of the Nile, and the serene beauty of the Sphinx. While there he met another man, Ferdinand de Lesseps. De Lesseps was there to sell the idea of cutting a canal from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean. He succeeded and began a ten-year project that became the Suez Canal.

Bartholdi’s artistic genius was inspired by the idea of so grand an achievement. So he began designing a lighthouse to grace the canal’s entrance. He drew plans and built models. He discarded one plan after another until he achieved what he regarded as the perfect design.

But how could his dream become reality? Who was going to pay for its construction? No one was interested. So the Suez Canal finally opened - but without a lighthouse. Defeated, Bartholdi returned to France. Ten years of his life and labor seemed totally wasted. Yet he never quite gave up his dream.

Moses would have understood that sort of disappointment, wouldn’t he? After dreaming of the freedom of his enslaved race in Egypt, he acted at age 40. The plan blew up in his face. For still another 40 years, he appeared to be a defeated man scratching out a living as a desert nomad. But he never quite gave up his dream. Then God acted. And things happened.

Moses’ timing had been all wrong. He had taken the initiative rather than waiting on God. Time passed. God called. He was empowered to live his vision.

But let’s get back to Auguste Bartholdi. What became of his dream about the lighthouse? After he returned to France, his country’s government announced its intention to offer a gift to the United States. The timing was right to offer his design. It stands now in New York harbor and is known as the Statue of Liberty.

Noble dreams eventually find the right open door. Their time comes. Circumstances change and makes what was once impossible reality.

Know anybody in these times with crushed dreams? Has your own life vision been blurred by something that has happened to make it seem unworkable? Don’t scrap your dreams. Hold to them through the dark hours. Keep them alive until God paves the way to their fulfillment.

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The Elders