

## **PARSON TO PERSON**

We stand on the threshold of July 4<sup>th</sup> and will celebrate our independence as a nation. How is it that we know to celebrate the Freedom we have in America? More than likely it is because we have been taught patriotism. I was taught not to talk during the national anthem and to stand with hand over heart. I was taught to bow my head and listen to the opening prayer at any event. I was taught to honor those who gave their lives for America's freedom. I was also taught that freedom in our country is not free. It has been provided and secured.

With football season looming (only 9 weeks away), we will enjoy the athletic programs of numerous Universities and Colleges. How did we come to love these institutions and cheer for them? Most of us were taught about them by others. Some are Orange...some are Garnet...some are Purple...Some are Gold and Black...and the list goes on and on and on. We support said institutions with dollars and loyalty. Sometimes we do a better job of supporting them than we do the church. We were taught, and we have taken up the mantle.

Then we come to the church. It is evident that there are people who love the church and support the church and have hopes and dreams for the church. Those folks were taught by others. They were taught that tithing isn't the church's standard but God's. They were taught that regular attendance each Sunday morning is something God expects and the church hopes for. The uniting spirit of Christ has been given into hearts of people who want to declare "Thy Will be done" rather than "My will be done." We were taught that the person we are one in is Jesus. The whole world comes to Jesus and cannot be disappointed. Because the church is united in Jesus it cannot be divided. The failing and the faltering of the church is generally

caused by people. So, why is the church here? It is for the lifting of the Gospel, the Preaching about God and Christ and the Spirit, the transformation of lives, the making of disciples, and the conversion of the world. The church is here because we learned of the place it is to hold within our hearts.

Most everything in life that we revere...we were taught to do so. Think about it. I'm afraid sometimes some of us fail to remember what we learned.

—Ken Timmerman

## **SUMMERTIME NOTE**

Summer is here and many will be vacationing. It is already obvious by our attendance that the reality of summer is upon us. Help us fight the summer "slow down" by doing a couple of things. When in town, please find your place in church. We can vacation from work but not from worship. If going out of town, please bring your support for the church by our office before leaving. The church's responsibilities do not take a break over summer. Much of our deficit can be seen if we realize that we have an \$18,000 mortgage each month. Currently, our debt is a part of the church budget. Lastly, pray for your church. We are a good church, but like all churches need to become stronger. Bless you.

—Ken Timmerman

## **SERMONS & THEME FOR JUNE: "The Strength, Image, & Power of God!"**

June 30— Weston Pendergrass preaching  
at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

ANEW—"Sing for Joy!" Zechariah 2: 10-13  
Ken Timmerman, preaching

## **TUESDAY EVENING SERVICE**

Just a reminder that if you happen to miss services on Sunday, we have the Tuesday night service at 6:30pm in the sanctuary for

your convenience! This is a great option for those who go away for the weekend!

## **WELCOME HELENA MEETZE**

We welcome Helena Meetze as our sub organist today and Tuesday night in our traditional services.

## **FIRE INSPECTION**

LUMC will have their annual fire inspection on Tuesday, July 2 at 9:30am. It is imperative that all items (18" or closer to the ceiling in sprinklered areas, 2' or closer in non-sprinklered areas) be removed. If you or your group has a closet that is stacked full to the ceiling, please remove these items **before Tuesday**. If the items are not removed, they will be removed for you. Thank you!

## **DINNER AND BINGO NIGHT AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup> FROM 5–7 PM**

Mark your calendars for a bingo night! There will be a dinner, bake sale, and silent auction. Bingo is free for all ages who want to play. We're serving pulled pork by Love Handel BBQ and all the fixings! The cost for dinner is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets go on sale at 9:30am during Sunday coffee time, beginning June 30<sup>th</sup>. You can also see a FAITH Circle member. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **FLOWERS**

The flowers in the sanctuary are in fond memory of Anne Epting, given by the Wesleyan Disciples.

## **MISSION LEXINGTON FOOD DRIVE**

Barrels for the Mission Lexington Food Drive are located in the hallways. Today is the last day to bring in your donations. Items needed are: canned fruit, applesauce, rice, pasta with sauce, cat & dog food, and kid friendly snacks. Thank you for your donations!

## **SNACK SACKS**

We always appreciate the support that LUMC gives to Snack Sack. We are still in need of donations to pay our bills for the school year that just ended. We need approximately \$2,100.00 to complete the year. Also, Snack Sack supported the Food Box that is in front of White Knoll High School, Entrance B of the parking lot. During the Spring, we deposited 5 of our Snack Sack Meals each week. If you are in that area, please stop and add food for the needy. This Food Box was a Senior Project from one of the school's senior class this year. Thank you for your support to Snack Sack. We greatly appreciate all that our church family has done to support this most important ministry. Rick Cunningham (803)414-2940

## **OUR CALENDAR**

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

Youth to Salkehatchie (Old Bus)  
8:30am Trad. Worship Service (Sanctuary)  
9:30am Coffee Time (Asbury Hall)  
9:45am Sunday School (Classrooms)  
11:00am Anew Worship (Wesley Hall)  
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5:00pm Stephen Ministry Supervision (MC106)  
5:15pm Youth-Come to the Water-Slapnik home (offsite)

### **MONDAY, JULY 1**

10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (Wesley Hall)  
5:30pm Middle School Laser Tag (LUMC)

### **TUESDAY, JULY 2**

10:00am Staff Meeting (MC106)  
5:30pm Al Anon (Parlor)  
6:30pm Tuesday Worship Service (Sanctuary)

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 3**

9:30am Wednesday Walkers (Wesley Hall)  
9:30am Weds. AM Bible Study (MC106)  
10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (Wesley Hall)  
7:00pm Anew Worship Practice (Wesley Hall)

### **THURSDAY, JULY 4**

2:30pm Prime Timers Cards (Asbury Hall)

### **FRIDAY, JULY 5**

10:30am Prime Timers Exercise (Wesley Hall)

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