

From the Pastor.....

I wonder if there will be baseball in Heaven? I sure hope so. If joy is going to be part of our heavenly experience, and no doubt it will, then it seems it will have to involve baseball. Why do I say that? Because the joy Terri and I experienced this past weekend in our visit to Wrigley Field to watch our Chicago Cubs was "heavenly." With two come from behind victories, (yes, they lost on Saturday, but you can't win them all) one being a win in dramatic fashion with a walk-off grand slam homerun in the bottom of the 9th inning! We experienced pure joy and the "thrill of victory."

While all that was great, the real blessing was the realization and reflection of what the trip really meant. It was Terri's "victory lap." You see last year we had planned to make this trip, to celebrate the end of her chemo treatments and before she began her radiation procedures. But she was too sick and the doctor was adamant she not go. So, we postponed it until this year. When the Cubs won those two games, we took out her PINK "W" flag that was custom made and given to her from a friend and we waved it proudly.

That flag represents not only the Cubs winning, but Terri winning also. And for that matter, it also represents all those who overcome life-changing and life-threatening injuries and illness.

Will there be baseball in heaven? I don't know, but I'd like to think there will be a "W" flag waving for each believer who in spite of the bumps and bruises of life, in spite of the trials and tribulations we experience on this earth, there is the "thrill of victory" and the pure joy that comes from God's amazing grace. A place where grace will be fully realized. A place where God resides. A place called HEAVEN!

I love you all,

Pastor Frank

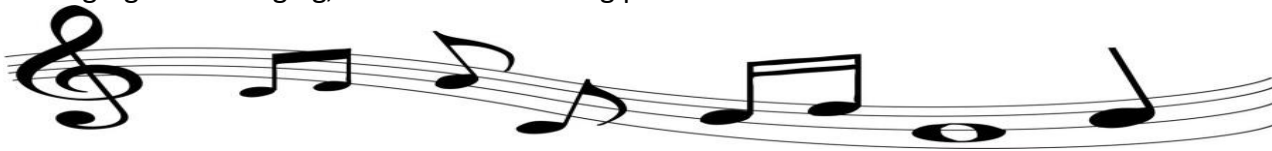
Musical Connections

SUMMER MUSIC IN REVIEW

Beginning with a joyous Memorial Day celebration at the end of May, and a patriotic service at the beginning of July, we have enjoyed a music-filled summer at Bowling Green Baptist Church!

During the summer months, we were blessed in the Traditional Service with our own Men's Ensemble singing "I Am A Man"; Deacon Charles Cushing singing "The Lord's Prayer"; and Worship Leader Doug Farris singing "I Can Only Imagine" accompanied on the guitar.

We were also fortunate to have guest pianist and fellow choir member Barbara Lanford accompany us in congregational singing, anthems and moving preludes.



The Adult Choir is blessed to have the continued support and encouragement of former Director of Music, Margaret Lewis (Guy). Although she now resides in Richmond, Margaret keeps in touch with our current Director Sandra Stevens. She has often provided encouragement for the music ministry and its vital part of our worship. One such correspondence included this piece on Preludes:

There is a very good reason for the musical prelude in the worship service.

We have come to the House of the Lord---You and I, to worship. He is there.

He is waiting.

There has been, perhaps, too much hurrying and scurrying to get ready for church.

...with the Prelude comes a time of quiet.

It is not meant to be a background of music against which we can chit chat with our friends and neighbors.

It is a meditative type of music.

If we will let it, it helps create within our beings an attitude of prayer.

A feeling of peace.

An awareness of the beginning of a worship experience, and a sense of nearness to our Father whose house we have entered.

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Thank you, church, for participating in our partnership with Caroline Family Practice Community Health Center to collect notebook paper and backpacks for underserved back to school children in our community. We were able to reach our goal of 300 packs of notebook paper and 30 backpacks. These supplies along with items from other participants resulted in 126 children receiving fully packed backpacks to begin their school year.

The annual offering for Va Missions was named for Alma Hunt, a native Virginian who gave much to the cause of the ministry of Christ. This offering provides funding for all Women's Missions and ministries in Va and provides for special outreach projects. Every dollar given goes to support Va ministries. Our goal this year is \$1,000. Please read the brochure in our bulletin which tells about some of the stories and outreach projects out monies provide. Our special emphasis is Sept 17-23.

The Hermon Association mission project will involve all association churches bringing together designated food items for underserved school children in our community to have on weekends and school holidays.

Our church is asked to collect and donate 300 single serving, microwavable pasta meat cups (such as ravioli/spaghetti and meat balls/beefaroni/lasagna). At our annual meeting we will pack these items, along with other breakfast, lunch, snack, and drink items to be sent home from school. We will collect these items Sunday August 26th through October 7. Baskets will be provided in the Family Ministry Center and under the bench in the missions area hallway. Monetary donations may be given to Susie Hicks or Paulette Britt.





Wayne	Pickett	1
Amanda	Perry	2
Issac	DeLeon	3
Mateo	DeLeon	3
Ashley	Gray	4
Kamryn	Gray	4
Mark	Bissoon	5
Amanda	Lauchlen	6
Nancy	Markham	6
Anne	Wright	6
Thelma	Carneal	11
Allen	Durrett	11
Craig	Lewis	11
Jason	Church	12
Amber	Vaillancourt	12
Dale	Ballew	15
Glenn	McDearmon	15
Stephanie	Mills	15
Terri	Johnson	17
Lee	Beale	19
Sandra	Stevens	23
Bonnie	Gromovsky	24
Darlene	Meyer	24
Otis	Wright	26
Jacob	Gromovsky	28
Camden	Gray	29
Charlene	Gray	29
Bailin	Lauchlen	30
Alex	Thomas	30



Deacon of the Week:

SEPTEMBER	2	Neal Tidman
	9	Doug Farris
	16	Charles Cushing
	23	Sherry Brillhart
	30	John Markham

Deacons' Meeting Devotions- Carolyn Lane

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Counters— Daniele Cushing & Vicky Farmer

Flowers:

Sept 2	Beth Curran
Sept 9	Megan McDearmon and Ashlee Ewing
Sept 16	Nancy & John Markham
Sept 23	Jean Davis

Coffee & Snack Schedule:

Sept. 2	Jean Satterwhite
Sept. 9	Karla Eutsler
Sept. 16	Brad and Jenn Thomas
Sept. 23	Joseph and Meredith Pack
Sept. 30	Combined Service – No Café

Nursery Workers: *

2nd - **Tracey Mallory** - Kristen Bissoon – Kyle Farris
 9th - **Carolyn Lane** - Jeanne Jordan – Hannah Kennedy
 16th - **Heather Smith** - Jenn Thomas – Laney Thomas
 23rd - Karen Covington - **Amy Phelix** – Christianna Gray
 30th - Richard Gustard – **Naeda Gustard** – Kamryn Gray

* Both individuals are responsible for the 8:45 service; the individual in red is also responsible for the 11:00 service.