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Attendance	Offering
5/4 414	\$12,075
5/11 400	9,473
5/18 432	8,508
5/25 348	5,480

On Our Prayer List:

Please pray for our Mission Team as they prepare for the trip to Dominican Republic this summer.

Ann Lockamy is undergoing chemotherapy.

Rhonda Gould requests prayers for her sister who is undergoing tests.

Kara Warner requests prayers for Emily, the 5 year old daughter of a friend who has brain cancer.

Continue to remember:

George Teeters, P.D. and Lucy Kirby, and Sarah Tunick who is teaching in China. She will be returning in July.

Story Time

Children ages 2 - 5 are invited to attend Story time each Thursday morning June 12 through August 21.

Please meet in the lobby at 10:00 AM.

Special Collection

Our mission team has been busy preparing for this summer's Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. We're planning a special collection on June 8th to help fund the trip.

Baptisms

Bieney and Mirna Aquelar – May 4
Yvonne Quaynar – May 11

Congratulations Graduates

Victoria Costa... going to ACU
Devin Kuneff... East Carolina
Luke Gilbert ... NC State
Tommy Ratliff ... Appalachian
Taylor Schlentz ...(undecided)

Summer Intern



Travis Kaye from Harding University will be joining us this summer. Please keep Travis and our youth ministry in your prayers as we look ahead to a great summer.





Pay More Careful Attention

Solomon had a divided heart - his lack of complete devotion to God - which eventually led to the division of the kingdom of Israel. We are encouraged to continually draw closer to our Heavenly Father and prevent the kingdom of God within us from becoming divided in the sense of rebellion and lack of pure worship.

When we consider our closeness to God, we tend to look at our priorities and schedules. Closeness to our Heavenly Father requires a certain amount of dedicated time; we cannot expect to hear His direction if we don't spend time learning to recognize His voice and make the effort to turn off the competing voices in our lives so that we can truly listen to Him. And once we have set aside those times to hear God through prayer, preaching, or reading of His Word we are encouraged in the very strongest of terms to pay close attention to what we hear. The author of the letter to the Hebrews wrote to them to encourage them to persevere in the faith and wrote "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away" (Hebrews 2:1).

It will do no good to make adjustments to our schedule - to give God more priority - if we don't become disciplined students of His Word. We can fill our time with good preaching and quality books, but if we follow the example of the Bereans who "examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true" (Acts 17:11), we will be easily swayed and subject to spiritual drift (cf. Eph. 4:14-16). As disciplined students we must maintain an excitement for the things God has done as well as for the promises He has made for our future through every letter of His Word.

God has given us a wonderful gift - a gift without which we could never know Him. Through inspiration of the Holy Spirit working in the lives of many different writers, God has dictated a love letter which calls us into fellowship with Him through Jesus Christ...we call this letter the Bible. In His absolutely authoritative and essential letter, God has revealed the fullness of His character and established a set of unchanging truths. A deep belief and understanding of these truths will push aside fears, erase lingering doubts, and instill a new sense of hope within us.

We do not need to allow our kingdom to be divided; we must not drift away. The Spirit has made our hearts receptive and hungry for God's Word. We must now submit to His leading and become as the workman who "correctly handles the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Let's give Him the total devotion of our heart as we pray, read, and listen to His Word. And as we hear, let's maintain a great excitement and always pay more careful attention to what He is saying to us.

Keep the Faith!!

Thank You Notes

Last week we, the deaf ministry, enjoyed being part of 40th Anniversary of FACC. There are many deaf members who want to express their thoughts.

First of all, we want to say thank you to all Elders for allowing us to be part of this awesome body of Christ and that we are able to worship our Lord Jesus Christ in our own language and our culture and still be part of this church.

Secondly, we want to thank all those, past and present, who have been interpreters for us between deaf and hearing. They have done much and want to make sure that deaf group will get same messages as hearing group gets.

Some of these include Jim Akers, Vic Moran, Shawna Poole, Gabby Deuschle, Coral Kaplan and more that I could not name them all but want to say thank you for your service.

Finally to deaf leaders like Andrew D, Jim Kelly, Frank Handy, Lemuel Watson, Frank Schiretz, Daniel Silvers and Ann Lockamy. Again there are many names that we may overlook or can't list them all but want let you know that we all are very blessed to have an awesome church that support the deaf ministry and I really glad to be part of this Body of Christ and looking forward to work with you all as today and future to come!

Love you all,
From
Joe Kaplan, Deaf minister
and all of us in the Deaf Ministry.



Friendly Avenue Family,
Thank you so much for your cards and prayers on my sister, Pat's, passing. She will be greatly missed.

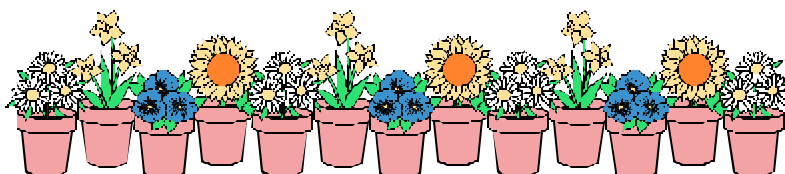
Your sister in Christ,
Ann Kizer

2008 Friendly Avenue Mission Team Members

Sebastian Arias
Fannie Bennett
Bryan Brown
Eric Cassetty
Tara Cassetty
Chelsea Clayton
Harold Clayton
William Clayton
Megan Creed
Jim Crotts
Tianna Cummings
Annaliese Delcambre
Danielle Delcambre
Al Dula
John Harris
Marie Harris
Ellen Harris
Michele Harris
Ron Johnston
Devon Kuneff
Jonathan Mayfield
Astrid Mesa
Peter Rode
Abigail Smith
Maria Smith
Randy Smith
Tia Uitenham
Leonard Uitenham
Alex Yonjof
Mary Yonjof
Taylor Yonjof
Deborah York



Mission Dates: July 19 - 27



Please Join Us

Sunday

Bible Study 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM

Sunday Evenings

Small Group Bible Studies meet in homes at various locations. Please call the church office for a group near you.

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Our Ministries

Assembly Management
Audio – Video
Benevolence
Deaf
Drama
Education
Fellowship
Finance
Financial Peace University
G.E.M.S. (Women's Ministry)
Hospitality
Interior Design Coordination
Interfaith Hospitality Network
LASC
Leadership Training for Christ
Maintenance (Building, Grounds)
Marriage and Family
Missions
Man to Men (Men's Ministry)
Music
Nursery/Children's Worship
Rainbow of Christians
Small Groups
Spanish Ministry
Super Seniors
Worship
Youth

Tickets Available

Ladies, you may purchase tickets for the next Beth Moore Simulcast on our web site. The simulcast is scheduled for August 1 & 2. Tickets are \$30 each.

www.friendlyave.org

Awesome Fest 2008

For Rising 7th graders –
12th Graders

Date: June 19 & 20

Cost: \$8

Time: begins at 6:30 PM on Thursday. Ends at 10AM on Friday.

What to Bring:

Your Bible
Clothes to get messy in
Change of clothes
Towels
Toiletries
Money
Sleeping Bag & pillow
Friends

If you have questions, please see Bryan Brown.

Thoughts About Fathers

"A Man's children and his garden both reflect the amount of weeding done during the growing season." - **Anonymous**

"Small boys become big men through the influence of big men who care about small boys." - **Anonymous**

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." - **Anonymous**

"It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was." - **Anne Sexton**

"The greatest gift I ever had Came from God, and I call him Dad!" – **Anonymous**

"He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it." - **Clarence Budington Kelland**

"Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance." - **Ruth E. Renkel**



Happy Father's Day!