



First Light

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It never ceases to amaze me how fast time seems to move these days. The "New Year" is already a month old, and before we know it, summer time will be here. Summer is always a busy time for churches.

The Youth go on mission trips and camps. The kids have Vacation Bible School, and "game days" at the church. All of those activities don't just happen all by themselves. It takes weeks of praying, planning, and preparation to do just one of those activities. That's what we are doing during these next several months.

I am asking each of you to begin **NOW** praying for each of the projects that our Youth and Children departments will be conducting during the summer of 2012. Specifically pray for each person who will be attending or participating in the activities. Pray about your own involvement in these activities. Does God want you to serve as a sponsor on one of the trips our Youth will be making this summer? How about working in Vacation Bible School? What would you be willing to do to see that these activities take place? Begin praying that each of the events that are being planned for the summer months will reach those who are lost and without Christ. Everyone can pray!

If God begins leading you to work in Vacation Bible School, be the first to volunteer. If you need additional information about this year's Vacation Bible School, call Lana. She would love to share her passion for children with you. Perhaps God is leading you to go to camp with the Youth, call Steve and get the details.

I'm simply talking about the fact that each of us has gifts and talents that need to be used for God, His Kingdom, and His Church. The Apostle Peter tells us in

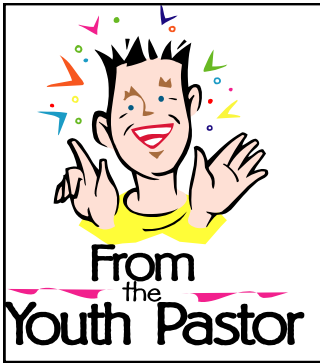
1 Peter 4:10, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." God has gifted each of us, not for the advancement of ourselves, but for **others**. What will you do this summer for others? Don't miss a blessing that God has in store for you through Vacation Bible School or Youth Camp.

I know what you're thinking, "Its only February, why is he talking about helping in the summer?" I'm talking about this summer because time sure has a way of moving fast.

Blessed to be your Pastor,

Church Conference
This Sunday, February 5th
Following worship





Another year down...
another season of trips to
prepare. Youth group is-
n't all about the trips (our
main focus is actually
Wednesday night worship
and study: 6:00 pm for Jr.
High and 7:00 pm for
High School)...but they are pretty important.

Ski Trip dates: March 14-17, 2012

World Changers Mission Trip is June 23-26, 2012

Those going on the mission trip will start meeting
on Sunday nights beginning in March. We will be
praying for our trip and for the people we will be
witnessing to. Also, we will be doing some studies
to prepare ourselves for the trip.

Last thing...if you are interested in sponsoring a
youth or several youth for our mission trip, please
contact me.

Baptist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 12th

7:30 am

All men & boys invited!

Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, February 8th ~ 8:00 pm

In Servant's Class



You are invited to a

Baby Boy Shower

Honoring Kylan Presley Baker

Son of Kevin & Adrienne Baker

(grandson of Buford & Mary)

On Saturday, February 4

10:30-11:30 am

In the home of Mary Brock

716 Gibner Dr.



Men's Bible Study

Saturday, February 11th & 25th

7:30 am in the FLC

Men, please join us for Bible study. We meet
twice a month and the Bible study usually lasts
an hour. The men are currently studying the
book of James. Contact the church if you would
like more information.

TV MINISTRY UPDATE



In order to watch the broadcast of
our services on TV you will have to
get a digital box from PTCI. Con-
tact Carol Pack (659-5557 if you

Carol's Notes



I had a dental appointment Monday, and I had an experience that made me feel like I had just walked into the Twilight Zone. Rarely does one go into the waiting room of his doctor/dentist/beautician/other service providers that he does not have to wait for a time before he is called for his appointment. It is usual that those in the waiting room greet one another or at least look up when a new person comes through the door. Depending on the length of the wait, people sometimes engage in casual conversations.

There were two people in the dentist's waiting room when I walked in. Both were totally engrossed with something on their cell phones, and neither even looked up when I took a seat. The lady was called first. She dropped her phone into her purse and walked out of the room without a word. The young man was called next. He responded when the dental assistant called his name, stuck his phone in his pocket and exited. I was in the room with these two individuals for almost fifteen minutes, and there was never one second of eye contact with either of them. They were totally engrossed in their phones.

My appointment was delayed and, as I continued to wait, two more people entered. I looked up at

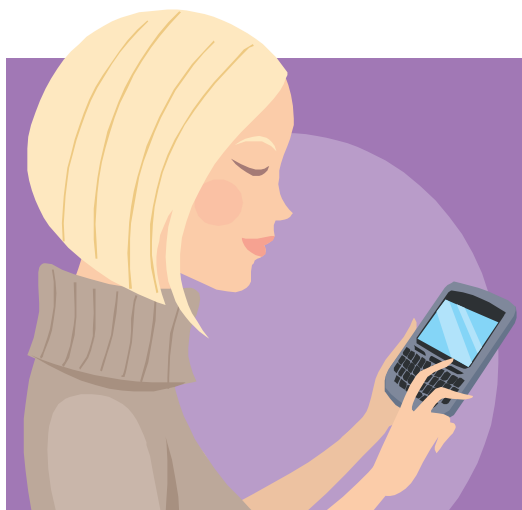
each, but neither looked my way. The first went to the farthest corner of the room, pulled out his cell phone, and got "busy." The next, a lady, had a conversation with the receptionist, took her seat, and pulled out...you guessed it: her cell phone. Only my hygienist's calling my name stopped me from pinching my arm to be sure I was real!

Maybe I am weird, but this was an abnormal experience for me. I certainly did not *need* anyone's attention, but the total lack of it made me feel almost...invisible. Then my "minister brain" took over. It was only last week that I asked Mary, "What did we do before cell phones?" Have we as a society or -

Heaven forbid - the church become so dependent on technology and/or addicted to our phones that we have lost sight of the world (people) around us? How many people cross our paths every day and feel invisible because we failed to look their way, much less say, "Hello?"

With two teen-agers in our house, I am very aware that cell

phones have become a constant companion...and that is not exclusive to teen-agers! So, in this brave, new world of technology dependence I ask, "Are we missing the boat of 'Loving God, Loving Others, Serving the World'?" Today I got just a little taste of what it's like to feel invisible, and I really didn't like it!



Carol ☺



ConKer Cancer

(Pillowcase ministry for children with cancer)

**Meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
at 1:00 pm in the Family Life Center**

Call Judy Yarbrough for more information

Lana Medley— to have sinus surgery

Joe Garcia—Home

Mary Ruth Connelly—Hansford Hosp.

Donnie Mitchell—to have surgery

Sybil Miller—lumpectomy 1/30

Linda (Mrs. Wirt) Davis—Morse

Mary Baker's sister—Cody, WY

Pam Elliott's cousin—cancer

Brenda Ferguson's mother—Dumas

Travis Wolf's father—hospice

Mandy Earle's father—cancer

Debbie Cantu's aunt—cancer

Buford Baker's sister & bro-in-law—Tyler

Lana Medley's sister—chemo

Michelle Mahaffee's grandmother

Julie Sherrod Gumfory—Temple

Lee & Staci Jarvis—Guatemala

Iglesia Bautista Genesis—Juarez, Mexico

Topp family—Mexico City



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We extend our deepest sympathy to:

The family of Glen Mackie on his loss on January 1st. Graveside services were January 3rd.