



# The Journal

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## **NOTE FROM PASTOR DAN**

“One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” (Luke 11:1).

Did you catch that? Jesus was not teaching or preaching on prayer; Jesus was praying! And something about that was extremely attractive to the disciples. And so they asked Him to “teach us to pray”. They observed Him in prayer and said. “WOW, I wish I could pray like that”. We can only speculate as to what so enamored them with Jesus’ prayer, but whatever it was, it was special!

Think about that! Jesus did some pretty powerful stuff! He was a preacher, teacher, and healer. He could speak His word, and evil spirits would flee! He could speak His word and men would “drop their nets” and follow Him. Jesus did some sensational things, even by modern standards! And yet, it was none of those things that the disciples longed to be taught. No, what they wanted more than any of those sensational things was to be able to pray like Jesus prayed! “Lord teach us to pray...”.

And that is very comforting to me! I don’t feel like much of a “sensational” guy. My words don’t have anywhere near the power of the Lord. My preaching and teaching is average at best. My words don’t bring healing or cast out evil. And my guess is that you can also relate to what I am saying. But, there is one thing that Jesus did that every one of us can do. Everyone of us can be a PERSON OF PRAYER!!! And if we actually believe what we say we do; namely, that it is prayer that changes lives, then everyone of us can be an agent of change for good in this world!

Now, we need to be careful here. It is not our prayer that changes lives, but rather it is the One to whom we pray that changes lives! God seems to be waiting for us to call upon Him and then His power can be released to minister His healing grace in our lives and in the lives of those for whom we pray. So, the challenge for AUGUST is to be EARNEST in prayer! And please let me know how you see God at work this month in answer to your prayers! God bless you!

Pastor Dan

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## **AUGUST GREETERS**

*August 3– Glenn & Rebecca Nix  
Mac & Anita McInnis*

*August 10 - Marty Williams  
Bobby Hearnese*

*August 17 - John & Pam Barrett  
Taylor & Julie Burke*

*August 24 - Tripp Logan & Jane  
Jackson*

*August 31 - Ronald Dodson &  
Annette Robertson*

## **COMMUNION AT THE MANOR**

We will serve Holy Communion at the Manor on Tuesday, August 5, 9:30 am. You are invited to come and share in the service.

**LOUNGING WITH LUKE**

Pastor Dan will be offering a short-term Bible Study beginning in September at two separate times during the week. The study will be on the person of Christ from the gospel of Luke. Each study will run for 4 weeks only, so you are welcome to sign up for September, October or November. Of course, you are welcome to sign up for more than one month if you desire. The study will be held at the parsonage or at the church depending on the response and offered on Sunday evenings and on the week-day morning.

Okay, here are your options:

If you prefer Sunday evening, would you prefer:

Sunday night at 6 p.m.

OR

Sunday night at 7 p.m.

If you prefer a week-day morning at 10 a.m., would you prefer:

Tuesday morning

OR

Wednesday morning

OR

Thursday morning

I am signing up for the month(s) of:

September (beginning the Sunday after Labor Day)

October

November (ending the Sunday before Thanksgiving)

Please circle your choice, sign & return it to the church office by August 17.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Men of the church you are invited to come and bring friends to our Men's Prayer and Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, August 9 at 7:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

**NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEES THIS FALL**

The Worship Committee will be organizing "Neighborhood Coffees" in honor of Pastor Dan and his wife, Sandy, during September and October. This will give Pastor Dan an opportunity to visit in small groups and know each of us as individuals and understand what we expect our 'church dreams' to be, as he shares his dreams with us

You will be invited to one of these neighborhood coffees by post card sometime in late August. All senior adults, young adults and youth will be included. If you would like to host one of these gatherings, please call the church office for more information.

**THANK YOU**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your donations of white shirts and other supplies for my Summer School Science Camp. It was a huge success and the children loved it. (I did, too!) We did 9 experiments in 10 days!

Hopefully the students will develop an eagerness to question and wonder about the world resulting in more scientists in our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,  
Charlotte McNeary

Dear UMW Bereavement Committee,

Thank-you so very much for preparing and serving the delicious meal for our extended family prior to the visitation and memorial service for Riley.

We appreciate the time and effort it took each of you and was such a comfort to us at this sad time. Again, thank-you for your kindness.

Love,  
The Brown Family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for sending us to church camp. It has become one of the high points of our summer.  
Maggie McNeary, Mari McNeary, Wilson McNeary

Dear friends,

Thank you so very much for sending me the loving prayer shawl. It really means a lot to me to be wrapped in the love and prayers of my loving Christian friends.

Thanks again for thinking of me.

Love,  
"Sisser"

Dear Charleston UMC,

Rachael loves her prayer blanket. Thank you so much for thinking of her. She uses it to cover up her legs and she tells everyone it's a "special" blanket and she's a "special" girl. Thanks again and God Bless.

Amanda Shively Driskell  
Wilma Shively  
Rachael Ross (6 yrs. old)

**NO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING IN AUGUST**

**ALL-CHURCH BARBEQUE DATE SET FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2008**

**WE WILL PRESENT THE NEW 3RD GRADERS WITH A BIBLE DURING WORSHIP SOMETIME IN SEPTEMBER. OUR NEW 3RD GRADERS WILL BE CATIE AUSTIN & WILL FERRELL.**

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Minds, Open Doors*

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DISCIPLES**

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A DIFFERENCE**

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**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Cecelie Pike, Oliver French, III & Travis Williams
- 3 - Harrison Moore
- 5 - Lee Bethune & Margaret Weiss
- 6 - Abbie LeFevre
- 7 - Alfred Marshall
- 8 - Becky Story & Michael Jones
- 9 - Chad Allen French, Jeanne Burke & Kevin White
- 11 - Melanie Fraga
- 12 - Isabella Goodin
- 14 - Bruce Dovin, Don Robertson, Katie Thurston & Ron Seabaugh
- 15 - Bethany Brown
- 16 - Mayme Young Miller
- 17 - Catherine Malugen & Glenn Hillhouse
- 18 - Carson Miller & Dicky Hanor
- 19 - Mindi Luehmann
- 20 - Frank Goodman & Janie Pemberton
- 21 - Jonathan Hankinson & Caroline Wiley
- 22 - Spencer Fenton Huls & Laura Logan
- 23 - Beth Keener & Tripp Logan
- 24 - Ryan Ault & Sara Story
- 25 - Martha Ellen Black
- 26 - Madeline Burke & Sherry Austin
- 27 - Pete Story, Bart Stallings & Benjamin Tucker LeFevre
- 28 - Caitlin Moody, Sarah Michael Dovin & Katie Michael
- 29 - Jane Jackson & Krystal Brown
- 31 - Courtney Luehmann & Maggie Fox

**TIME CHANGE!!!**

The Administrative Council met on July 15, and approved a recommendation from the Worship Committee that the Fall Worship Services would continue to be the same schedule as Summer Service, which is one worship service beginning at 9 AM, followed by all Sunday School Classes, meeting at 10 AM.

This decision was made due to the large number of church families who are attending one service this summer. It is the consensus of the Worship Committee and Ad Council that everyone enjoys worshipping in one larger service with family and friends.

Please give this your continued support.

