

## From the Pastor



I want to thank the people of this church for welcoming my family and for the kindness you have shown to us. Our family is looking forward to getting to know you better.

As I shared about Beautiful Feet in the Sunday service, I think of the physical freedom Isaiah was speaking about in Isaiah 52:7 and then the spiritual freedom that Paul spoke about in Romans 10:12-15.

What is most important to us?

I would say the spiritual freedom is the first step in the process of living life fully. Accepting Christ as Savior and receiving His love and forgiveness gives us joy and hope. Out of this new life our heart can now reach toward others with hope.

I am sure you have heard the saying "people don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care." With this in mind we must build relationships with people and authentically care about them. We need to take time to hear their story, walk along side of them in life. Get to know them. During this time we can be the hands and feet of Christ in their life. We can share our story with them of how Jesus has impacted us. Let them know; Where you were before Christ, what did He do for you, and then where are you with Christ now.

Do you remember what Beautiful Feet do?

- Bring Good News
- Proclaim Peace
- Bring Good Tidings
- Proclaim Salvation
- Declare, our God Reigns

Think of people in your world who need to hear good news from your beautiful feet, then let's walk our faith out.

In Christ, Pastor Jon

## Wednesday Evening Service Update

We will have a Bible study and prayer for our church families and our community on Wednesday evenings, beginning August 31<sup>st</sup> and will continue through September 28<sup>th</sup>.

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	– 8:30 a.m.	Visitation Committee Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	– Office Closed	for Labor Day
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	– 10:00 a.m.	MOM's Business Meeting
		– 11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
		– 8:15 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting
10 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	– 4:00 p.m.	Lower Level Res. for Horton & Hipps until 7:00 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	– 12:00 p.m.	Meeting about the Fall Festival
		– 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Youth B.Y.O.M at Wyatt's House
		– 6:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study Kick-Off
12 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	– 6:00 p.m.	Chrismon Class in the lower level
14 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	– 11:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
		– 8:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	– 4:30 p.m.	KidsPlace Trip to Kidz Rock Meet at the church!
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	– 12:00 p.m.	WCG Country Style Steak Luncheon Fundraiser In the Lower Level
		– 6:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
20 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	– 6:30 p.m.	WCG Meeting
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	– 6:00 p.m.	Ladies Bible Study
26 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	– 6:00 p.m.	Chrismon Class in the lower level
28 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	– "See You At The Pole Prayer" at the schools	

# Thank You Very Much!

Dear MFCOG,

We would like to thank you for your continuous prayers for Cooper, especially during his last surgery. We are very fortunate to have your care & support!

With Many Thanks,  
Brandon & Halee Whitesides

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, the thoughtful cards and the beautiful flowers that we received during this time of sadness and loss. Floice was a wonderful Christian person and we know she is standing in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Knowing this gives us great comfort.

God bless you all,  
Steve & Pam Bennett

# Tithes & Offerings

## JULY TOTALS

Regular Offerings:.....	\$27,763.38
Budgeted Needs:.....	\$24,618.80
Giving/Month-Over.....	\$3,144.58
Building Fund Need:.....	\$3,554.66
Building Funds:.....	\$2,582.50
Building Fund - Over:.....	-\$972.16
Designated Projects:.....	\$440.00
<b>Total Giving.....</b>	<b>\$30,785.88</b>

## YTD - JULY

Regular Offerings:.....	\$159,482.34
Budgeted Needs:.....	\$172,331.60
Giving – Under.....	-\$12,849.26
Building Fund Need:.....	\$24,882.62
Building Fund:.....	\$18,881.00
Building Fund – Over.....	-\$6,001.62
Designated Projects:.....	\$18,420.37
<b>YTD Giving:.....</b>	<b>\$196,783.71</b>

## Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>

Regular Offering: \$5,304.93  
Building Fund Offering: \$535.00

## Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

Regular Offering: \$7,065.00  
Building Fund Offering: \$457.00

## Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

Regular Offering: \$5,724.00  
Building Fund Offering: \$715.00

## Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>

Regular Offering: \$2,445.08  
Building Fund Offering: \$130.00

## Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>

Regular Offering: \$5,492.35  
Building Fund Offering: \$910.00

Month's Total  
Regular.....\$20,726.43  
Building...\$2,212.00

# ATTENDANCE

July 31 <sup>st</sup> .....	143
August 7 <sup>th</sup> .....	113
August 14 <sup>th</sup> .....	154
August 21 <sup>st</sup> .....	119
August 28 <sup>th</sup> .....	184

# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1.....	Dennis Walker
2.....	Ella Reece
5.....	Neal Singleton
.....	Colin Eller
6.....	Max Mosteller
8.....	Wayne Walker
.....	Vickie Kincaid
.....	Paula Epley
9.....	Joe Hammock
14.....	Mike Lowman
.....	Kalib Michaels
15.....	Will Price
16.....	Bob Earley
18.....	Patrick Welch
19.....	Blanche Crump
.....	Dot Wheeling
.....	Sam Turner
20.....	Caleb Powell
24.....	Helen LeCain
25.....	Emily Fender
26.....	Don Kincaid
27.....	Rocky McLean
.....	Sean Farris
28.....	Coley Welch
29.....	Clara Powell
30.....	Bruce Stacy

# Anniversaries

9.....	Frank & Kristen Horton
14.....	David & Dot Wheeling
21.....	Rick & Kathy Ramsey
25.....	Scott & Kathy Lingerfelt
.....	Kevin & April Wyatt

## The Giving Tree

Needs: New or Used Refrigerator  
Call the church office at 4336709.



If there is a concern or a need you know of in our church family, please call the church office. Pastor Jon and/or Pastor Kevin would like to pray with you about it.

## Ministry Schedule Nursery & Greeters

### Schedule for Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday Morning:** Mike & Tracy Baker  
**Wednesday:** Carol & Molly Horton  
**Greeters:** Fred & Martha Cooke

### Schedule for Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday Morning:** Loann Kincaid, Soncha Rector  
**Wednesday:** Need Volunteers  
**Greeters:** Velair McKinney & Carolyn Baker

### Schedule for Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

**Sunday Morning:** Need Volunteers  
**Wednesday:** Velair McKinney & Vonda Mosteller  
**Greeters:** Ray Aikens & Ella Reece

### Schedule for Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>

**Sunday Morning:** Jackie Welch, Brian Brickman  
**Wednesday:** Connie & Crystal Stilwell  
**Greeters:** Carol Powell & Bruce Stacy



## USHER SCHEDULE

Scott Powell	Rick Ramsey
Roger Rector	Bruce Stacey
Darrin Stilwell	Dillon Stilwell
Dennis Walker	Patrick Welch

# KidsPlace Updates

A great big thanks to all who participated in the "Back-2-School Bash"! Thanks to all of you who donated items to those who helped fill bags, helped with setup/cleanup, and prepared the hotdog supper. The congregational response was amazing!!! A special thanks to the teachers (Jackie W., Teresa F., Donna P., & Brandon F.) for using their teacher cards to get extra supplies. The leftover supplies were taken to needy children in our system and also to BUCM. If you, or someone you know, are still in need of school supplies, please let me know.

Our Annual Fall Festival Is Planned For October 31!  
More info to come!!!

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

**SEPTEMBER**  
4 ~ No Children's Church  
11 ~ April Wyatt / Kristen Earwood  
18 ~ Donna & Mary Kate Powell  
25 ~ Sarah & Robbin Houser

**OCTOBER**  
2 ~ No Children's Church  
9 ~ Julie & Emily Fender  
16 ~ Tom & Joanna Hester  
23 ~ Teresa Fender & Trina Farris  
30 ~ Neal & Lee Ann Singleton

## Kids Upcoming Events For SEPTEMBER

September 7 ~ Kids Worship Team (KWT) resumes. We will be memorizing scripture and learning the Old Testament Books of the Bible.

17 ~ Kidz Rock @ North Morganton United Methodist Church. We will meet at the church at 4:30. More info to come!



The suggested items for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes for the month of September is soap & other hygiene items. (We already have toothbrushes promised.) If you would like to help out with this project, please leave items in the baskets located beside the narthex. Thanks to those who have participated in previous months.

Working together for Christ,  
Kathy Turner

Keith & Sheryl Gills are proud to announce  
That their son Kevin Gills will marry Whitney Hamrick  
On September 24, 2011 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Please join us in praying for God's blessings

On their lives as they make

This commitment to God and one another.

# PowerHouse Youth

Bless the Lord and His great name!! Jesus is worthy to be praised!!

Our schools are back in session and our students have been prayed over, being prayed for, and are sent with boldness and encouragement to be a witness to those they come in contact with in their lives.

This month we will continue with a new series in the LIQUID studies. Next is "Mirror Image". In this we will be taught to have a different perspective when things happen in our lives and families.

IYC 2011 Denver, Colorado July 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> 2012!  
LIVE - Romans 8  
~ Free \* Awakened \* Empowered \* Connected ~

## SEPTEMBER

- Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Labor Day. Allow this day to become a time where you connect with your family and loved ones.
- Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> B.Y.O.M. @ the Wyatt's house. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. As many of you know, bring your own meat and Kevin will grill it for you. Also we will have outside games going while we chill. ☺
- Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> Drexel Youth students will be joining us for our worship service and time of gathering.
- Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Youth Praise Band will be leading congregation in morning worship service.
- Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> See you at the Pole prayer morning. The school you attend will be giving you the time more details on how they will organize their event.

Wednesday night *PowerHouse Youth Ministry* worship services began at 7:00 p.m. - with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. I look forward to seeing you and your friends at *PowerHouse Youth Ministry!*

Many Blessings, Kevin

All Ladies Of The Church Are Invited To Attend

Our Ladies Retreat ~ "SeaSide Escape"

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Cost will be \$10 per person.

Your Journal, Lunch and Snacks are included.

If you would like to attend, please contact

Becky Brickman at 448-9142 or Pam Bennett at 433-6709



September 2011

# News From Morganton First Church Of God



2011 Softball Tournament  
At Roanoke Valley, Virginia  
Labor Day Weekend  
September 3rd & 4th, 2011  
Raising Funds for Mission in Paraguay



## WCG Fundraiser

Country Style Steak Dinner

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:00 p.m.

In the Lower Level

Menu: Country Style Steak  
Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Side Salad & Fruit Cobbler  
Suggested donation: \$7.00



Ladies you are invited to the Ladies Bible Study  
Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Lower Level