



Your Journey. Our Focus.

July 30, 2017

A Pastor's Ponderings

What comes to mind when you hear the word **hypocrite**? I would imagine the image is not a very positive one. Did you know that the word *hypocrite* is an entirely Greek word which really means "an actor"? In Jesus' day, actors often wore masks to denote different characters. It was not uncommon for a man to play the part of a woman and vice versa. Now as a result, the word has come to mean someone who has an artificial character hiding the reality of the person... somebody who is pretending to be something they are not.

I've heard it said that the reason many people don't go to church is because the church is full of hypocrites. What if I told you that I believe that to be a true statement? Jesus spoke often of those who do not practice what they preach; saying one thing when the reality of their lives says something entirely different. As Christians, we all hide behind masks sometimes... acting... pretending... just to impress certain people.

Today, as we prepare for the Lord's Supper, let's take off our masks. Let us come before the presence of the One who died for us. Let us come before Him just as we are. No play acting... no pretending... just come as you are... and let us remember the awesome sacrifice that was made for us.

Weekly Schedule for July 30 to August 6

Today Sunday School10:00 am
 Morning Worship11:00 am
 Evening Worship6:00 pm
 Choir Practicefollowing evening worship

Tuesday Men's Breakfast9:00 am
 Ladies' Prayer Group9:30 am
 (at Linda King's home)

Wednesday K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall
 The Experience*
 Junior High Small Group*
 (* meets at The Spot)
 Adult Prayer & Bible Study

Next Sunday Sunday School10:00 am
 Morning Worship11:00 am
 Evening Worship6:00 pm
 Following evening worship:
 Birthday/Anniversary Social

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Whitney Gillis.....Today!, July 30 Braelynn Wilhoit Mon., July 31 Susie Bennett Tues., August 1 Dorothy Holley Thurs., August 3	Sunday, August 6 Martin & Amy Walters

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	
TODAY AM - Kellee and Sierra Malone and Tonya Ward (Alternate: Lori Deloach)	NEXT SUNDAY AM - Bo, Noel, and Lilly Shell (Alternate: Jenifer Carter)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WESTVIEW SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

Westview is giving away school supplies at their Back-To-School Bash on August 4, and they're asking for our help. From the list they provided, Pastor Ponder is asking that NSBC focus on **crayons (the 24 pack) and pencils**. We need your donations **no later than THIS Tuesday, August 1st**.

HOMEcoming 2017

This year's homecoming will be **August 20**. **Group 2** will be in charge of the meal planning. All group 2 people are asked to stay after church **TODAY** for a short meeting for more details.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

Anyone and *everyone* who has volunteered in the nursery over the past year is invited to a special night of food and fellowship here at the church. Come out and let us show our appreciation. Who knows? You might win a door prize! **This Saturday, August 5th, 4:00 p.m.**

SPECIAL NIGHT OF MUSIC AND PRAISE

Wade Cole will be here singing for us on **Sunday, August 13th at 6:00 p.m.** This special young man has a powerful testimony of how the power of God is at work in his life. Don't miss it! (A special love offering will be received that night.)

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Please remember to update your family data for the directory revisions. Forms are on the foyer table. Give completed forms to **Linda King** or **Lavon Jones**. Need a picture taken for the directory? *Watch the bulletin for the photo schedule to be announced.* Call Linda at **948-0079** for more information.

SECOND ANNUAL NEW SALEM CAMPING TRIP

September 29 - October 1 at David Crockett Birthplace. Book your site now! See **Lori Davis** for more details.



