## **↓** Cory's Column...

We had taken a break from walking through "worship" in the New Testament, but today we are diving back in, finding ourselves in Matthew 5:23-24 in Jesus Sermon On the Mount.

"So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God." (NLT)

Now you and I know that we are not presently under the sacrificial system of the Temple and the Old Covenant. Christ has become our sacrificial Lamb and His shed blood has become our atonement forever. But we are called to bring a sacrifice of praise to the Lord. We are called to give an offering of thanksgiving. We are called to offer our bodies as a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to the Lord. We are called to die to self, offering every capacity of who we are to God.

In the context of Christ's words from Matthew 5, we should examine ourselves regularly against His standard of unity. And if we find any disunity among us – if someone has something against us, or if we have something against another – we must seek reconciliation first, among ourselves, before we worship and praise Him.

As I see it, the bitterness that resides in our hearts and minds when we are not reconciled to each other becomes a distraction and a wall between us and the Father. If worship were like looking out through a window and a grand landscape, then disunity would be like a mud-smeared screen on that window. We can never truly see the greatness in front of us, until we address the dirtiness that is in the way.

Let us all be actively evaluating ourselves and seeking reconciliation and restoration where needed. Then let us together, with unified hearts offer our sacrifices to the Lord God Almighty.

Singing His Praises! Bro. Cory

#### Katey's Korner...

# **Kid University**

Each Wednesday night in the summer, our PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade will have a chance to learn something new. We have a wide variety of activities for the kids to choose from each week with some great instructors. A tentative list is on the bulletin boards so you will have a heads up about what is going on each night.

### Parents of children going to camp:

Be watching your email for a link to fill out the medical release, to sign your child up for camp.

# **VBS Stats**

Number of Children Enrolled: 49 Avg. Attendance: 45 Number of Adult/Youth Workers: 54 Mission Offering: \$298 + lots of pantry Items

# Thank you!!!

## Pack the Pantry Sunday (6/17/18)

Canned Tuna Peanut Butter Dish Detergent Canned Fruit Microwavable Meals (not ramen noodles) Canned Chicken Toilet Paper Healthy Snacks Crackers Canned Veggies

## Caleb's ???

#### Isaiah 12:1b-2:

"I will give thanks to You, O LORD; For although You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; For the LORD God is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation."

How awesome is it that we worship a God who saves? In the midst of our failures and shortcomings, God humbled himself and sacrificed His life for ours. God quite literally became our salvation! We were just talking with the sixth graders at VBS about this. Every other religion requires that we move to become closer to God. Christianity is the only religion that has a God who moves to become closer to us. Praise God that He becomes our strength, song, and salvation!

#### **Prayer Requests:**

Please be in prayer for our youth as we leave for Crossings summer camp on Monday. Pray that God will move throughout our student's and bring about life changing movements in their hearts and that the praise doesn't cease when we come back home!

Please, also be in prayer that God will move within the students not going to camp.

#### P.S.

I need help naming my portion of the newsletter for all you creative people in our wonderful congregation!

From what's on my heart, Caleb

Love in Christ, Katey

#### <u>Announcements</u>

Welcome New Members Lexie & Carley Gentry by profession of faith and baptism 1212 Mockingbird Lane Tupelo, MS 38801

Keenager Trip to Wheeler Lake is Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> Cost is \$15 In order to get there on time, the bus will now leave at 7:00a.m. See Cory to sign up.

### Friday Funday June 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. We will be going to Red Bay Water Park For kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade (Pre-K if accompanied by an adult)

<u>3rd Sunday Ushers</u>

David Moore Norman Bowen Billy Lowry David Cox Bobby Wages Greg Smith

### The Record Speaks

<u>June 10, 2018</u>	
Sunday School Attendance	99
Guests	8
May Sunday School Avg. Attendance	96
May Income	\$28,137.52
May Expense	\$25,405.83

### The Lord's Additions

<u>September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018</u>	
By Letter	2
By Baptism	5
By Statement	
Total	7

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