

# The Cross & Steeple

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## From John

Did you know that our church had forty-five young people go to Mix Music Camps at Shocco Springs this summer? Look at their picture. How does it make you feel?

Grateful? Overwhelmed? Thankful? Proud? Love? Prayerful? Inspired? Worshipful? Excited?

God has selected our church to have these amazing young people. We are thankful to Him for His trust in us. We are excited for what God will do with them in the days and years ahead. And I hope that all of you who had a part in them coming this far in their Christian walk feel a great sense of joy at what God is doing with them and with our church. Maybe you taught them in VBS. Or you are one of those faithful teachers in Sunday School. Or their neighbor. Or you watch them on Sunday morning. Or you are their parent or grandparent. Or their youth group leader. Or their Youth Minister. I can assure you that the Minister of Music and the Pastor have been amazed to watch what God is doing. And that we have a deep love for every one of them.

We must all – youth and adults – be good stewards of all that God gives us. We must continue to grow in Jesus. We must be ever watchful for those things that seek to bring pain and defeat to every Christian and every church.

But for right now look at that picture again. Rejoice in this moment in our church's life. And say with me --- Wow. Praise God.



## From John, Part two – a thought for Labor Day weekend:

Many years ago Gloria and I went on vacation to Jekyll Island. John and Mark were small, Matthew and Joseph not yet born.

On the first full day there, we all went down to the beach. Gloria put out something to lie down on, and the boys began to dig in the sand as Gloria laid down beside them with a magazine to read through her sunglasses.

I love to run barefoot on the beach when the sand is nice and firm like it is at Jekyll. So off I went, and I did a few miles. When I got back, I grabbed the boys and we went in the ocean. They had blow-up rings, and we played in the water a long time. Then they played in the surf with their buckets and shovels while I body surfed – something else that I love. It is so great to catch a wave just right and ride to the shore. The boys retreated up the beach a little further and I swam a while.

I came in to pick up a cane pole to fish just beyond the surf for small fish (yes, a cane pole really works in the ocean). As I was picking up my things, I looked at Gloria. I had been running, swimming, digging, playing. She had turned over a time or two but had not moved from the mat where she was lying. I felt bad for her.

So I said to her, "Honey, don't you want to come on down and get in the water, maybe swim a little?" She glanced up from her magazine. "No, not really. I'm fine." I tried again sure she wanted to get up. "But the water is great. Come on down and swim a little."

She pulled her sunglasses down. Did not turn loose of the magazine. She looked at me and said, "You vacation your way, and I'll vacation my way." Glasses back on. Discussion over.


She was right. All that I had been doing on the beach did relax me. Made me feel good. Renewed me. And she was doing something she never gets to do enough to this day. Just lying down. Reading.

Mark 6 tells about a time when Jesus sent the disciples in twos to the surrounding villages. They were to tell the people about Jesus and His coming Kingdom. Minister to the people in the name of Jesus – heal, cast out demons. Their mission went great. They couldn't wait to tell Jesus about it. After He listened to them, He had one piece of advice for them – *“come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while. For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.”* Mark 6:31

Sound familiar to you? *They had no leisure even to eat.* Sound like your life? Too busy to sit down and eat. Too many people making demands of you.

The advice of Jesus – *come away ... and rest a while.* So that you may serve Him for many years to come. And yes, Jesus took His own advice.

We all need periods of rest. Renewal. We need to go rest. You need rest. It may mean you run and swim. Or it may mean that you lie back and read a magazine. Do it the way that works for you. But do it.

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6 <b>Flowers</b> Margaret Myers  <b>Birthdays</b> Michael Arthur	7 	8	9	10 <b>Birthdays</b> Ethel Smith	11 <b>Birthdays</b> Paige Malone Parker Jones	12
13 <b>Lord's Supper</b>	14 <b>Birthdays</b> Jennifer Smith Isaiah Morgan	15 <b>Birthdays</b> Belle De La O	16 <b>Birthdays</b> Hannah Morgan	17 <b>Birthdays</b> Katrin Smith	18 <b>Birthdays</b> Cindy Leath John Morgan III	19 <b>Birthdays</b> Faye Brown Reace Osborn
20	21	22	23	24 <b>Birthdays</b> Wilma Teal Carson Clanton	25	26
27 <b>Flowers</b> Marilyn Borntrager  <b>Birthdays</b> Aime Fann William Godshall Dakota Teague Jayden Macias	28 <b>Birthdays</b> Bo Arthur	29 <b>Birthdays</b> Amelia Dorr	30	<p><i>Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals will resume Wednesday, September 2, 2015. Come join us</i></p> <p><i>Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> is Favorite Hymns and Choruses day.</i></p>		

## Upcoming Events

### **Collinsville High School Football Dinner**

Our Church Has the Honor of Hosting  
This Year's First Game Day Dinner for  
About 65 Players, Cheerleaders and  
Coaches

Thursday, August 27  
Let Us Know If You Would Help

### **Labor Day Monday, September 7**

### **Choir Kick Off Wednesday, September 9**

**Enrollment Party**  
6:00  
Preschool and Up  
Please Come

### **First Rehearsal Choirs Wednesday, September 16**

Supper 5:40

Choirs 6:00

### **See You at the Pole Wednesday, September 23**

Collinsville High School Flag Pole  
7:20 A.M.

Global Week of Student Prayer  
Sunday, September 20 – Saturday,  
September 26

## **September Sunday Worship**

August 30 Faith and Works James 2:14-26

September 6 James 3:1-2 Teaching and Stumbling  
Labor Day Weekend – No Evening Service

September 13 Praising and Cursing James 3:10-12  
Lord's Supper

September 20 James 3:1-12 Keeping the Tongue  
Under Control

September 27 James 3:13-18 True Religion



October is soap and hygiene items.  
No liquids, please.

## **A Couple of Other Dates You Might Want to Know:**

1. DeKalb County VFW Agricultural Fair  
September 28 – October 3

2. Collinsville High School Homecoming  
Friday, October 9 Against Ider

### **Collinsville Quilt Walk**

Friday Sept 25 Noon until 5:00

Saturday Sept 26 10 A.M. until 4:00

Over 300 quilts in homes and businesses

Workshops on making t-shirt, ties, etc. into quilts

Tickets \$10

More info 256-524-2323 [www.collinsvillequiltwalk.com](http://www.collinsvillequiltwalk.com)

Our Church will be one of the stops on the Quilt Walk this year

## **Fall Offerings**

1. World Hunger Relief Offering – September 13 – October 11  
October 11 is Observed as World Hunger Sunday by Many  
Denominations

2. October 11 – November 15 Operation Christmas Child  
What Goes Into the Box...Is Fun  
September Items – Soap and Hygiene Products

3. Lottie Moon Christmas Offering November 22 – January 3  
Week of Prayer November 29-December 6

4. And Be Aware 2016 Has An Early Easter – March 27  
That Means Lent Will Begin Wednesday, February 10 And  
Annie Armstrong Offering Will Begin on Sunday, February 7 or 14

## **Community Thanksgiving Service**

Sunday, November 22

Hosted by First Methodist

## **Community Christmas Service**

Sunday, December 6 or 13

Hosted by Harvest Center Church of God of Prophecy

## **Volunteers for September**

Lord's Supper – Open

## **Get Shot at Church**

Pneumonia or flu shots will be given from noon until 1:00 p.m.  
Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring Medicare, Blue Cross or other  
insurance information to receive free shots.

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**For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh. (Philippians 3:3 [NRSV](#))**

"There have been a lot of changes around here," said the old man proudly, "and I want you to know I've been against every one of them."

In every group, though, there are persons who want to turn the clock back. They want to go back to the way things used to be. Sometimes in the church we call them the "Back to Egypt Committee" in honor of those Israelites who wanted to turn back to Egypt rather than endure the march to the Promised Land.

Paul confronted his own Back to Egypt Committee. One group of early Christians wanted the church to remain a Jewish sect. They wanted to enforce strict adherence to the old covenant. They wanted to require new believers to be circumcised as well as baptized. They wanted to force new wine into old wineskins. Paul was adamantly opposed. His response was, in effect, "Been there. Done that. No thanks."

He reminded his listeners that his own credentials as a Jew were impeccable. As an infant he had been circumcised on the eighth day. He was a member of the tribe of Benjamin--a Hebrew born of Hebrews. He had been a Pharisee--a zealous advocate of his faith--so zealous that he persecuted Christians. But that was then; this is now. Something had happened to Paul. He had encountered the living Christ! Are we sure we don't want change?

**Loving God, change me into the image of Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.**