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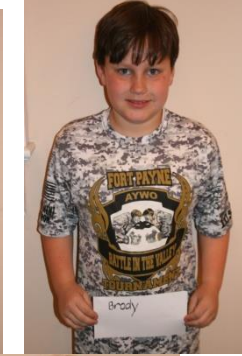
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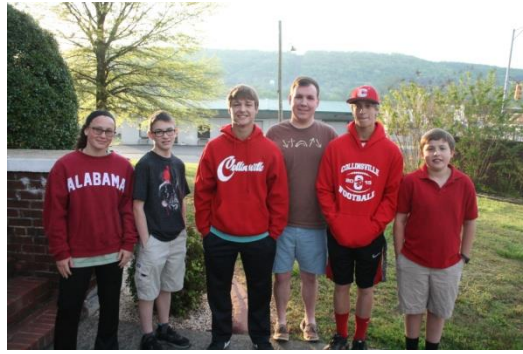


Thanks to Luke, our youth and all of you who were volunteers for this year's Feed My Starving Children Mobilepack at the end of April. There were 699 volunteers. 132,192 meals packed. Enough to feed 362 children a meal a day for a year.



AWANA concluded for this school year on April 26. AWANA could have never happened without Joey and Ronnie and Gail driving vans. Or all those teachers who gave so much time to teach Bible verses and Bible stories or lead recreation. Or the multitudes who provided suppers. And especially, it would have never happened without Belinda Barksdale's leadership. Thank you to all who did so much. And thank you to God for His blessings.





We got together with my family at Desoto Park last week. Spent three nights in the cabins there. We showed them falls and canyon. Hiked lots of trails. Picnics and campfire with ‘smores.

And we talked a lot. Learned what struggles we were facing. Struggles that you don’t share on the phone. And we shared fun things people were doing. Going to Italy. Marriages. Graduations. People moving. Then the old stories yet again. Times we got into trouble (younger children listening closely). Times we went on trips and reunions as children.

And stories about those who have gone on to heaven. My sisters told me I was just like Daddy and later that I was just like mother. They did not mean this as a compliment. Making fun of me. My response each time? Thank you. Because they taught us so much.

A couple of examples. Once as my Daddy and I looked at football cards, he asked me what I thought he wanted me to be. I had a Johnny Unitas card in my hand. “Quarterback.” No, he said. “I want you to be a brain.” Daddy had dropped out of school after his mother died. He really valued education. And that day he impressed me. School before sports. I am still studying, Daddy. Thank you.

My mother and grandmother. Two important things they consistently taught us. Bible. And church. Church whenever the door is cracked open. Be active when you are there. Do missions. Bible from our childhood – Bible stories, Bible memorization. And then they showed us how to live the Bible in their lives.

Near the end of her life, my grandmother gave me one of her Bibles. After she died, I was looking through that Bible. Came to I Timothy 3. Instructions about pastors. Something caught my eye. In her handwriting in the margin one word. “Butch ” My grandmother had thought that I Timothy 3 described me. I was moved to tears. It was love and encouragement from beyond the grave. She thought I could be a pastor.

They taught us that family matters. For all of us. May we treasure and practice their lessons. And teach them to those who come next. Someday your grandchildren may look through your Bible. What will they find? They are looking through your life now.

Late Breaking News – Week of Music, Fun, VBS – June 18-24

Found at the church – a pocket knife. Let us know if it might be yours.

Shocco Music Camp is scheduled for July 10-14. Those who have completed third grade and up are eligible to attend. *Mix/Remix Camp* will cost approximately \$305 per child. (Some money has been pledged to assist with the cost and so it may be possible that families might not have to be responsible for the entire amount.) The church will provide transportation and a chaperone. If you would like more information, contact Gloria Morgan or a music council member.

Shocco Choir Summit July 7-8 for Music Leaders

Mother’s Day Sunday, May 14
2:30 Decoration Day Service
Collinsville Cemetery

Last Day of School May 25 or 26

Memorial Day Weekend – May 27-29

Pentecost June 4

Father's Day – June 18

Watch for news about **summer fun weeks for children.**

Did you know? **2017 is our church's 180th Anniversary.**

Lord's Supper Volunteers for May - J.R. and Donzella Bobo

DeKalb Association has a **Christian counselor**, Michel Bozeman, who comes to the Associational office every Wednesday. Contact at 256-504-9752.

Operation Christmas Child – May Gift Suggestions – Girls' Toys

Annie Armstrong Offering Final Figures Church Goal \$2,000 Given: \$1405

School Starts August 7 Dekalb, August 9 Fort Payne.

Sympathy is offered to all of the family of Rev. James Adkins. James was a long time pastor here at Harvest Center. He was a great supporter of the entire community and served as the town chaplain. We will all miss him.

Sympathy is expressed to the Blanton/Jones family on the tragic death of Hunter Jones on April 28. Collinsville and Crossville both mourn for such a fine young man.

Congratulations – Jerrie Alexander is happy to announce the birth of her granddaughter, Everly Mae Smedley. 8 lbs, 4 Oz, 20 inches long and with a head full of black hair. Parents are Morgan and Tyler Smedley.

The Stan Zulker Take Care of the Church Club had several people who did special acts of service recently. Joey Bobo and Brad Barksdale got the elevator working and continue to help Thomas with work around the building and grounds. Jimmy Cunningham was on his knees digging in the church flower beds again. Frank Wardrup was doing the same out in front of the sign (supervised by Annette). Easter Sunrise Breakfast after the service was overseen by Donnie Myers and an able crew including Mark Delk, J.R. Bobo, Thomas Barksdale and several who cooked bacon ahead of time. And Ronnie McReynolds spent much time in the cherry picker replacing metal along the inside of the church roof that

had been blown off the roof by the recent high winds. Gail watched him like a hawk. You all would make Stan proud. And all of us thankful. These people offer their service to the Lord and His church. Just like Stan did.

Update – Ronnie is back up on the roof working on leaks. Stan would still be proud. Carol will be worried.

2017 Graduates

Collinsville High School

William Crane the son of Rachel Crane and grandson of Donny and Judy Jones

Grant Jones the son of Josh and Allie Jones and grandson of Mickey Jones

Bekah Phillips Granddaughter of Jimmy and Tangie Carter

Graduates in our youth group - Ariel Gordon; Mary Patton; Steven Wash

Collinsville Kindergarten

Jaden Jones son of Josh and Allie Jones

Gilmer County High School, Georgia

Katelyn Leigh Pope, graduates with honors. She has been accepted at the University of Georgia where she will be Mastering in English and studying law. She is the granddaughter of JoAnn Burton

University of Georgia

Alexis Nicole Pope who will be receiving her Bachelor o Scensce in Educaion and in Communication Sciences and Disorder with a minor in Spanish. She is the granddaughter of JoAnn Burton

Jacksonville State University

Cameron Mackey Son of Stacey and Lance Mackey and Grandson of Donnie and Margaret Myers.

Northeast State Community College

Veda Carter who is completing her degree in nursing. She is the mother of Anna and wife of Rick.

Did we miss any? Let us know and we will run a corrected list.

Youth Mission Trips

Arizona June 1-10 Native American Missions
For Youth Leaders

Destin Florida Mission Church Planting July 3-7 For All Youth
This trip will be with several other nearby churches. Lodging at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center. Work with King's Crossing Church at their Santa Rosa Beach campus on a church plant – pass out flyers, provide information, help get the building ready.

Collinsville High School Baccalaureate

Sunday May 21 6:00, Harvest Center
Speaker Former Collinsville Pastor James Fields, Pastor Irondale Methodist

Collinsville High School Graduation Monday May 22 6:00
Gadsden State Coliseum, Centre

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