August, 2013

# THE GRANDVIEW CHRISTIAN

**We Pitch Our Tent Toward Sodom –**

When we go to church for spiritual advice but go to the world for other advice.

**We Pitch Our Tent Toward Sodom –**

When we go to church to get spiritual and to the world to get fashionable.

**We Pitch Our Tent Toward Sodom –**

When we get our Message from the Bible but our Method from the World.

**We Pitch Our Tent Toward Sodom –**

When we get our vision from the Bible but our Priorities from the World.

**We Pitch Our Tent Toward Sodom –**

When we get our focus from the Bible but our motivation from the World.

**We Pitch Our Tent Toward Sodom –**

When we set our standards from the Bible, but our behavior from the Flesh.

**We Pitch Our Tent Toward Sodom –**

When we want our children to serve the Lord after we have educated them to succeed in the World.

**THE ELDERS & DEACONS**

**OF**

**GRANDVIEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**Elders Deacons**

**Frank Churn**

**Gene Crocker**

**Bruce Hart**

**Jim Paul**

**Greg Sanzone**

**Cliff Stoecker**

**Joe Thomas**

**Tim Butt**

**Craig Colbourn**

**Paul Feryus**

**Karl Stoecker**

 Monday, July 15th we only had 8 present for our Game Day. Those that were present enjoyed playing Mexican Train and Sequence and we enjoyed the fellowship.

 Our next Game Day is **Monday, August 19th.**  We will meet at 11:00 A.M. and bring your lunch with beverage and a favorite game.

 Don’t forget to mark your calendars for **Monday, September 16th for our annual trip to Dick & Judy Price’s for our Potluck and Catamaran Ride.** If you haven’t signed up please let me know if you are going so I can give the Price’s a head count. Also if anyone needs directions please let me know so I can get them to you soon. **We will meet at church at 10:15 A.M. and leave promptly at 10:30 A.M. to arrive at Price’s at 11:30 A.M.**

Hope everyone is staying cool with this extremely hot weather. Summer will be ending soon and before you know it we will be putting our Christmas trees up.

 Frank & Beverly

We are planning a yard sale on September 21st from 8:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. This event will be an opportunity for church families to clean out their “nooks and crannies.” There are a couple of guidelines. First, this is for church families. What we mean is that the tables are for the church families to set up and man. We are not opening it up for the community to buy table space. If you have stuff to sell you can set up a table. Second, at the end of the sale, you will be responsible to take home your leftover things or box them up for a donation truck that we will schedule. You can keep your proceeds or donate them; it’s all up to you. Any questions, call the office. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to have a table at the yard sale. Thanks!

**Reminder:**

Our website is grandviewfallston.org. For general e-mails and for Herb Townsend please send to office@grandviewfallston.org. To contact Eric Bulger, please use eric@grandviewfallston.org or to contact Greg Dorrell, please use greg@grandviewfallston.org. Alissa Thomas can be contacted at music@grandviewfallston.org



 Prayer Requests

Please contact the church office or one of the ministers if you have an immediate prayer request. The phone number for the church office is 410-877-3090.

If your name is not listed on the birthday and anniversary list, please contact the church office at 410-877-3090. We will gladly add you to the list!

 CONGRATULATIONS

C**ongratulations to Danielle Binkley on the birth of her daughter, Madison Ruby. Madison was born on August 1, 2013 and weighed 9 lbs., 15.5 ozs. and was 22 inches long. Proud grandparents are Dennis and Cindy Binkley.**

Grandview Hotshots

 **The “Hot Shots” will meet on Tuesday, August 13th at 10:00 A.M. to iron tablecloths. If you have any questions, please see Sue Hart.**



**August 18th**

The Chancel Choir will be having a picnic on Sunday, August 18th following the worship service. All choir members and their families are invited to attend. Fried chicken and beverages will be provided. Please sign up to bring a salad, side dish or dessert. If you are interested in joining the choir, please be our guest at the picnic.

Hello All,

 The youth had a great time at the CIY conference at Salisbury University. The theme for the week was “Rise Up.” The speakers detailed the life of Joseph. It was fascinating to see how faithful God was in the life of Joseph. The youth learned that God was faithful to Joseph BECAUSE Joseph was faithful to God.

 The lessons learned through the life of Joseph were numerous. We learned how Joseph stood up to the temptation of Potiphor’s wife. We learned how God was faithful to Joseph even in the difficult times of Joseph’s life, and there were many difficult times. Here are a few examples of some of the trials that Joseph faced:

 1. Joseph was thrown into a pit by his brothers.

2. Joseph was pulled out of that pit and sold into slavery…again by his very own brothers.

3. Joseph was falsely imprisoned for supposedly attacking Potiphor’s wife.

The most powerful lesson we learned from the life of Joseph was his ability to forgive. How many of us would be willing to forgive a family member that beat us and sold us into slavery? Not only did Joseph forgive his brothers but he understood that God can use any situation to His glory. Here is how Joseph responds to his brothers in regards to the way they treated him:

Genesis 50:20 (NIV) You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Joseph gets it!! He understands that God’s plan is perfect. God’s timing is perfect. We may not understand why we are faced with certain situations but we MUST continue to trust that God has a plan and it is PERFECT.

Thank you to all who donated money to the youth so that they could attend this conference. I think that they all got something out of it. My hope and prayer is that they take these lessons and apply them in their daily lives.

 Eric

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

 1 John Hall

 2 Kermit & Ruth Bonovich (A)

 2 Shannon Butt

 3 David Bulger, Paul Feryus, Sue Hart

 3 Renee Crocker

 5 Ben Carini

 7 John Gray

10 Stan Spencer

12 Jared Townsend

12 Carter & Nancy Marshall (A)

13 Gene Crocker, Sharon Feryus, Sonny Starr

14 Sylvia Hatfield

15 Francis Struben

17 Debbie Hunter

18 Fred & Faith Unger (A)

20 Connie Curry

21 Sam Bennett

23 Ali McCurry

24 Karl & Debbie Stoecker (A)

25 Ryan Bulger

27 Lynn Winfield

29 Janet Mundis, Daniels Ehm

30 Eric London

30 Steve & Fran Gunnarsson (A)

31 Ashley Buckson, Billy Martin

* **From Greg** –

Seems like the summer is beginning to wind down. The kids are starting to get restless and the whining about going back to school is getting louder. On the other hand, the weather has been a true blessing. No drought this year. We’ve had plenty of rain and cool weather.

August is the time when we plan for the coming year and we are looking forward to some great events and growth. Speaking of growth, there has been a decline over the past several years in our attendance. There are many reasons for this. That being said, what type of impact has it had on our church? Well, one of the first things you notice is the available pool of workers. It’s much smaller and at times, limits us as we try to staff programs, classes and events. Another item is the attendance at various church events. There are less people coming out to participate when we have a fellowship, concert or event. The most noticeable and concerning issue is our giving. The fact is that with fewer in attendance we have less in contributions. We have always been blessed by the amount of giving that God has provided for our church. We have never had to speak on the issue of stewardship before in a newsletter or from the pulpit, but now it’s time to make mention. With the poor economy and fewer members our financial picture is a growing concern. I’m not writing about this because someone wants a raise or another building project. But simply put, we have less members than we did 3 years ago. Our worship service averaged 215 and now it is down to 150.

Now you may ask, “What does that mean?” It means, as we look at our financial picture, we need to be proactive. We can do this in a number of ways. We have been very earnest in controlling our spending. We don’t buy unless we need an item and have cut back on the quantity of items ordered. The best course to take is working on church growth. Church growth is an easy way to increase our family and solve any financial issue.

“What is church growth?” Well that’s a great question. God grows the church, but He uses our hearts and hands to do the work. (1Cor.3:6-9). Invite someone to church. Bring them to a fellowship. Encourage them to come to a Bible study. Bring them to a Wednesday night dinner, a fifth Sunday fellowship, a concert or anything when the doors are open. Studies have shown that churches grow the most by word of mouth and invites from friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. Everyone you talk to and invite is an opportunity for them to meet Christ and give their heart to Jesus. Just imagine our church having more baptisms, and people dedicating their lives to Christ. Now many of you are already doing this. Great job! Keep it up. Let’s all join in together. If you have any ideas for a fellowship or outreach event let us know. We would love to hear your ideas.

Please consider prayerfully this opportunity to grow our church and increase the Kingdom of Christ. We pull the most when we pull in God’s direction and let His hands be on the rope.

 **Greg**

**OUR LONG TERM PRAYER LIST**

**Margaret Boothe Sara Moore**

**Madeline Bullis Jamie Nocher**

**Virginia Camp Sue Page**

**Yvonne Campbell Jerry Porter**

**Emily Daughtery Trudy Ryan**

**Barb Davis Bill Shunk**

**Fraley Family Stella Maris 3rd Floor Staff**

**John Gray Francis & Jean Struben**

**Clarence Harris Susie Vincent**

**Bobbie Kappel Glenn W.**

**Marissa Lake Doris Wann**

**Ann Laughton Madilene Wheeler**

**Phylis League Anna & Bonner Wilkes**

**Jean Leasman Jenny Williams**

**Brian Maddox Sam Wilson**



| **AUGUST 2013**  |
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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
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| **4**Regular Sunday Schedule\* | **5** | **6** | **7**7:00PM – Bible Study, Children’s Activities | **8** | **9** | **10** |
| **11**Regular Sunday Schedule\* | **12** | **13** | **14**7:00PM – Bible Study, Children’s Activities | **15** | **16** | **17** |
| **18**Regular Sunday Schedule\*Chancel Choir picnic in pavilion following worship service | **19**Grandview’s Young at Heart Game Day 11:00 A.M. | **20** | **21**7:00 PM – Bible Study, Children’s Activities | **22** | **23** | **24** |
| **25**Regular Sunday Schedule\* | **26** | **27****\*\*Newsletter articles due to the church office**6 PM Elder’s Meeting  | **28**7:00PM – Bible Study, Children’s Activities | **29**6:30 P.M.Grandview singing at Lorien in Bel Air | **30** | **31**8 AM – Men’s breakfast at Greek Village in Bel Air9 AM – Ladies’ breakfast at Panera Bread in Bel Air |
| Regular Sunday Schedule: 9:00AM Sunday School for all ages, Nursery 10:00AM Donut & Coffee Fellowship  10:15 AM Jammin’ Jesus Kids  10:30AM Worship, Nursery   |