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**From our Pastor**

**Beloved,**

When you go through the really hard times of life, the real challenge is to try and make sense out of it. You ask questions like, "Is this God testing us, or is this Satan attacking us?" The right answer probably has elements of both in it. God always tests us to bring out the best in us; Satan always tempts us to bring out the worst in us.

Sometimes when we are in a time of darkness due to trial and affliction, we must remember that God is still there. Isaiah 45:3 (NASB) says, "I will give you the treasures of darkness..." In those dark times of life we must ask, "Father God, is it possible that there is any treasure that I might find in this darkness?"

Exodus 20:21 (ESV) says, "Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was." I don't know about you, but I have always believed God was to be associated with light. After all, 1 John 1:5 tells us, "God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all." It is true, that within the nature and character of God, there is total absence of shadow.

However, if we are honest with ourselves, many of us have found we have heard the voice of God most sweetly and meaningfully in our darkest hours. Even in times of adversity and challenge, there is a peace that transcends it all when you know Jesus Christ. As the song says, "When you can't trace God's hand, trust His heart."

In the times of darkness, cling to the One who said, "I am the Light of the world." He will carry you through.

**Clinging to Jesus,**

**Pastor Russell**

**AWANA Workers  
Thank-You Lunch  
& Training  
Sunday, August 24  
At Noon**

**Sunday  
School  
Olympics**



**Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday, August 24 the Overall  
S.S. Olympics Division Winners  
will be recognized.**

**WHAT ABOUT JEHOVAH  
WITNESSES?  
Sunday, August 24  
at 5:00 p.m. in Adult 4.**



**Blood Drive  
Tuesday, August 26  
Noon-6:00 p.m.  
FBC Gym**

**Help provide supplies  
needed to host blood drives  
in developing countries by  
donating on this day.**

**Wee School  
Openings**

**We have two  
openings in our  
1-year-old class  
and one in the  
3-year-old class.  
If interested,  
call the church  
office for more  
information.**

**Fellowship Meals Wednesdays at 5 p.m.  
Make reservations by noon Mondays.  
Call 225-7951 or sign up Sunday!**

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!**

**By Letter**



Dale and Kathy Hathaway  
Sara, Jada & Kade  
1500 Cloud Nine



Barbara Newberry  
Jessie Newberry  
701 N. Randall



Johnny  
McDaniel  
620 S.  
Howard

**By Baptism**



Beverly  
McGuire  
1500 Stout  
Drive  
C-3

**ACTIVITIES  
BUILDING  
SCHEDULE**



Open Gym Hours:

Aug 25	3:30-8:00 p.m.
Aug 27	4:00-9:00 p.m.
Aug 28	3:30-8:00 p.m.

**THANK YOU'S**

received from the following:

The Family of L.T. Romans

Lucille Weatherly

Steven Laufer

Look for them on the bulletin board.

**Doc's Notes**



**New England "2008 Fall" Foliage Trip**

I will be sending out a letter [THIS WEEK] concerning the following:

1. We're going to need to know if you plan to travel to OKC the night before to stay in a motel or get up very early Monday morning and ride to the airport [as a group].
2. ALL participants received a notice last week ..from Travelink ...about the extra airline "surcharges".
3. I have been talking with Travelink and YOU can expect a note around every 2 weeks before our departure date. We want to be careful about giving you too much information to remember. Yes, you will get a note about what to pack, etc.

**Adult Choir**

I look forward to seeing EACH OF YOU next Wednesday evening, August 27 at 7:30 p.m. and I have received calls from others who will be coming to choir for the first time. Join us as we begin to prepare for this year's Christmas program.

**Graded Choirs**

Teachers and pianists are needed for our graded choirs beginning in September. Our DIRECTORS for the '08-'09 choir year:

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|--|------------------|
| 1. 3 yr. old                               | Patsy Pothorst   |
| 2. 4 -5 yr. old                            | Donna Morris     |
| 3. 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade  | Joshua Dodd      |
| 4. 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade | Lori Daubenspeck |
| 5. 7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade | Doc Ware         |

*Doc*

**Coming Events**

- August 24 *S.S. Olympics!!!*  
*Overall Winners will be recognized!!!*  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
Noon AWANA Lunch & Training, FH  
5:00 p.m. What about Jehovah Witnesses?, AD4  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
7:15 p.m. Beth Moore Study
- August 25 6:30 p.m. CARE Outreach Team E
- August 26 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
Noon-6:00 p.m. Global Blood Fund Drive/OBI, Gym
- August 27 5:00 p.m. Weds Meals  
*\*Make Meal Reservations by Noon on Monday!*  
6:30 p.m. KFC; Weds Worship; Regenerate  
The Island  
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Extended Session:**

**Babies:**

Glenda Ivins/Wanda Richardson

**1 year olds:**

Steve & Cathy Hooper

**2 year olds:**

Jay & Libby Wood

**3 year olds:**

Phylesha Tabor/Stacy Cargile

**4 year olds:**

Jone Duck/Karen Carrell



**Weekly Report**

August 17, 2008

**The People Came...**

Sunday School Attendance

Adults .....	321
Youth.....	73
Children.....	103
Preschool.....	73
Fellowship.....	46
Hispanic Mission.....	20
Total.....	636
New S.S. Members.....	11
Enrollment:.....	1359

**The People Gave...**

Budget Needs .....	\$28,258.00
Received.....	\$26,702.56
Below.....	\$1,555.44
Building Need.....	\$3,462.00
Received.....	\$1,861.77
Below.....	\$1,600.23

**And the Lord Added...**

By Letter .....	8
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	1
Professions of Faith.....	0

**Year to Date**

Additions	
By Letter.....	9
By Statement.....	2
By Baptism.....	2
Total.....	13

**Giving**

Budget Need.....	\$932,514.00
Received.....	\$955,331.70
Above.....	\$62,817.70
Building Need.....	\$114,246.00
Building Received...	\$141,746.26
Balance on Note .....	\$276,199.57