

ABBREVIATED

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Anxious?

Stressed?

Overwhelmed?

Sometimes there are so many things going on that we feel anything but peaceful.

Let your heart hear God!

Love doesn't make the world go 'round; love is what makes the ride worthwhile.



Today is the third Sunday of August. This week our Bible reading comes from the second half of the apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Let's begin by thinking about Coca-Cola. What a strange way to start a Bible study devotion! The reason I bring this up is because, not long ago, I sampled a new Coca-Cola product called Coke Life. Not Diet Coke. Not Coke Zero. Not Coke Light.

Coke Life!

Evidently this huge, multinational corporation, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, is trying to connect its soft drink to life itself?

When I saw this new product, I thought that there is only one way to truly have life and that is through Jesus, who is "the way, the truth and the life." (John 14:6)

No one knows the ingredients of any of the Coca-Cola products, but the apostle Paul identified here in Ephesians the "ingredients" that go into a Christlike life.

These "ingredients" are honesty, truth, hard work, good conversation, kindness (no bitterness or anger), forgiveness and love.

Don't you want to have a life that displays all these qualities?

Don't worry. You can have a life like this, but it might take a little work. The Bible tells us in today's reading to "put away" things like "falsehood," "bitterness," and "anger. These things we must do. In addition, we're asked to share with the needy, and to be kind. These things are also things we must do.

When we do these things, we will find that our lives have suddenly, and wonderfully, become full and meaningful.

Coke Life can't do this!

Only a Christ life can fill our hearts with meaning and purpose.

(Timothy Merrill)

THIS 'N THAT

The church was blessed this month with 7 baptisms this month. Those going through the water at Baptist Youth Camp were: Elizabeth Trainor, Cassidy Carr, Ted Sperdakos, Jenn Lander, Jon Lander, Brynn Lander, and Tammy Trader.

Thank you for your prayers for Jeff Doten. Jeff will be returning to work on Monday after having a stint placed in his heart on Aug. 10.

VBS will start on Sept. 11 at 5 p.m. for a week-end full of fun. If you want to help in any way, please check with Debbie Little or Karen Marshall.

Earl & Patsy Hill have had their grandson here from Tennessee. Its great having "kids" around.

Nice to have all the Burdens and Spurriers here for Pastor Matt's ordination. It was a wonderful time with family and friends.

THE FOOD PANTRY can use all your plastic grocery bags and egg cartons. Save them up and bring them in. ☺

So glad to hear that Austin Ginn was not hurt in a recent motorcycle accident. Expect for those scrapes and bruises, he was able to walk away. God was there.....

Sally (me) has resigned from her position as church secretary. I just want to stay home and have time to spend more time with family.

Sorry to see you go Mike, Kelly, James, John, and Makayla Hodson. They will be moving to the Portland area.

Also here for a visit are Gary and Carole Thornton along with their son Gary and his family. So nice to see familiar faces and old friends.

Our community was saddened to hear of the tragic accident that took the life of Raymond Durrell this past week. Raymond and his family

live in Alaska. He is survived by his wife, 3 children and his parents Phil and Karen Durrell. Our hearts go out to them.

Congratulations to Bonnie Moffatt. She has a new great grandson.

As we go through this transition period looking for a new custodian, please try to keep the church clean. If something needs to be done and you don't mind doing it, please just pitch in and lend a hand. All efforts are appreciated.

The summer weather has arrived. I kept looking for it in July but nothing happened. Now, at the time of this writing, it is very warm outside and supposed to be warmer next week. I would like some night-time rains to keep my well from going dry.

Please keep my hubby Jim in your prayers. He is scheduled for an echo cardiogram next week.



Jon Lander and daughter Brynn go through the waters of baptism at BYC.



Ted Sperdakos is led through baptism by Deacon Rick Baird and Pastor Matt

Pastor Matt's Ordination

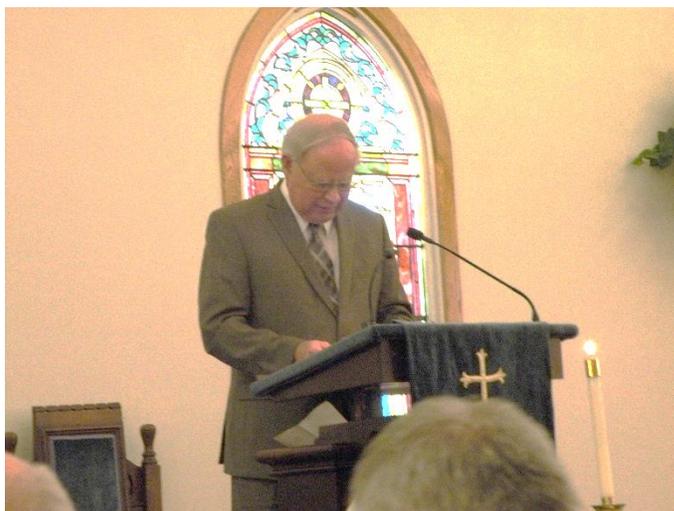
On Sunday, August 2, Pastor Matt was ordained by the ABCOM.



John Walsh of the Clifton Baptist Church read the scripture.



The invocation was given by Ron Libby, Pastor of the Trenton Baptist Church



Kenneth Phelps, a personal friend of Matt's, gave the message and charges. Ken is the pastor of the Mapleton Baptist Church

The 10 Commandments

Redneck Style

1. Just one God
2. Nothin' before God
3. Watch yer mouth
4. Git yourself to Sunday meeting
5. Honor yer ma and pa
6. No killin'
7. No foolin' around with another fella's gal
8. Don't take what ain't yers
9. No telling tales or gossin'
10. Don't be hankerin' fpr yer buddy's stuff.



HELP WANTED

The church is trying to fill the secretarial and custodian positions. Applications are available on the table with attached job descriptions.

The Executive Board and the Trustees will make a decision on the hours to be worked and the pay rate.

These positions need to be filled as soon as possible.

Thank you!!!!