

Vital Signs

2009 Budgeted Giving	\$287,500.00
Weekly Requirement	\$5,528.85
Collected Week 26	\$5,248.00
Collected YTD (26wks)	\$126,789.78
Weekly Average	\$4,876.53
YTD Budgeted Giving(26wks)	\$143,750.00
Over/(under) Budget YTD (\$16,960.22)	
Cash Balance on 6/28	\$21,738.29

Building Loan Bal. \$1,546,874.06

Worship Attendance June 28th:
 9:00 Service - 103
 11:00 Service - 56

CASA Meal

Wed., July 8th @ 5:00 pm

Menu: Terriyaki chicken and rice,
 tossed salad, fruit cocktail,
 pudding cake or cookies;
 hot dogs for the kids

Reservation cards are available in the pews. Please fill out and place in the collection plate **OR** make your reservation online - go to www.fordschapel.org and follow the link under Wednesday Night Dinner.

Church Information

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www.fordschapel.org

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY: 7/5

Chapel Prayer Time.....	8:00 AM
Contemporary Service	9:00 AM
Sunday School.....	10:00 AM
Fellowship.....	10:45 AM
Traditional Service	11:00 AM

MONDAY: 7/6

Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
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TUESDAY: 7/7

MDO Summer Program	9:00 AM - Noon
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WEDNESDAY: 7/8

Youth Meal	5:00 PM
Teen MOPS.....	5:00 PM
VBS Work Party.....	6:00 PM
KFC	6:00 PM
Little Angels.....	6:00 PM
Youth.....	6:00 PM
Choir.....	6:00 PM
Ladies' Craft Group.....	6:00 PM
Band.....	7:00 PM
Trustees Meeting.....	7:00 PM

THURSDAY: 7/9

MDO Summer Program	9:00 AM - Noon
VBS Helper Training	6:00 PM

FRIDAY: 7/10

FLC Reserved.....	5:00 - 10:00 PM
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SUNDAY: 7/12

Chapel Prayer Time.....	8:00 AM
Contemporary Service	9:00 AM
Sunday School.....	10:00 AM
Fellowship.....	10:45 AM
Traditional Service	11:00 AM
VBS Decorating Party.....	2:00 - 5:00 PM
Agape (offsite)	4:00 PM

The Weekly Connection - July 5, 2009



This weekend we celebrate Independence Day. While all the red-white-and-blue trappings are fun, and the hotdogs and watermelons are yummy, it is important for us to remember that the day began as a declaration of our independence from the rule of England. That Declaration was soon followed by a Constitution and Bill of Rights, both of which began to “flesh out” what it meant to be a nation free from British rule, and to enjoy “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” They declared a number of freedoms and rights to be ours as Americans. For example, we are free to worship as we please and to speak our mind, and we have the right to be treated fairly in the judicial system.

Along with these freedoms and rights come responsibilities. While we are free to speak our mind, we have the responsibility to be honest in what we say about others. Slander and libel are not tolerated. And while we are free to assemble and to make our appeals to the government when laws need to be changed, we have the responsibility to do so in a peaceful and civil manner, respectful of one another.

These freedoms are profound, and should never be taken lightly. Nor should we take the responsibilities that come with them lightly. If we want to enjoy our freedoms, we must also be willing to stand for the exercise of those freedoms by others, even when our opinions differ. We stand as an independent nation, but we are not completely independent of one another within this nation. In fact, we are strongest when we exercise our role as members of a community; of this nation.

In a similar way, we are called to live out our faith in community, and we find that we are stronger when we are united. We celebrate our interdependence as a community called to love and care for one another. Together we study the scriptures, seek to live out the commandments of Jesus Christ and follow his example, worship God, and pray to God, listening so that we can discern the movement and guidance of God's Spirit. Yes, some of those things we can do individually, but God calls us into community, and desires that we live out our faith as one body. When we do, we find that the blessings are much greater than when we try to “go it alone.”

Together we celebrate the ultimate freedom—that God has set us free from sin in Jesus Christ. However, in that freedom, we choose, out of love and thanksgiving, to submit ourselves to the one who provides that freedom, living our lives totally dependent upon God. Submitting ourselves to one another, to live in faithful community as the church is one expression of our submission to God.

It is an interesting paradox, isn't it? We are free! And yet we choose to give ourselves without reserve to God, and in turn, to one another. It is only through doing so that we find real life, and true freedom!

Grace and peace,
 Dorothy Ann



More Important VBS dates!

VBS still needs your help! Listed below are some upcoming VBS events/activities that need you:

1. **Thursday, July 9 at 6 p.m. VBS Training.** All volunteers are asked to attend.
2. **Set-up Party, Sunday July 12 from 2-5 p.m.** THIS IS WHERE WE NEED ALL HANDS ON THE "DOCK" TO DECORATE THE CHURCH, as well as other areas that need to be completed before VBS starts. An additional training session will be held for those who can't attend the July 9th meeting.
3. If you are volunteering, anyone 18 and older **must have a background check.** If you haven't had one done, please see Kristin Hinote.
4. **VBS Takedown party, July 18 at 10 a.m.** AGAIN, ALL HANDS ON THE "DOCK" TO TAKE IT ALL DOWN!

If you haven't signed up to help or registered your child to attend, go to fordschapel.org today.

Thank you to everyone that has helped so far and we look forward to a rockin' good time **July 13-17.**

Kristin

TEDDY BEAR HUGS!!!!!!

Girl Scouts of Troop 312 are working on their silver award, which is the second highest award in Girl Scouts.

We are collecting gently loved stuffed animals. After refurbishing these stuffed animals, our troop will donate these animals to various agencies that support children in times of stress or need, e.g. law enforcement, emergency medical services, and children homes.

We will be collecting now and until **AUG 31, 2009**

There will be a basket in the narthex to put the animals in.

Thank you for your support
Girl Scouts of Troop 312



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE AVAILABLE

An updated printout of the church directory is now available on the information table in the foyer. Please pick up a copy today! If you missed getting your information in for this update or if you make a change to your address, phone number or email address, please go ahead and contact the church office so that when the next update is made, we will already have your correct information.

Thanks,

Nancy Smith
Church Secretary

MDO News

- ◆ The Mother's Day Out and Kindergarten program is accepting donations of gently used toys, especially small riding toys and hula hoops. For more information on what kinds of toys are needed, contact Christy Crenshaw in the MDO office (864-0888).
- ◆ A very limited number of spaces are still available in the MDO program for the 2009-2010 school year. If you have not registered your child yet please contact the MDO office on July 6th.

YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help within the Youth Ministry. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Jonathan at jonathan@fordschapel.org or 542-8127. Youth meet every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m. for worship in the Chapel and on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School in the youth room.

ATTENTION YOUTH AND YOUTH PARENTS!!!

On July 22nd, there will be a meeting for all youth and their parents in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m. to discuss upcoming ministry opportunities, events, and the direction and vision for our youth ministry. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

KFC HELPER SCHEDULE

July 8th - Stephanie Brines
July 15th - VBS
July 22nd - Debbie Dowling