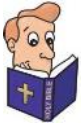


The Tilly Swamp Beacon

“You Are The Light Of The World” - Matthew 5:14



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From The Pastor

Attitude and atmosphere. Which comes first? I ask that because of my recent visits to two different churches while on vacation.

My visit to church A was to the worship service only. Without talking to anyone I noticed the following; People seemed concerned about getting a drink and a doughnut before service started. People were not openly friendly to strangers. No one began a conversation with us (except the interim pastor after the Service was over).

My visit to church B was to Sunday school only. In this church the people were very friendly. We received a visitor's card right away. People began conversations with us before class. After class was over the teacher and his wife spoke with Deana and I for at least an hour.

Back to the question: Which comes first, attitude or atmosphere?

My answer is that it depends on your perspective. As a visitor the atmosphere hinged on the attitude of the people in the congregation. So in church A the atmosphere was unwelcoming and I felt my presence was unappreciated. My attitude was that I did not have a desire to go back and was glad when the service was over. The message, however, was pretty good and the speaker touched on the very problem I witnessed as a visitor; the church's perceived atmosphere/attitude in the community.

In church B the atmosphere was loving and pleasant. I felt very welcomed and appreciated. My attitude (contrary to what I was expecting it to be) was happiness and a feeling of acceptance. I would gladly return without hesitation. The lesson was excellent.

So what causes the atmosphere to be so different? As I stated previously, I believe it hinges on the attitude of the people. If the individuals in the congregation are focused on themselves more than they are with others, the atmosphere will reflect this without a word being spoken. The converse

is also true. If the people genuinely care about the needs of others this too will be on display; love will be seen, felt, and heard.

I feel this short article is very relevant to our church. I have heard it said many times by visitors that they felt very welcomed at Tilly Swamp. “The people are very friendly.” Praise God!

I truly believe that no matter how good the music or the message may/or may not be, if a person does not feel welcomed they more than likely will not come back. For the member of Tilly Swamp reading this please know that your attitude greatly affects the atmosphere in a service. I pray that we will ever be aware of this.

How do we maintain a proper attitude that promotes a healthy atmosphere? I believe God's word answers this for us.

“7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.” 1 John 4:7-11

“19 We love him, because he first loved us. 20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.” 1 John 4:19-21

May our love for God be very evident in our love for each other and for those that may come to worship with us.

Pastor Scott

Senior Appreciation Sunday August 20th

Our seniors will be honored with a special singing by Christian Crossroads during the morning service as well as lunch on the grounds. Prior to lunch we'll take a group photo on the stage in the sanctuary.

We ask our younger adults to please bring in your Sunday dinners, desserts and drinks and also to help with set up, serving and clean up.

If you have pictures of our seniors that you'd like to share with the church for this special day, please write your name on the back and give them to Karen Edge or leave in the church office.



Women's Ministry

Carla Kline, Director

Hello Ladies!

Hope y'all have been enjoying your summer! Time has really flown by, and a lot has happened! We had a great Ladies Retreat this past Spring; VBS was a success with 6 salvations; and a Fourth of July Celebration with more salvations...Praise the Lord! With all of these outreach events, it takes many hands to see them through from start to finish. So, if I have not personally said, "Thank You", I am saying it now...THANK YOU!

As you know, September starts a new year for the church. I will be stepping down from WMU Director. When I started I was not working and able to prepare and spend quality time for the meetings and devotions. I then went to part-time and now I am working full-time. Needless to say, I am unable to prepare and give the time WMU needs. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Director. I thank you all who have encouraged me during my time serving as director and I thank the ladies who have helped with devotions.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 12th at 10 a.m. We will be placing some events on the calendar for the upcoming year.

Love & Prayers,
Carla

Sunday School

Ralph Bryant, Director

For August the adult classes will be finishing the study of Broken Vessels and how our Lord can mend even the most dysfunctional of lives.

The Bible class is continuing their in depth study of "Step by Step Through the New Testament", a framework for understanding and interpreting the New Testament.

Our Elementary classes will continue studying lessons about the early church and Paul's influence in it.

As another church year comes to a close, I want to extend a warm thank you to one of our teachers: Jamie Herrington for all her dedication to not only the Young Adult Sunday School class but to Tilly Swamp Baptist as well. Thanks again Jamie! You will be sorely missed as you begin your wedded life in the Britton's Neck area.

Want to get to know the Lord better? Have questions? Come and seek the Lord in one of our Sunday School classes!

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am (or 9 am if you care to have breakfast with us in the Fellowship Hall) as together we learn more about how we can better serve and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Ralph Bryant
Sunday School Director

Youth Ministry

Aaron Hurley, Youth Pastor

Greetings! This is Pastor Aaron bringing you the latest on the youth and children's ministries! To bring you up to speed, the children are continuing through the "I Am" statements of Jesus during "**Kid Time**" on Wednesday nights at 6:30, while the youth are going through the "**Why Jesus?**" study by David Nasser discovering why Jesus is so important and learning to discover Him as He describes Himself in the gospels. We have a meal and games to go along with the studies for both the youth and children; so don't miss this great opportunity for discipleship and fellowship as well. As far as looking to the future, we have some great and exciting things coming! We are casting a new vision for the youth and children's ministry and have newly named them "**THRIVE: Student ministries**" and "**TRANSFORMED: Children's Ministry**". Beginning this coming school year we are launching our new **Wednesday Night** format for both youth and children! For the children we will start "**Connect Kids**" and for the youth we will begin "**IGNITED**". Both ministries will follow a new VBS-like format where there will be a splitting of the younger and older children in "**Connect Kids**" and the younger and older youth in "**IGNITED**" where each group will rotate through times of bible study, a meal, games and activities, and a new feature for Wednesday nights, the addition of worship to the service! With this in mind we will continue to maintain the 6:30-8pm time frame, and I ask the church to pray about serving in these ministries and investing in the young people here at Tilly Swamp! Additionally, starting with the beginning of the school year we will begin two new monthly activities for the youth and children both, respectively centered on fellowship, outreach, and service. For more information on all of these activities and new vision, go to our newly updated church website at Tillyswamp.org and click on the tabs "**THRIVE: STUDENTS**" and "**TRANSFORMED: CHILDREN**" for complete information about our new, exciting direction! Be in prayer for these ministries as we strive to reach the children and youth of the Conway area! Blessings to you all!

Pastor Aaron Hurley

Morning Fellowship Clean-up

8/6: Chuck & Carla Kline
8/13: Kim Collins
8/20: Jennifer & Andrea Stewart
8/27: Bill & Linda Bullard

Morning Service Greeters

8/6: Kelly Long
8/13: Jamie Herrington & Deana Altman
8/20: Larry Jones & Mandy Ammons
8/27: Ralph & Georgia Bryant

Daily Bible Reading for August

(Mature Living Magazine)

1	Psalms 31–36	Acts 22
2	Psalms 37–41	Acts 23
3	Psalms 42–47	Acts 24
4	Psalms 48–53	Acts 25
5	Psalms 54–58	Acts 26
6	Psalms 59–64	Acts 27
7	Psalms 65–68	Acts 28:1-15
8	Psalms 69–72	Acts 28:16-31
9	Psalms 73–77	Romans 1:1-17
10	Psalms 78–80	Romans 1:18-32
11	Psalms 81–86	Romans 2
12	Psalms 87–89	Romans 3
13	Psalms 90–95	Romans 4
14	Psalms 96–102	Romans 5
15	Psalms 103–106	Romans 6
16	Psalms 107–111	Romans 7
17	Psalms 112–118	Romans 8:1-17
18	Psalms 119:1-88	Romans 8:18-39
19	Psalms 119:89-176	Romans 9
20	Psalms 120–129	Romans 10
21	Psalms 130–136	Romans 11
22	Psalms 137–140	Romans 12
23	Psalms 141–145	Romans 13
24	Psalms 146–150	Romans 14
25	Proverbs 1–3	Romans 15
26	Proverbs 4–6	Romans 16
27	Proverbs 7–9	1 Corinthians 1
28	Proverbs 10–12	1 Corinthians 2
29	Proverbs 13–14	1 Corinthians 3
30	Proverbs 15–17	1 Corinthians 4
31	Proverbs 18–20	1 Corinthians 5

Nursery (Infant—3 yrs.)

(During Morning Service)

8/6: Pat Rutherford & Angie Bloch
8/13: Pat Rutherford & Karen Edge
8/20: Pat Rutherford & Sylvia Causey
8/27: Pat Rutherford & Laura Kirby

Children's Church (3-5 yrs.)

(During Morning Service)

8/6: Megan Stiltner & Betty Strickland
8/13: Cindy Waddell & Peg Neiferd
8/20: Rob & Kasey Herrington
8/27: Eula

Birthdays This Month

2– Wynness Thomas
2– Caleb Primm
5– Pearl Tyndall
6– Elsie Vaught
7– Danny Graham
8– Kim Collins
9– Andy Cooper
11– Georgia Bryant
13– Terri Cooper
13– Byron Richardson
14– Piper Lee
15– Meagan Parnell
17– Jerome Reaves
18– Bonnie Lebiez
19– Catherine McDowell
20– Lydia Thomas
20– Flora Reaves
22– Robin Herrington
23– Vicki Reaves
24– Ann Barger
26– Mary Todd
26– Les Todd
31– Andrea Stewart



Our Home-Bound: Billy Boatwright, Faye Chestnut, Marie Holmes, Joyce Inman, Wynness Thomas, Elsie Vaught

Our Monthly Prayer List: Andy Autry, Jackie Brady, Billy Boatwright, Pat Hamilton, Pat & Bonnie Lebiez, Ryan Turner, Lloyd Tyndall, Martha (Dean) Reaves, Reynolds & Vonnie Watson

Calls and Visits are Welcomed!

TSBC Calendar 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Youth Camp	2 Ignited (Youth) & Connect Kids 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	3 Youth Camp	4 Youth Camp	5 Youth Camp
*Ralph Bryant 843-347-3847						
6 Deacon's Meeting 5pm	7	8 OASIS- 10:30 am Big D's Street Reach 6:30pm	9 Ignited (Youth) & Connect Kids 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	10	11	12 WMU 10am
*Bill Bullard 843-685-1358						
13 Baptism Vote on Budget Scott & Deana return from mission trip	14	15	16 Ignited (Youth) & Connect Kids 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm Newsletter Deadline	17 Brotherhood 6:30 pm	18 Youth Night	19 Back-To-School Blast 5-8pm
*Rob Herrington 843-241-0327						
20 Senior Appreciation Day Business Meeting 7pm	21	22	23 Ignited (Youth) & Connect Kids 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm 	24	25	26
*Charles Lee 843-399-8219						
27	28	29	30 Ignited (Youth) & Connect Kids 6:30pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study 7pm	31		
*Mason Shrader 843-995-0851						



OASIS (Senior Adults)

Linda Bullard, Director

Join us for a bus trip on Tuesday, August 8th, for lunch at Big D's BBQ. If you'd like to attend, please be at the church by 10:30 a.m.



Operation Christmas Child

Linda Bondurant, Organizer

August Collection: Coloring books, small pencil sharpeners (you can get a pack of 12 from Dollar Tree) and erasers.