

2017
JUNE

Adairsville Christian Church

Family News

I have heard it said that “Time heals all wounds.” It is usually said in the middle of a crisis as a gesture of care and hope to the one suffering. Often in times of personal crisis we struggle with the right words to say. Our desire is to be comforting and helpful. Yet there are times that words fall far short of the goal of comfort. We read of Job whose friends sat with him for seven days in silence as they saw his great pain. No words could be as comforting as the solidarity of their presence. I recall a time when I was honored to deliver the eulogy of a fellow brother in Christ. Although I did my very best to comfort with a carefully chosen message, I will not forget what his wife later told me. “I don’t remember a word you said. I just remember that you were there.”

As for time’s ability to heal wounds, it falls short by itself. Time only is able to provide distance from a crisis. The event that has passed can be ever present in mind. Time allows for our minds to process or work through our experiences.

Times provides Distance

When we are so focused on an event or the moment, our ability to gather the bigger picture is hindered. As we step back from the moment, our vision becomes greater. Distance allows us to gain the bigger picture even though it does not change the event. It only creates perspective.

Distance creates Perspective

Perspective is necessary to develop a greater vision of an event. The cliché “... not being able to see the forest for the trees...” comes to mind. Perspective allows us to visualize other factors that may be a part of the event, but are not realized till later. When Stephen was martyred in the early days of the church (Act 7), this was a horrific event to the first Christians. Although the event is an example of severe persecution, perspective allows us to see how God used that event to spread the Gospel over the world. Perspective is necessary to gain understanding.

Perspective is the beginning of Understanding.

Understanding a particular event. Whether good or bad, does not mean that everything will always make sense. There will always be those times when there is no rhyme or reason that can be applied to events in our lives and the lives of others. There will be those times where it seems God doesn’t make sense. Life is not fair. Asking life to be fair is like asking the lion not eat you because you are not going to eat him. Understanding is being able to see how God can use events in our lives for a greater purpose. Understanding is where we can begin the healing process.

Understanding first steps of Healing

Healing is a process that may include many aspects. Forgiveness, rebuilding trust, and restoration are all a part of the healing process. Healing comes from God. He can mend the broken hearted. He restores with His redeeming love and teaches how we can do the same. God’s word states “by His stripes we are healed” (Isaiah 53:3). Life in Christ is an environment of healing. It is a process that does take time so we have to trust in Him.

Time does not heal wounds. God heals the broken hearted. Time can be part of the process. His Word and prayer are tools of healing. Our church family is a great resource in the healing of our wounds. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we have a great opportunity lift up each other, look after one another and demonstrate care and compassion.

God uses many things in our healing. He who knows the hairs on your head, know the aches of your heart. The ultimate healing is the healing of our soul from the consequence of sin by the Great Physician Himself – Christ Jesus.

“Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.” (I Peter 5:7)

MEN'S BREAKFAST

There will not be a typical Men's Breakfast during the month of June. However, the ladies of the congregation will be cooking breakfast for gentlemen of the congregation on Saturday, June 10th at 9am. Please sign up so they know for how many to prepare.

LACE MEETING

There will not be a LACE meeting during the month of June while we prepare for Vacation Bible School. This will resume next month.

VBS Decorating

Prior to the LACE and Board Meetings on Sunday, May 7th at 4pm, we will be having an Education Meeting to finalize some details for this year's Vacation Bible School. All who wish to help are invited to attend. Please be on the lookout for a list of items we will be needing this year to make it a success.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year, Vacation Bible School will be every night starting Monday, June 19th and ending with the closing Campfire program on Friday, June 23rd. Please start inviting all the children you know. The children will be exploring God's love for us.

We will gather at the church at 9:00am to begin decorating and planning any last minute details. Even if you won't be able to help during the week of VBS, any time you could donate Saturday to help decorate would be appreciated. Our theme this year is Camp Out : Getting S'more of Jesus so if you have any camping gear we could borrow, that would be an enormous help.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

By the time you receive this, our last delivery of food to AES for the Back Pack Buddies program will have happened. Thank you for your faithfulness in providing so much assistance to many families in our community. The school staff members have been very appreciative.

BIRTHDAYS

2nd—Aiyana Jones
10th—Misty Fortenberry
12th—Eileen Melton
17th—Addison New
20th—Patricia Rakestraw,
Seth King
21st—Mary Jane Malek
25th—Chad Ulrey
27th—Oshea Smith, Kim
McClure
28th—William Jackson
29th—Dylan Millwood
30th—Chad Parker, Brannon
Parks

ANNIVERSARIES

21st—Randy & Vickie Bramblett
Ricky & Susan Boswell
23rd—Sonny & Lynn Parker



MAY ATTENDANCE

May 7th.....74
May 14th.....83
May 21st.....65
May 28th.....??

Christian Service for June

Date	Communion Meditation	Lord's Table	Communion to the Sick	Toddler Nursery "The Stable"	Baby Nursery "The Ark"	Nursery Floater
4	Sonny Scott	Sonny Parker, Ash Miller, Roger Wallace, Josh Cowart	Wayne Abernathy	Amanda Bailey	Lacrecia Bailey	Larissa McPherson
11	Rob Munro	Jaylon Kelly, Richard Cowart, Steve Cowart, Ward Morgan	Roger Bailey	Ambria Gravitt	Addie Munro	Brandi New
18	John McPherson	Norris Gravitt, Nick Cowart, Sonny Parker, Ash Miller	Richard Cowart	Brenda Bailey	Jessica Caldwell	Tracy Cowart
25	Ron Marks	Roger Wallace, Josh Cowart, Jaylon Kelly, Richard Cowart	John McPherson	Lois McPherson	Larissa McPherson	Amanda Bailey

Communion Preparation: Julie Stephens

Junior Church: Julie Stephens

Clean the Annex: Ambria Gravitt

Clean the Baptistery:



F.E.A.S.T.

(Fellowship, Eat, And, Study, Together)

Each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced.

Illness & Special Needs

Louise, Keith, Eddie Millwood
Wanda Harris
Colleen Shea
Taylon Waldon
Nick Foster (Navy)

Shut-Ins & Nursing Home

Ruth Pelfrey
Shane Pelfrey

AS a
MOTHER
COMFORTS HER CHILD,
SO WILL I
comfort you.

Isaiah 66:13



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9am Decorating for Vacation Bible School
4 6pm Board Mtg	5	6 10am Ladies Bible Study	7 6pm FEAST 7pm Bible Study/ Youth Groups	8	9	10 9am Men's Breakfast as prepared by the ladies
11	12	13 10am Ladies Bible Study	14 6pm FEAST 7pm Bible Study/ Youth Groups	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19 5:45pm - VBS Begins	20 10am Ladies Bible Study	21 6pm FEAST 7pm Bible Study/ Youth Groups	22	23 VBS - Closing Campfire Pro- gram	24
25	26	27 10am Ladies Bible Study	28 6pm FEAST 7pm Bible Study/ Youth Groups	29	30	

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