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Greetings and the grace of God be with you!

Here is our first monthly newsletter as we head into fall. I can't tell you how much Susan, Hannah and I have appreciated the warm welcome we have received. Our thanks to all who hosted our neighborhood gatherings. They were a great time to get to know you quicker than we can on Sunday mornings. But please remember that it will take longer than that to remember all your names. After all there are only three of us but over a hundred of you every Sunday. I hope in the future that we will all wear name tags to make sure we all know one another. Susan has begun to find her place and Hannah already has some wonderful friends. We give thanks for the many hands and hours that worked to paint, clean and do maintenance on the parsonage and move furniture. The final product is a beautiful testimony to what this church can do when it works together. Many people I think wondered what we were thinking as we attempted to turn the parsonage from a house into a home. You have all done that and more. We will have an open house in the fall so you can see how beautiful it turned out. And just an update we did finally find someone to lease our house in Spring Hill, thanks be to God! They move in on August 3rd. The office is completed except for some finishing touches and looks wonderful. Speaking of the office, I will be at my office during the week on Mondays-Thursdays somewhere between the hours of 9 and 5 unless I am at the hospitals, out visiting or another meeting. I invite you to come by and see me sometime. You might want to call ahead first or schedule an appointment to make sure I am available and not busy. And if the steps are a problem I would be glad to meet you somewhere else. I look forward to getting to know each of you more fully as we work in ministry together the days to come.

There are some things coming up that I want to draw your attention to in this first article... On August 19th we will be having a big Fall Kickoff for children, youth and adults to begin our Wednesday nights together. This is a great time to invite your neighbors and friends to join as we have a cookout with free food for all our guests. You will also see that the format and schedule are also changing. There are more details on that to follow. The Wed night planning team felt that this schedule would better meet the needs of all those who attend especially our parents who have younger children. I will lead an interactive study of video, discussion and scripture after dinner called the Jesus I Never Knew based on the book by Philip Yancey. More details on that can be found in this newsletter as well. And if you haven't discovered it by now I believe in congregation engagement and participation so come prepared.

We also want to begin a team of people who have the gifts of compassion and mercy to visit our homebound and start a greater ministry to them. More info on that will be coming in the days to follow as well. But if you would be willing to do that already please email me at revsquires@bellsouth.net or call at 746-3737. A new prayer list is also being formed so please contact Jesse, our administrative assistant if you would like a name added or you can fill out a prayer request card on Sundays.

On Sundays fall will be a time a where we focus on what it means to be a disciple of Christ including how we can grow in the faith through being inviting, through worship, learning, serving others, healing and being equipped for ministry. And during that time we look forward to a celebration of our youth as the youth lead worship on Sept 13th and we have an inviting Sunday on Sept 27th when you can also join the church.

These are just a couple of things that we have planned for the Fall to help us grow as a church and as individuals. Why not invite someone to come join us as we grow together and then go out into the world to serve.

To be continued... Pastor Jeremy



Starting up Wednesday Nights

Kick Off

August 19 at 5:30. This will be a time for fellowship, food, and games. Come and invite a friend or two.

Fall Schedule

5:30pm Adult Study
5:30pm Kids Club
5:30pm Jr. High UMYF
6:15pm Dinner
7:00pm Adult Study
7:00pm Sr. High UMYF

5:30-6:30 Adult Study

Would you like to discover the path for growth in personal discipleship? Would you like to help the church become what it can be? Come and discover with us the impact 5 simple practices can have on our spiritual journey as individuals and as a church body. This class will use the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase as a guideline for discussion. On Aug 26th we will have an introduction. For the following 5 weeks we will cover 1 practice per week. Then we will have a week of tying it all together. Amy Herrin will be leading this class. If you have any questions about the class please feel free to contact her at 746-3602.

5:30-6:15 Kid's Club

Kids Club is back! Children's Ministries is excited about this upcoming season. We gave a new time and a new program ready to go. Parents: Please accompany your child to their class room where there will be teachers ready with a sign up sheet. We have a place for your cell number, If there are any questions or problems we will text or call so please place your phone on vibrate. We ask that you come and sign your child out of the classroom. We will not release children without a parent or adult. We hope this system will give you piece of mind that your child is in a safe and loving environment. Learning about Christ. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Jennifer Holder at 746-8364. We are always looking for volunteers to teach and assist if you feel led to do so please contact Jennifer as well.

5:30-6:30 Jr. High UMYF

Calling all 6th—8th Graders! It is time to have some fun learning about Jesus Christ. Jesse Fleck and Mitch Johnson have teamed up and will be using media, skits, music, games and more to make this semester of Jr. High UMYF an exciting one. We will be meeting in the downstairs youth room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jesse Fleck at 746-3737 or pvumc@bellsouth.net.

6:15-7:00 Fellowship Dinner

Dinner will start at 6:15 for those who are coming in for the 7:00 session and the kids from Kid's Club. As the adult and Jr. High UMYF sessions let out, they will come to dinner.

The menu will be posted in the bulletin weekly. Meals are usually a meat and two with salad and dessert. We ask that you make your reservations by Monday. We will have reservation cards in the pews the Sunday prior to dinner for your convenience. Please fill them out and give them to an usher, Margie Christoffer or Karen Hunt.

\$5.00 per adult

\$2.00 per child

\$12.00 maximum out of pocket for families.

Paid nursery worker needed- We are seeking a special person who have the gift to love and nurture our children ages 0-3 in our nursery. Please contact Jennifer Holder 746-8364

7:00-8:00 Adult Study

Join Pastor Jeremy in the Sanctuary starting August 26th to see what he has uncovered.

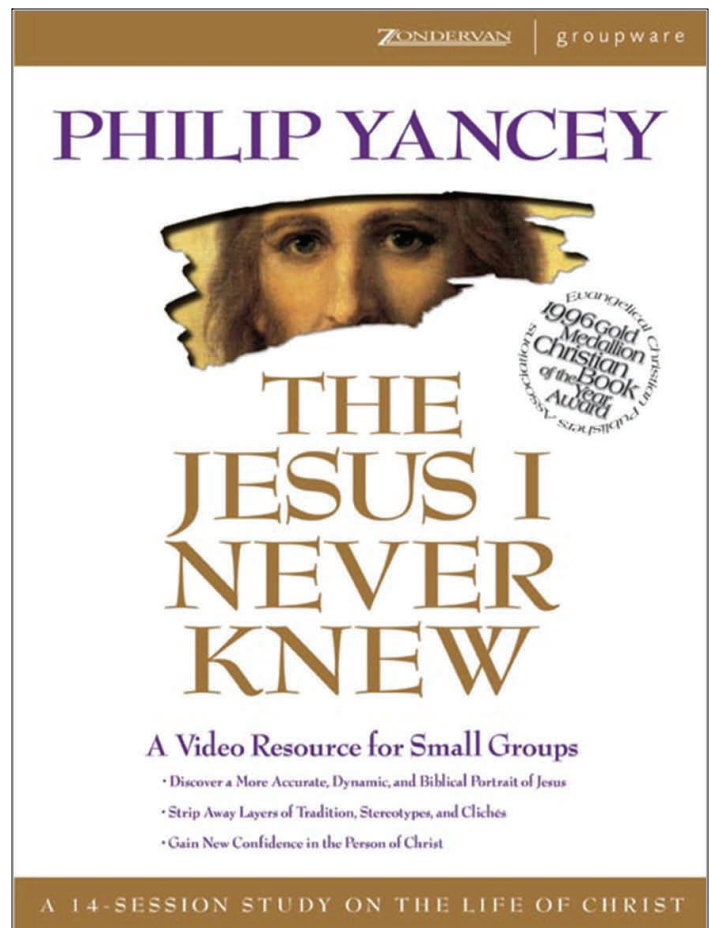
What happens when a respected Christian journalist decides to put his preconceptions aside and take a long look at the Jesus described in the Gospels? How does the Jesus of the New Testament compare to the “new, rediscovered” Jesus- or even the Jesus we think we know so well? Bestselling author Philip Yancey says, “The Jesus I got to know in writing this book is very different from the Jesus I learned about in Sunday school. In some ways he is more comforting; in some ways more terrifying.” Yancey offers a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work-his teaching, his miracles, his death and resurrection- and ultimately, who he was and why he came. Relating the gospel events to the world we live in today, *The Jesus I Never Knew* series gives a moving and refreshing portrait of the central figure of history through the use of movies about Jesus and insights from the author. With a willingness to tackle difficult questions, Yancey looks at the radical words of this itinerant Jewish carpenter and asks whether we are taking him seriously enough in our own day and age.

From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, Yancey presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers; a disturbing and exhilarating Jesus who wants to radically transform your life and stretch your faith.

According to Yancey, “No one who meets Jesus ever stays the same. In the end I found the process of writing this book to be a great act of faith-strengthening. Jesus has rocked my own preconceptions and has made me ask hard questions about why those of us who bear his name don’t do a better job of following him.”

Philip Yancey serves as editor-at-large for Christianity Today magazine. He has written six Gold Medallion award-winning books, including *Where is God when it Hurts? Disappointment with God*, *The Gift of Pain*, *The Bible Jesus Read*, and *What’s So Amazing about Grace?*

*Philip Yancey helps reveal
what two thousand years of
history covered up.*



7:00-8:00 Sr. High UMYF

Calling all 9th-12th graders! Meet Jesse Fleck and Mitch Johnson in the youth room downstairs for a bible study that will get you thinking. We will use Nooma movies, games, dramas, music and who knows what else we will pull out of our hats. It is time to get fired up for Christ and this will be the place for you to do just that. Bring your bibles and an open heart ready to dig in! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jesse Fleck at 746-3737 or pvumc@bellsouth.net. See ya there!

It is time to compile information for a new mini phone book! I am working to put together a small church directory like the one that was put out several years ago. Many of you may have this book and have come to realize-it is old and out of date! The new addition will include the following information:

Last Name, First Name
Children's Names
Address (Please include city, state, and zip)
Home Phone
Cell Phone
Email Address



If you do not want something published (for example cell phone number), please do not send me the information!

Please send me your information so I don't have to call you and ask if you would like and what you would like to have published!
I hope to have this complete and printed by the middle to end of August so please get the information to me as soon as possible! Thank you for your cooperation! :)

God Bless,

Nichole Collyard
ncollyard@gmail.com

"Back to School" Swimming Party

Preschool - 5th grade
At David and Cassie Webb's
house Sunday, August 9
Right after church
until 3pm
Lunch provided
Please sign up on
bulletin board

55 and Alive

Will be going to Caney Fork Fish Camp Restaurant for lunch on Thursday, August 13. We will be leaving at 10:15. Sign up sheet is in the hallway. Reservations are not required.

Fuel Program

is ready to kick off for the 2009-2010 school year. We need your support. If you feel led to feed a child for the entire year the cost is \$150. We also welcome any monetary or food donations. If you would like more information please contact Daina Hunter at 746-3432. We could use your help preparing the bags August 4th at 6:00.

Mother's Day Out

Will be going to Caney Fork Fish Camp Restaurant for lunch on Thursday, August 13. We will be leaving at 10:15. Sign up sheet is in the hallway. Reservations are not required.

Nominations Needed!

The Lay Leadership Team will be meeting soon in preparation for our Charge Conference in Oct. We will be praying and working hard to match you gifts and graces with the needs of the church and its leadership. If you would like to be considered for service in a ministry area please contact Pastor Jeremy at 746-3737 orrevsquires@bellsouth.net (746-3737) or Amy Herrin, Lay Leader at geekpwr@bellsouth.net. Remember that consideration does not necessarily mean that you will be placed in that position.

Compassionate Hearts Needed!

In addition to what several of you are currently doing, we want to expand the opportunities for each of us to be involved in the care of our congregation. There are several areas of ministry currently available and some new opportunities developing:

- We need people who are willing to visit our homebound including nursing homes and begin a ministry to those who cannot be present with us on a regular basis.
- Expand our prayer ministry with a regular praying team that will pray for our printed prayer concerns. Another opportunity is the Prayer Shawl Ministry.
- Our current card ministry through the UMW along with the Quilters.
- Make contact with our members who have been absent from worship for a period of time. Currently Flora Bidwell and Estell Edison send cards and bulletins to those absent.
- Preparing meals for individuals and families recovering from surgery, illness or loss of a loved one in their lives.
- Develop a Parish Nurse Program. Karen Brady is involved in this.