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**Outdoor
Worship
Service
9:00 AM**

**Prayer
Time
First
Monday
Of each
month
4:30 PM**

**Pastors Office Hours
Tues. & Thur.
9:00 AM - 12:00**

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A Pastoral Note

This month I will be celebrating my first anniversary working and worshipping with this wonderful community. We all seem to reminisce at major anniversaries and this one is no exception. I am thinking about all that has been accomplished in the last 12 months and I am blown away.

Let's start with attendance. At our first worship service together on July 17, 2010 there were 40 people in attendance. This last Sunday we had 68. Our Lenten services this year brought between 25 and 30 of us together on Tuesday nights. Looking at percentages, that is just under 50% of our current attendance. This is a percentage any church would be proud of.

In this last year you have learned three new liturgies. Changing liturgies with the seasons is one way of keeping service fresh, new and alive. You have all joined in and done a wonderful job! Unfortunately, I did not keep track of how many new hymns have been learned in that time but some of the new hymns have become favorites.

Through your willingness to serve God in many different ways, we have started a children's Sunday School. We also have had a successful evening Bible Study for adults with a core of 18-20 coming every week. (This will start up again in August with a study of Genesis) Three new outreach ministries have started; prayer crafters, Grace Fund and feeding the homeless. Then there are the continuing ministries of the food pantry, diaper drive and feed a family along with food baskets for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

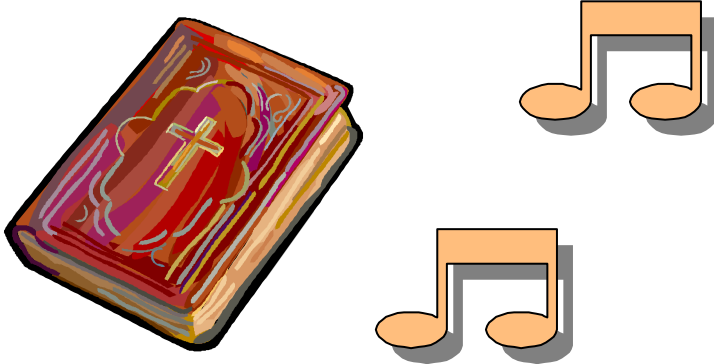
All of this is to say how proud I am of Galilee. This congregation has stepped up and embraced a greater role of discipleship. Thank you for the privilege of being your pastor. I am looking forward to what we can accomplish together in the next year and the years to come.

Peace,

Pastor Martha



Worship and Music



The Galilee Worship and Music Ministry meets after church on the first Sunday of each month, through the summer. Anyone with an interest in this ministry is welcome to attend.

Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.
Martin Luther

Prayer

There are 12 months/ 12 disciples / 12 tribes of Israel / Jesus' birth celebrated in the 12th month. Prayer is one of the best free gifts we receive. There is no cost, just a lot of reward. Make sure you pray, and pray believing God will answer.

May today be all you need it to be. May the peace of God and the freshness of the Holy Spirit rest in your thoughts, rule in your dreams tonight, and conquer all your fears. May God manifest himself today in ways you have never experienced before. May your joys be fulfilled, your dreams be closer, and your prayers be answered. I pray that faith enters a new height for you; I pray that your territory is enlarged, I pray for peace, healing, health, happiness, prosperity, joy, true and undying love for God.

Prayer with Pam

The first Monday of each month we join Pam for a special time of prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us. The prayer time is held in the sanctuary at 4:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

"New Pledge of Allegiance"

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 Now I sit me down in school  
 Where praying is against the rule  
 For this great nation under God  
 Finds mention of Him very odd.

If scripture now the class recites,  
 It violates the Bill of Rights.  
 And anytime my head I bow  
 Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,  
 That's no offense; it's a freedom scene..  
 The law is specific, the law is precise.  
 Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

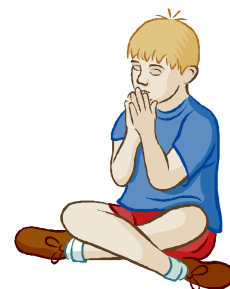
For praying in a public hall  
 Might offend someone with no faith at all..  
 In silence alone we must meditate,  
 God's name is prohibited by the state.

We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,  
 And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks...  
 They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.  
 To quote the Good Book makes me liable.  
 We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,  
 And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.  
 It's 'inappropriate' to teach right from wrong,  
 We're taught that such 'judgments' do not belong..

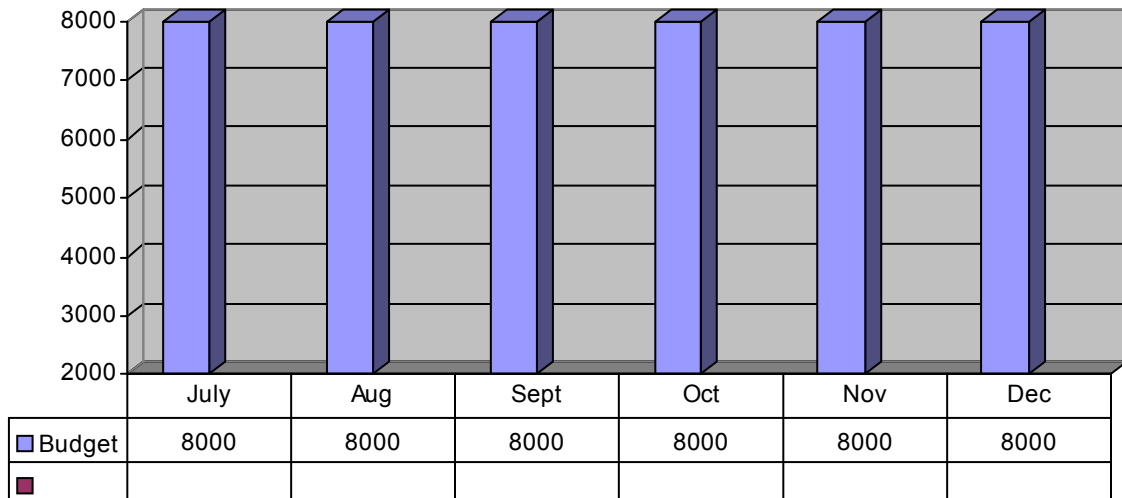
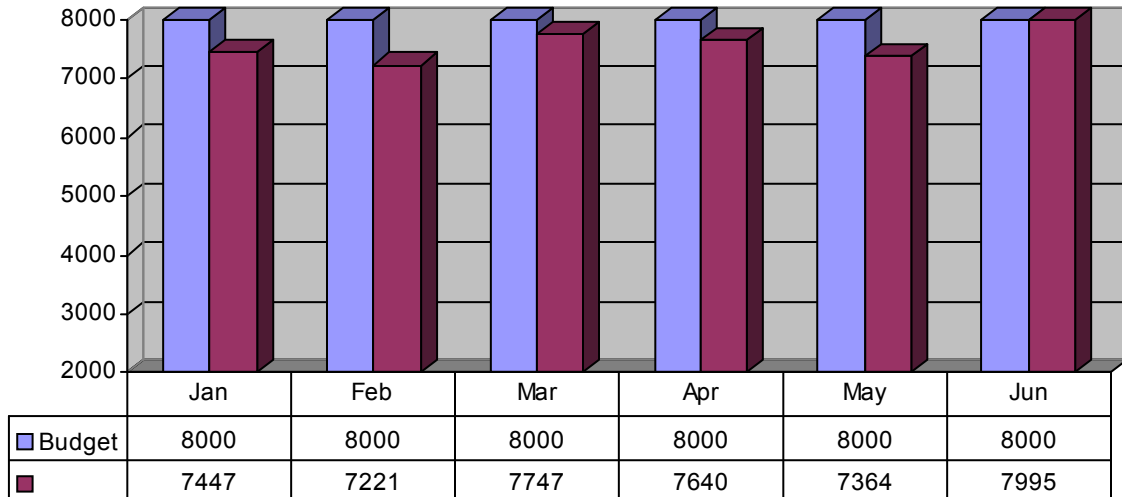
We can get our condoms and birth controls,  
 Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles..  
 But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,  
 No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,  
 When chaos reigns the school's a mess.  
 So, Lord, this silent plea I make:  
 Should I be shot; My soul please take!  
 Amen

*Author unknown*



# Giving 2011



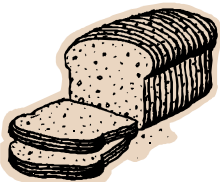
\$8000 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget for 2011. We fell short \$5 this month. \$1200 of this was an anonymous donation designated to pay a gardener for four months.

## Bake Sale

Don't forget our monthly bake sale the second Sunday each month. Bring your baked goodies and be sure to take some home with you.

This years total donations from the bake sale \$100.

Thanks to all the ladies who provided the baked goods and all of you who donated to the bake sale.



## Stewardship

### Biblical Stewardship: Our Duty and Delight

Stewardship means "belonging to God" - all that we are and all that we have comes from God. We are grateful to God for it all, and responsible to God for how we use it. There is a connection between stewardship and spirituality: generous giving as a spiritual discipline helps us to grow in Christ. "Duty and delight" are both motivating factors for giving - doing what we ought to do as responsible church members, and making cheerful sacrifices out of love for God. "This is good news!" The biblical message of financial stewardship is:

- promising and encouraging;
- not (usually) guilt-inducing;
- a way of life;
- for many of us, it just may be the way to a better life



### July Birthdays

7-Howard Allmon  
10-Mike McCauley  
15-Maria Hill

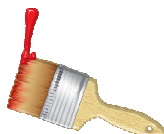


### July Anniversaries

8-Johanna & Pieter Van Hattem  
16-Maria & Gene Hill

### Saturday Breakfast & Work Party

Saturday's work party and breakfast will be July 2nd. Breakfast at 8:30 AM and work at 9:00 AM. If you plan on coming for breakfast please let Vale know. Phone number 928-1060 or e-mail v.hanzel@mchsi.com. If you have a paint brush please bring it. We also need muscles, so please bring them. We will be painting the offices in the sanctuary and moving furniture. For the ones that are not able to do this, we will also be packaging the bags for the homeless. Hope to see you Saturday!



### Galilee Worker Bees for July

July 3  
Ushers: Hansons  
Lector: Jason  
Counters: Mike Roederer



July 10  
Ushers: Hanzels  
Lector: Jerrod  
Counters: Eva & Janis

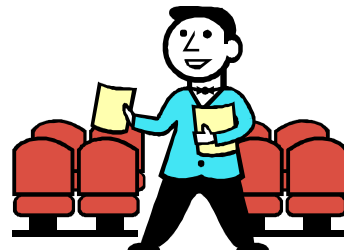


July 17  
Ushers: Schmidts  
Lector: Debra  
Counters: Sharon S. & Kris

July 24  
Ushers: Allmons  
Lector: Kris  
Counters: Eva & Joan



July 31  
Ushers: Johnsons  
Lector: Craig  
Counters: Mike Roederer



Thanks to all our worker bees for volunteering their time and talents.

### Dare to Be 100

Meetings held the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments served. No RSVP required.

#### It's all about

- D—Diet
- A—Attitude
- R—Retirement-Rest-Renewal
- E—Exercise

## Road Trip

While on a road trip, an elderly couple stopped at a roadside restaurant for lunch. After finishing their meal, they left the restaurant, and resumed their trip.

When leaving, the elderly woman unknowingly left her glasses on the table, and she didn't miss them until they had been driving for about forty minutes. By then, to add to the aggravation, they had to travel quite a distance before they could find a place to turn around, in order to return to the restaurant to retrieve her glasses.

All the way back, the elderly husband became the classic grouchy old man. He fussed and complained, and scolded his wife relentlessly during the entire return drive. The more he chided her, the more agitated he became. He just wouldn't let up for a single minute.

To her relief, they finally arrived at the restaurant. As the woman got out of the car, and hurried inside to retrieve her glasses, the old geezer yelled to her, 'While you're in there, you might as well get my hat and the credit card.'

## TRUCKER'S BREAKFAST

A trucker came into a Truck Stop Cafe' and placed his order. He said, "I want three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards."

The brand new blonde waitress, not wanting to appear stupid, went to the kitchen and said to the cook, 'This guy out there just ordered three flat tires, a pair of headlights and a pair of running boards..... What does he think this place is, an auto parts store?'

'No,' the cook said. 'Three flat tires ... Mean three pancakes; a pair of headlights.. Is two eggs sunny side up; and a pair of running boards... Are 2 slices of crisp bacon !

'Oh... OK!' said the blonde. She thought about it for a moment and then spooned up a bowl of beans and gave it to the customer.

The trucker asked, 'What are the beans for, Blondie?'

'She replied, 'I thought while you were waiting for the flat tires, headlights and running boards, you might as well gas up!

FOR ONCE THE BLONDE GETS EVEN

## Church Bulletin Bloopers

We have received word of sudden passing of Rev. Smith this morning during the worship service. Now let's sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

The pastor will light his candle from the altar candles.

The ushers will light their candle from the pastor's candle.

The ushers will turn and light each worshipper in the first pew.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person(s) you want remembered.

If you choose to heave during the Postlude, please do so quietly.

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even though he diets, yet shall be live.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Jean will be leading a weight-management series Wednesday nights. She's used the program herself and has been growing like crazy!

The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

# The Cross in Our Bodies

This is a pretty neat story and an interesting thing that few of us know. It's brief, so please read. (FROM A DOCTOR)

A couple of days ago I was running (I use that term very loosely) on my treadmill, watching a DVD sermon by Louie Giglio... And I was BLOWN AWAY! I want to share what I learned....

He (Louie) was talking about how inconceivably BIG our God is... How He spoke the universe into being... How He breathes stars out of His mouth that are huge raging balls of fire.. Etc. Etc.

Then He went on to speak of how this star-breathing, universe creating God ALSO knitted our human bodies together with amazing detail and wonder. At this point I am LOVING it (fascinating from a medical standpoint, you know.) . And I was remembering how I was constantly amazed during medical school as I learned more and more about God's handiwork. I remember so many times thinking.. 'How can ANYONE deny that a Creator did all of this???'

Louie went on to talk about how we can trust that the God who created all this, also has the power to hold it all together when things seem to be falling apart...how our loving Creator is also our sustainer.

And then I lost my breath. And it wasn't because I was running my treadmill, either!!!

It was because he started talking about laminin. I knew about laminin.. Here is how [Wikipedia](#) describes them:

'Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every animal tissue' You see.... Laminins are what hold us together... LITERALLY. They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what holds one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart. And I knew all this already. But what I didn't know is what they LOOKED LIKE..

But now I do. And I have thought about it a thousand times since (already)....Here is what the structure of laminin looks like... AND THIS IS NOT a 'Christian portrayal' of it... If you look up laminin in any scientific/medical piece of literature, this is what you will see....

Now tell me that our God is not the coolest!!! Amazing. The glue that holds us together.... ALL of us.... Is in the shape of the cross. Immediately Colossians 1:15-17 comes to mind.

'He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible And invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or Authorities; All things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him All things HOLD TOGETHER.' Colossians 1:15-17

Call me crazy. I just think that is very, very, very cool.. Thousands of years before the world knew anything about laminin, Paul penned those words.

And now we see that from a very LITERAL standpoint, we are held together... One cell to another.... By the cross.

You would never in a quadrillion years convince me that is anything other than the mark of a Creator who knew EXACTLY what laminin 'glue' would look like long before Adam breathed his first breath!!

What I found when I googled laminin !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

