

# The Messenger

For Smithfield Christian Church

May, 2009

## Peninsula 17:10

Luke 17:10 says, "So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, we are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do."

On Saturday, May 9 our church will be one of seven churches in the Peninsula area participating in Peninsula 17:10. The ministry is to go out into the community and help repair homes of people who can't afford to pay a repairman.

We currently have two jobs that involve hanging sheetrock and laying floor and repairing steps. If you would like to help in these projects, please see Jack.

## Tides

## Baseball Game

Saturday, May 16, leave church at 5:30pm

It's time for our annual trip to the Tides Baseball game in Norfolk. Join us for a night of fellowship and fun. We will leave the church at 5:30. Tickets are \$11.00 each. If you would like to go, see Jack.

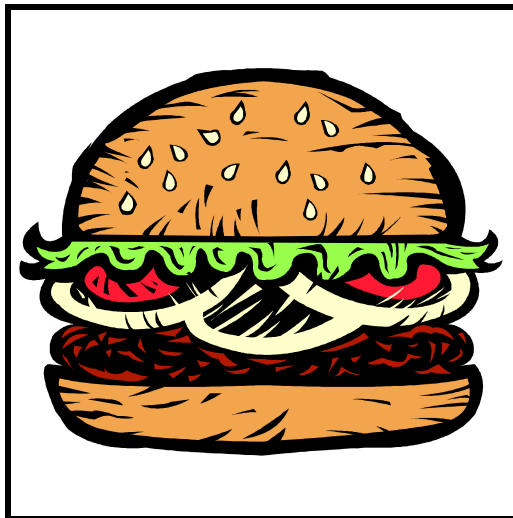
## Spring Picnic & Bring a friend Sunday - June 14

We are encouraging you to bring your friends and neighbors to our service and annual Spring Picnic which immediately follows the service. The person who brings the most friends will receive a nice gift.

It's also casual day so dress for warm weather and some fun in the sun after the church service. Make sure to let your friends know so that they can dress casually as well. *Shorts and aloha shirts are welcome!*

We will have the water slide working, so the kids should come prepared with suits and towels. Also bring along a side dish or dessert to go with the hot dogs and hamburgers provided by the SCC.

## Friends don't let friends die without Jesus



# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



# Message from our Minister-"Yes-but..."

Luke 9:61 says, "And another also said, "Lord I will follow you, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house."

Suppose God tells you to do something that is an enormous test of your common sense, totally going against it. What will you do? Will you hold back?

If you get into the habit of doing something physically, you will do it every time you are tested until you break the habit through determination. The same thing will happen spiritually. Repeatedly, you will come to what Jesus wants of you, and you will turn back until you are determined to abandon yourself to God in total surrender. Yet we tend to say, "Yes, but suppose this or that happens what will I do?" Or, "Yes, I'll do what God wants--as long as it doesn't go against my common sense. Just don't ask me to take a step in the dark."

In the spiritual realm Jesus Christ demands that you risk everything you hold onto or believe through common sense and leap by faith into what he says. When you obey you will find that what He says is as consistent as common sense.

By the test of common sense, Jesus Christ's statements may seem mad, but when you test them by faith, you'll find them true. Trust completely in God, and when He brings you to a new opportunity of adventure, see that you take it.

In May, we begin a series on discipleship. We will learn about what a disciple looks like and how we can be the disciples of Jesus. The sermons will be about our call to be disciples, the cost of discipleship, and the rewards of discipleship.

You will not want to miss any of these subjects because they are of paramount importance in your life as a Christian. Our Wednesday night bible studies will be "Let's Talk It Over" which is a discussion about the sermon from the previous Sunday.

So, I look forward to seeing you Sunday, and then hopefully, the following Wednesday night!

God Bless,

Jack

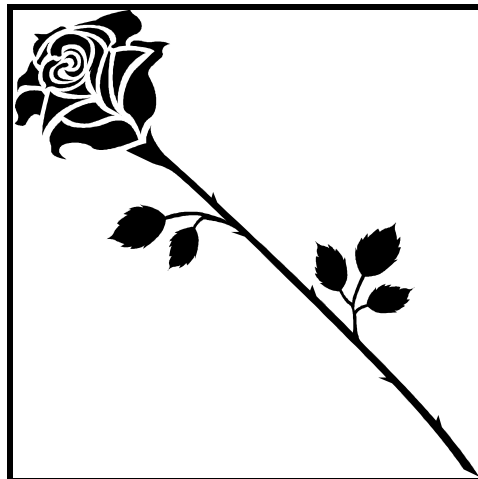
## More to come in May...

Elders and Deacons Meet  
Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30

Women's Meeting  
Monday, May 11 at 7:00

### Sunday Service, May 31

Guest Al Serhal will be with us from Kentucky Christian University. He will be bringing the morning message and will be talking about Kentucky Christian University in the Sunday School hour. This is especially good for any young people contemplating attending college in the future.



# Recipe of the Month More Important Dates

Sunday, April 12 - Easter  
Building Fund Sunday

## Doodle Cake (Submitted by Mary Perry)

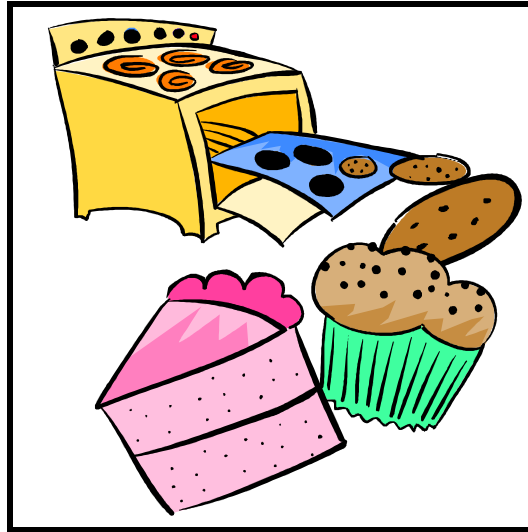
- 2 c. flour
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 c. sugar
- 2 eggs, slightly beaten
- 1 (15 ounce) can crushed pineapple
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup chopped nuts -

Mix all ingredients together with a spoon. Blend well. Bake in a 9"x13" pan at 350 degrees for 35 minutes or until done.

### Icing

- 8 ounce cream cheese, softened
- 1 stick butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar

Blend cream cheese and butter. Add sugar and stir until smooth. Add nuts.



### Ladies Group-Glory Bees

Monday, April 13, 7:00pm

### Elders and Deacons

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30pm

### Tidewater Area

### Men's Fellowship

Monday, April 20, 6:00pm

Church of Christ at Creed's will host this month's Men's Fellowship. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm with the program following.

## Relay for Life

Roy Gilbert is heading up our Smithfield Christian Church Relay for Life team. We're selling raffle tickets for a car; and we've just done a bake sale and car wash this past weekend.

If you would like to help, it's not too late. The walk takes place at the end of May, and we would love to have you join us.

## Looking for a way to help?

We need help cleaning the church. If you have some time that you could lend a helping hand, sign up in the hallway going to the classrooms.

### **Dear Co-Laborers in Christ,**

*On behalf of the Ferguson Grove Baptist Church, we extend our thanks to you for your generous gift of a piano and your monetary gift of \$200. Both will certainly be put to good use all to the glory of God.*

*Again, many thanks and may God continue to richly bless your church and your congregation.*

*Yours in Christ*

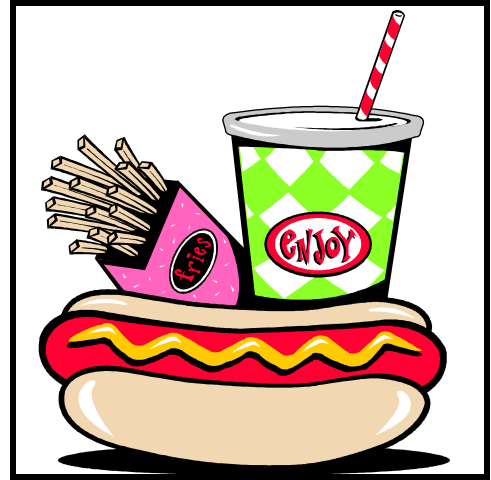
*Carolyn Blount, Treasurer*

*Ferguson Grove Baptist Church*



# A Note from Pat Miner

I just wanted to say "how much I miss Lenny", and I know you do too. He was a sweet and wonderful man who never knew a stranger; he will be missed very much. Let me thank you, for the love, prayers, tears, happy thoughts, all the cards, phone calls, visits, encouragement, flowers, gifts and good food, and all of our children, friends and neighbors near and far and our Church especially. I love each one of you like the "Family" we are. The "Hot Dog Man" would thank you for looking after "Me" too.



God Bless You All,

Pat Miner - The other half of Lenny Miner

*Note: Picture chosen in Honor of our dear Hot Dog Man that we all loved.*

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