



Kids Jamboree 2002 WWW (World Wide Witness) August 4 - 9

It's that time of year - Kids Jam time! This year's Jamboree will be Sunday, August 4 - Wednesday, August 9 from 6:30 until 8:00 each night. Mark your calendars now for this annual event. This year's Jam there will be WWW (World Wide Witness). God has a story He wants the whole world to know about and he wants our kids to be involved in telling it. This Jamboree will be unlike any Jamboree in recent memory. Check the Sunday program for more details. This year's Jamboree will not have a featured "performer" as in years past. Because of current budget constraints we are relying on our TDF family more than ever this year, and we know our family will come through as always. Volunteer opportunities are listed inside this Dispatch.

Will you be a part of the best Jamboree ever? Sign up Sunday on your response form or at the Kid's Jamboree table in the Parquet Lobby.



Philip Waldrop enjoys a hotdog at the Kid's Jamboree 2001!

From the Pastor's Pen

Have you ever gone camping? In a tent? God did! His tent was the most elaborate ever pitched, costing (in modern terms) millions of dollars. We call it the Tabernacle and fifty chapters of Scripture are devoted to its description and use. Though erected fourteen centuries before Christ, it symbolically told all about Him through its existence, arrangement, architecture, colors, furnishings and functions. Starting Sunday morning, June 30, I'll be bringing a series of morning messages on God's Tent, the Tabernacle of Testimony. These messages will run through July and August, and I hope you'll be able to attend every one, each Sunday morning at 8:45 and 10:15.

Most days I take a little break from my morning studies, usually about 11:30, to amble down the church driveway to check the mail. I

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TDF Team Member of the Month

Kelli Morell

Kelli Morell is the TDF Team Member of the month for July. TDF Team Members of the Month are those members who have given of themselves in significant ways to advance God's work in our local body of believers. Kelli has definitely done that. She currently serves as the chairperson of the TDF Finance Committee, which is responsible for planning and overseeing the church finances. She has also recently taken on the added role of coordinating a Stewardship Committee. Kelli serves on the Women's Ministry Committee, sings in the Celebration Choir and fills other roles as needed. She and her husband, Tim, have two beautiful children, Cassie and Alex. We are proud to recognize Kelli for her hard work and dedication to the Lord and our church.



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- Sunday Morning Worship: 8:45 & 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday School: 8:45 & 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 pm
- Wednesday Evening Programs: 7:00 pm

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- Robert J. Morgan
Sr. Minister
- Jeff Nichols
Executive Pastor/Minister of Children
- Michael J. Hollifield
Minister of Youth
- Joe Wilson
Minister of Adults
- Jerry Carzaway
Minister of Music and Fine Arts
- Norman Richards
Minister of Pastoral Care
- Bettye Kinkrough
Facilities Manager
- Kevin Lautham
Elementary Director
- Katie Greenwood & Katrina Winchester
Preschool Directors
- Sherry Anderson
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do it mainly to stretch my legs and clear my mind. But recently it's been an encouraging little trip, for each day's mail has brought a number of envelopes bearing the tithes and offerings of our vacationing people.

I want to thank all of you who are standing by our church in these tight and tough days. Our income hasn't kept pace with our needs. Isn't that so often the problem in our personal budgets as well? But God is faithful, and He has promised to provide. I'm praying for those in our church looking for jobs may the Lord provide quickly for you. And for those who have jobs but aren't tithing may the Lord lead you into wonderful obedience in this area. It's a blessing, an investment in eternity, to be able to give generously to God's Kingdom.

Finally, Katrina and I want to thank you for your prayers for my family and myself. Last night, after we'd spent some time in prayer, my wife, Katrina said, "Our four little knees aren't sufficient. Thank God we have a church full of praying people." To that, I say, "Amen!"

What a wonderful church family we have! May the Lord be your encouragement today.

P.S. In addition to pastoring and writing, I've decided to run a small hotel in the mountains. Not really... but sort of. Since my mother's death, my sister and I have wondered what to do with her rambling mountain home. We've decided to open it as Roan Mountain Bed and Breakfast, and you can check it out at roanmountainbedandbreakfast.com. It's a great get-away on the Tennessee/North Carolina border.



Robert J. Morgan

Children's Ministry

Kid's Jamboree 2002

This year's Jamboree could seriously affect our church budget! You may say, "Oh no, we don't need that." Not this year's church budget. By cutting out the main speaker we have saved over \$1,000. The church budget it may impact is the 2017 budget. That will be the year the seven-year-olds in our church will be graduating from college and potentially mass numbers of them going to the mission field. The present slate of missionaries our church supports will be dramatically different in 15 years if the lessons taught at this year's Jamboree take root. God has blessed our kids in a great way and wants to use them to reach this world for His glory. It is going to be exciting to watch.

Can you help make this the best Kid's Jamboree ever? Volunteers are needed in the areas of nursery, preschool, elementary, registration, snacks and decorations. You can sign up on the Sunday response form, at the sign up table in the Parquet Lobby, or by calling the church office at 871-GROW. Over 100 volunteers are needed. You can volunteer for one, two, three or all four nights. Many hands make light work. And praying knees make it the Lord's work, not ours. Let's pray together that this will be an eternity-changing event.

Thanks to Children's Volunteers

Thanks to many of you who recently responded the "cry" for help in our nursery classes and other areas. Our nursery classes have recently seen real growth, literally, and more volunteers were, and are, needed to staff those important classes. Thanks for listening to the call and to the Lord. One lady recently volunteered for a preschool position after saying the Lord had been dealing with her about it in her Bible study. Thanks and may God bless.

Stewardship Report	
May General Fund Income	\$67,140.96
Monthly General Fund Budget	\$116,666.67
Below Budget For The Month	\$49,525.71
General Fund Budget Year To Date	\$585,333.35
General Fund Receipts Year To Date	\$453,557.62
Below Budget	\$129,775.73
Total Reduction of Debt for 2002	\$102,036.42

Pastor Morgan & Members of TDF,

Thank you for greeting us so warmly and for your kindness in signing our devotional book and giving us a copy of your newest book. Our trip (and my Mother's Day) was brightened and enriched for having worshipped with you! We truly felt welcomed to your church.

Tom, Pam & Jonathan McDaniel

Dear Donelson,

Thank you for your support of my missions trip to the Virgin Islands this summer. Also, thank you for giving me a place to learn about youth ministry. May God bless you.

In Christ,
Brandon Atwood

Dear TDF Family,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your generosity, all the prayers, all the phone calls and all the different things you have done for me during this little time of difficulty with the busted up ankle. "Thank you" just doesn't seem like enough. Everyone has given so much of their personal time to help me out in so many ways. It all means quite a lot to me. And what a testimony to those around me who do not know Jesus, especially those I work with who are seeing how God can work through His children. I want to thank you for allowing God to live and work through each of you. It has been a real blessing to get to know

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so many of you on a more personal basis, spending time with you and sharing our lives together, and hoping to get to return to all of you in the same way that you have given to me. I have received blessing after blessing as a result of this little injury and God is teaching me lots of things that I needed to know. May God bless each of you in the way you have blessed me.

Your friend,
Jackee Sisk

[Editor's note: Jackee received her "little injury" while playing on our women's softball team. They take playing pretty seriously!!]

Music Notes

After serving 11 years as director of Xample, Missy Cook is stepping off the podium for a well-deserved break. Stepping into her shoes will be Tonya Gardner and Deanna Hollifield. Tonya and Deanna are excited about working with our teen choir and have lots of exciting plans for the fall.

Tonya has spent the last 10 years as director of our Children's Choir, which means we are currently looking for Children's Choir directors. The plan for the fall is to split the choir into 2 groups, making it more manageable and age appropriate. If you have an interest in working with either of these groups as director, assistant, or helper, please contact Jerry Carraway in the church office.

July At A Glance:

- July 4: Independence Day!
- July 8 - 12: Youth Summer Camp at Jekyll Island, Georgia
- July 10: Finance Committee meets
- July 10: Global Outreach Committee meets
- July 12: Southern Quarterly Conference of the Cumberland Association of F W B
- July 14: Adult Leadership lunch
- July 21: Rejoice! Ministry Team from Free Will Baptist Bible College will be in our morning worship services
- July 21 - 25: National Association of Free Will Baptists and the National Youth Conference will convene in Memphis, TN

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the money you gave to help with my mission trip to Japan with E-Team. It has been extremely helpful and encouraging. I am so thankful for this opportunity to minister and learn. I am also so thankful to be a part of a church whose heart is so focused on sharing Christ's love with the world. I know that God will accomplish great things through this trip, just as He did in Cuba last year. We will be in Japan June 24 - July 9. Please keep me and my team in your prayers.

Arigato!
Amy Lawrence

Adult Ministry

Fall Couples' Retreat

You may register now for The Donelson Fellowship's Fall Couples' Retreat which will be held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee on October 18 - 20 at the Music Road Hotel. Early Bird registration (before August 18th) is only \$230.00 per couple. After that date the cost will be \$250.00. Registration forms may be picked up in the church lobby near the Audio Ministry counter. Only 70 rooms are available for this prime season, so register early.



Youth Ministry

National Youth Conference Trip to Memphis!

This year our Free Will Baptist National Youth Conference will be held in Memphis, TN. Xample (our youth choir) won at the District and State levels and will be competing in the National Competition. All students who have just finished the 7th-12th grades are eligible to attend this trip. The dates are July 21 - 25. We'll leave after lunch (at church) on Sunday, July 21, and return to the church Thursday afternoon around 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$200.00 per person if we receive a \$50.00 deposit on or before Sunday, July 7. The balance (along with a completed Parental/Guardian Consent Form) is due on or before July 21. Talk to Michael Walker at church or contact Michael Hollifield if you have any questions (615-871-4769 church, 615-872-9872 home, 615-394-6453 cellular, mike@donelson.org e-mail).

Brazil.

Keep on praying for our youth ministry this summer. The trips to Jekyll Island, GA, for summer camp and to Memphis for our National Youth Conference are fast approaching. Anyone who is not on our Summer Prayer Partners List but would like to be can contact Debbie Warner in the church office at 615-871-4769. You will be sent specific prayer requests for these two trips.

Just a reminder for all parents, students, and all praying people that the monthly Youth Ministry Prayer Time will be in the chapel immediately following the evening service on July 19.

XALT In July!

Three times in July we will not have XALT (our regular midweek youth worship service). We will not meet on the Wednesday nights of July 10, and July 24 due to so many of our students being on the summer trips. As mentioned earlier, on Wednesday night July 31, our youth ministry will be hosting a churchwide hamburger cookout!

Here's the schedule:

July 3 - Life (John 10:10)...from the "What's In The News" series

July 10 - No Xalt (Summer Camp Trip)

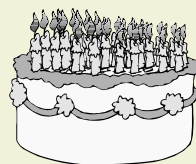
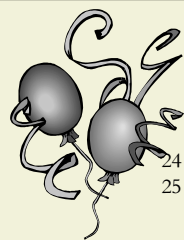
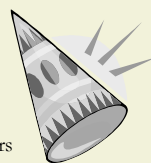
July 17 - All I Want To Do Is Have Some Fun (Colossians 3:17)

July 24 - No Xalt (National Youth Conference Trip)

July 31 - No Xalt (Free Churchwide Cookout)

July Birthdays

2	Kathy Rogers Emily Walker Tiffany Weber	10	Steve Greenwood Jean Sumner Zachary Orr	17	Devin Clifton Jim Johnson Keegan Kelly	24	Jessica Taylor Mitchell Cooper Russell Cooper
3	Carolyn Dunham Ashley Jones Kwon Kilgore Samuel Kinde Van Stewart	11	Corey Burba Amber Law Russ Parham Cooper Sears	12	Brydee Warner Noah Williams Tom Adams Judy Edmondson	18	Carla Toombs Ken Waldrop Joel Williams Anna Winter
4	Caroline Rudy Joel Shideler	12	Scott Benton Anita Elftmann Luke Helton Melissa Keeble Carmen Long	13	Emme Carr Laura Hamm Lauren Davenport Rachel Davis	19	Barry Blundy Joel Collum Johnny Hollis Karlee Wilson Jeff Malone
5	Leslie Carney Taylor White Maureen Adams Dawn Carraway Bobby Edmondson	14	Steve Sevits Hannah Taylor Ron Beasley Becky Esbenshade	20	Marty Mathis Whitney Wilson Patricia Fite Brandy Holt	26	Lynette Morgan Bethany Warner Leslie Collum Mattie Callahan
6	Anna Eller Morgan Fite Betty Israel John Miller	15	Jerrod Pilgrim Tyra Pilgrim Mark Williams Kevin Douglas Corine Sandifer	21	Erin Israel Peter Sherrill Windey Christofferson Ivan Luttrell	27	Adam Morgan Holly Miller Kerry Morell Brittany DeMartini
7	Jonathan Shultz Carrie Stewart Cindy Moore	16	Kyle Thomas Chad Elkins Dean Jones Tara Roberts Alison Williams Charlotte Ammons	22	Ben Wilson Jesi Buck Charlie Mai Bowman Dohn Dockstader Rusty Huddleston Adrienne Sandifer	28	Teressa Snow Erin Williams
8	JoAnn Jackson Pete Matteson Katrina Morgan Frank Rudy	17		23		29	
9	Robert Cooper			24		30	
10						31	



Free Churchwide Cookout!

On Wednesday night, July 31, the youth ministry would like to say "thank you" to the rest of the church family for your prayer and financial support throughout the year. At 5:30 p.m. everyone is invited to come and bring lawn chairs for a time of fellowship and FREE hamburgers and all the fixins'. Again this cookout is free, but we'd like everyone to RSVP so we'll be sure to have enough food for everyone. Sign up on your Sunday program or at www.donelson.org. Thanks for your support!



A Cup of Tea

with Katrina Morgan

We know that we are of God, and the whole world lives under the sway of the wicked one.—1 John 5:19



I'm glad for John's certainties. Many Christians have gained assurance of their salvation through his writing.

In this particular verse, two things are clear: We can know we are of God; and the world around us marches to the beat of the devil's drum. Throughout his book John asserts several things over and over—that Jesus Christ is God's Son come in flesh, and that love and obedience characterize the true believer's life. As we compare ourselves to John's standard, we know we are of God. This is a safe and secure position.

However, this stance doesn't mean we're un-tried, un-rattled, and un-tempted. The devil is the "prince of the power of the air," the "ruler of this world," and the "god of this age." John warns us we're tempted by the world, the flesh, and the devil (1 John 2:15). We underestimate his influence and subtleties.

Recently I wondered why I could not go beyond a certain point in my Christian experience. I was longing after God, having Bible study and prayer, and being thrilled in private praise and songs. What was lacking? In John's book I have been impressed with the importance he places on obedience. Whoever keeps His Word, truly the love of God is perfected in him, and those who abide in Christ ought themselves to walk as He walked.

Being of God, then, was obvious. It was taking that next step of obedience. It was not letting pride or the flesh stop me.

Thank you, Lord, for helping me do this.

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word

What a glory He sheds on our way.

While we do His good will, He abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.

This Month's Saints

Ephesians 6:18 - "...always keep on praying for all the saints."

July 7

Donnie Buening; Corey Burba; Ben and Georgia Burk; G.W. and Betty Burkhart; Mark, Heather and Madison Burnette; Roger and Patsy Burns; Ray and Sherri Bussard; Jackie, Zachary and Julia Butler; Bobbie Jo and Amanda Caldwell Staff member and family: Jerry, Dawn, Jordan and Lydia Carraway Missionary family: Pete, Tina and Alaska Matteson

July 14

James, Vickie, Mattie and Dylan Callahan; Rachel Callaway; Debbie Capps; Leslie Carney; Jeff, Donna, John, Emery and Kyle Carr; Shane, Valerie and Zeda Carter; Nelson and Ashley Chambliss; Mike, Teresa, Adina and Hannah Christian; Mable Christmas Staff member and family: Mike, Sherry and Krista Anderson Missionary family: Clint, Lynette, Adam, Aaron and Autumn Morgan

July 21

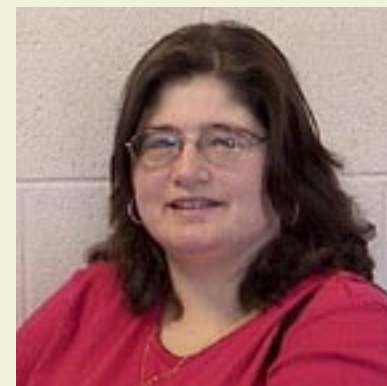
Bob and Joy Christofferson; Robert and Windey Christofferson and Stormey, Mistey and Hailey Maynard; Carol and Tara Clark; Gregory, Kelly, Dustin and Derek Clayton; Bobby and Carrie Cramer; Christopher, Elizabeth and Thomas Coffey; Walter, Candi and Aaron Collett; James, Cay, Camille, Cameron and Cory Collins Staff member: Bettye Kimbrough Missionary family: Stan, Jill and Sophia Warren

July 28

Joel, Barbara, Leslie, Matthew and Zachary Collum; Kim Colson; Walter, Susan, Abbie, Austin and Kate Colson and Jet Padgett; Rob, Jennifer, Austin and Alan Conley; Joe Ed and Michelle Conn; Craig, Missy and Patton Cook; Mary Alice Cook; Mitchell Cooper; Robert, Patti and Elijah Cooper and Jesi Buck Staff member and family: Steve, Katie, Abby, Ally and Andie Greenwood Missionary: Becky Hale



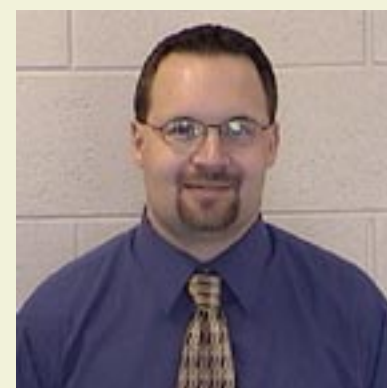
Welcome New Members



Valerie Croslin



Eddie Parsons



Steve Pepper

About Our People

The congratulations of the Fellowship is extended to...

Barry and Rachel Demonbreun on the birth of their son, Brandon Lee, on May 31. Brandon came into the world weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Carter High, son of Mike and Maria Murdock, for receiving 8 different awards for the highest academic average at Goodpasture Christian School on May 22. Way to go, Carter!

Dan and Vonda Hiland on the birth of their son, Matthew Davis, on May 31. Davis weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20-1/2" long. He joins Caitlin, Stephens and Spencer in this happy family.

Chris and Cindy Ladner on the birth of their son, Elijah Owen, on May 30. Eli weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20-1/2 inches long. His big sister is Mollye.

Lee Settles who was recently baptized.

The warm welcome of the Fellowship is extended to the following new members...

Valerie Croslin, Nashville.

Eddie Parsons, Nashville

Steve Pepper, Nashville.

Mary West, Nashville.

Betty Jean West, Nashville.

Brian Wood, Nashville.

The sympathy of the Fellowship is extended to...

Dylan Callahan in the death of his biological mother.

Georgia Hill in the death of her brother, Ron Barr.

Pete and Tina Matteson in the death of Pete's grandmother.

Norman and Bessie Richards in the death of Bessie's sister, Joyce Thayer, in Arkansas.



Mary and Betty Jean West



Brian Wood