

\$7 will help a child in our childcare center "Adopt a Box"

Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center invites the church family to **"Adopt a Box"** and donate \$7 (per: box) that will take care of the shipping cost of a shoe box a child in The Center is filling



for Operation Christmas Child. Please designate your money as **"JLMCC Adopt a Box"**. Donations accepted **ONLY** through the church offering.



AUDIO VISUAL FUND: THANK YOU for the \$3,285 given to the Audio Visual Fund. We have purchased

\$1,000+ in new audio equipment. We are hoping to purchase more equipment i.e. a new panel (approx. \$3,000) and a new projector (approx. \$300). With a balance of \$1,940 (unspent funds), we need approximately \$1,000+ to meet our needs.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30a **WORSHIP**
9:15a **Breakfast** (1st Sun, monthly)
9:30a **Bible Study/Sunday School**
10:30a **WORSHIP/Children's Worship**
6p **Monthly** Last Sunday **WORSHIP**
6-8p Youth Ministry Mtg. (wkly mtgs)

Monday

5:30p **Praise & Worship Team Practice**

Tuesday

11a **Worship Cmte Mtg.** (4th Tues, monthly)

Wednesday

6:30-8p **Kids Klub** (starts Sept. 16)
6:30-8p **Prayer/Bible Study**
BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

Thursday

10a **Ladies' Prayer Time** (Sept 3 only)
10a **Choir Practice** (starts Sept 10)
11a **Ladies' Prayer Time** (starting Sept 10)

Picnic/Worship

Sun Sept 13, 4pm

(Raindate: Sun Sept 20)

@ North East Town Park

Bring plenty of food/drink to share.



Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly
Average as of 8/16/15 (33 wks):
\$3,509.

Needed Weekly: **\$3,437.**
PTL! As of 8/16/15 we are
over budget: **\$2,366.**

Audio/Visual Fund Received to
date: \$3,285.

Average morning worship
attendance 7/5-8/16/15:
86.

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**State
Missions
Offering
and
Week of Prayer
September 6-13
Our church
goal:
\$750**

"Go Forward"
was the motto of
Baltimore native,
Miss Annie
Armstrong, the
first leader of the Woman's
Missionary Union.
Her rally cry is also the
name of our state missions
offering. An offering that
helps start and strengthen
550+ churches across
Maryland, Delaware and
beyond.



*100% of the funds are
reinvested in Network
churches like ours for local
and global mission impact.*



The Good News:
**3,000 babies
saved everyday**
through pro-life pregnancy
centers

I noticed her as she began to walk by our booth at the Cecil County Fair a few weeks ago. I saw her eyes as she began to recognize our booth. Then I saw the tears. She said she had had several abortions as she cried in front of the booth. What must it be like, I thought, to live with that memory everyday? Then I encouraged her to come by The Center. I said we now have a program that will help her find peace that is presented by others who have also had abortions and discovered the peace of the Prince of Peace.

The death traders say it is nothing. They say it is only a clump of cells. They say it will be a relief to get rid of "it". But they can't change a woman's nature. They can't lie away the natural loving, compassionate nurturing of a mother.

Two-thirds of women report never having received counseling before their procedure. But then again, why would anyone believe someone who promotes the death of a precious baby?

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Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. The summer is flying by isn't it? The kids are already heading back to school.



We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School (VBS) in July. The boys and girls so enjoyed the music, crafts, snacks and the Bible lessons. The mission emphasis was about many of our International missionaries in Africa. We raised \$529 to help buy shoes (and clothes) for those whom our missionaries are working with that simply don't have shoes. For every \$50 raised one of the adults was to be covered in chocolate pudding and the kids could throw fruit loops at us. They really got

into that. We doubled the amount that came in last year. Imagine. Our youth got to go to Camp Skycroft early in July. We combined with the youth from First Baptist Church of Elkton this year. We had 21 go along. I had 10 boys in a cabin all week. We had a mountain top experience. Five of our youth trusted Christ as their Savior and many others rededicated their lives to Him! It was a lot of fun of course, but God worked in each of our hearts. Many of those youth later served as workers in our VBS.

I'm so proud of them. They have so many obstacles to live a consistent Christian life, but they are seeking out God's will in their lives. Please pray for our young people.

Janet and I celebrated 40 years of marriage on August 12. We are so happy together. Through all the stages of our marriage we had joy and fun. But we are enjoying this stage the most. Our empty nest has been transformed. It is full of grandkids. We never know when they will drop by or need a baby sitter. It's nice to see them come over and want to be with us and do things with us. And when we get too tired it's nice to see them go home. We should have had grandchildren first!

As the children get old enough to understand the good news of the gospel they are opening their hearts to Him. Simple faith in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior is what He requires. Please pray for all of the precious children and youth in our extended church family. There is a spiritual battle going on for the souls of each one of us. Jesus told Simon

Peter, "Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail" (Luke 22:31-32). James tells us, "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective" (James 5:16). The apostle John reminds us that "the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4), and "this is the victory that has overcome the world even our faith" (1 John 5:4). I take great encouragement from these precious truths. May God bless you,

Pastor Steve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf



3,000 babies saved

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We live in a broken world that kills its own. We must counteract the passion of those who hate with an even greater passion from those who love (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

Heart Beats International reports 3,000 babies are saved everyday through pro-life pregnancy centers. We are thanking God for this positive impact on the world and praying for more babies to be saved.

Dan Mohler
Director of Cecil County
Pregnancy Center



NOTICE: We had to replace an air conditioner (\$2,850). We'd appreciate designations to the "Building Repairs Fund" to help replenish the same which now has a balance of \$3,090.



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VBS concluded with fun and games



Photos—Left: Nancy Brasefield participates along with one of our learners in a game. Right: Jess Wagner (VBS co-director) is plastered with pudding & fruit loops along with her husband, Andy, in the background. Photos courtesy of Madi Wagner.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SEPT Regular services & events are on Page 4.		1 10:30a SBA Minis- ters/ Wives' Fellow- ship, River- side	2 6:30p Prayer led by Dan MOHLER	3 Our pastor returns from vaca- tion.	4 	5
6 7:30p Deacons' Mtg Week of Prayer for State Missions (Sept 6-13)	7	8	9 11a Church Council BUSINESS (after Prayer)	10 10a CHOIR begins for the fall	11	12
13 4p Picnic & Worship @ The NE Town Park Lamplighter articles for October are due	14	15	16 6:30p KIDS' KLUB starts for the fall 	17	18	19
20 9:30a New Members Class (1 or 3) Become Part of Our Church Family	21 1p Women on Mission, Edna Miller's home	22 11a Wor- ship CMTE Mtg	23	24	25	26
27 9:30a New Members Class (2 of 3) 6p The HOPE DVD	28	29	30	State Missions Theme Verse: Straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14).		



birthdays

- 1 Maria Cantler
Jacque Everidge
Andrea Walton
- 2 Eunice Veasey
- 3 Grace Cann
Alivia Nickle
- 5 John Carr
Thomas Shores, Sr.
Christine Barton
George Deaver, II
Nancy Hudler
Vincent Marvel
- 7 Alice (Burns) Marvel
Christine Zeman
- 8 Danny Culver
- 9 Vickie Lawrence
Esther Porch
Joe Simpkins
- 10 Karen Harclerode
Ruby Perry
- 14 Charles Harrington
- 15 Theresa "Terri" Keyes
Rose Marie Porch
John Richardson
- 16 Sarah Murray
- 17 Christopher "C.J." Aremu
Charles Hodanics
- 18 Robert Brown
Abigail Mears
- 20 Kevin Barker
- 21 Heather (Jones) Hunter
Eliana Moyer
- 23 Duane Combs
- 25 Heather Lotman
- 26 Chrissie (Hall) Hilaman
- 27 Wendy Bibey
- 28 Andrew Gibson
- 30 Seth Hammond
Daniel Lundberg



anniversaries

- 3 Scott & Christine Barton
Ray & Brenda Sommers—55th
- 8 Sonny & Sara Hayes
- 19 Charles & Camille Hodanics
- 24 Thomas & Brenda Beman



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