

**August  
2010**



# New Castle First Church of God

PASTOR'S CORNER

## "Prayer is Warfare"

Prayer is warfare with a defeated but still powerful enemy. When we allow our prayer lives to remain only on the level of immediate or "felt" needs, we risk the great danger of losing the struggle that God is ultimately interested in. As Christians, our prayer lives tend to dwell in the physical realm. We seldom operate in the realm of true spiritual warfare.

If you read 2 Corinthians 10: 3-5, Paul gives us a clue to the kind of weapons we need to battle Satan. The war we are engaged in is for the minds and souls of people. Our weapons are not physical, nor are they those of human logic and cleverness. They are divine. When you are engaged in battle and the objective is a person's mind, what are you going to use? The truth. Satan masquerades as an angel of truth, but we combat him with the real truth - the Word of God. Paul tell us in Ephesians 6 to put on the full armor of God, so that we may be able to stand against the lies of the devil. The list of the armor is primarily defensive: helmet, breastplate, belt,



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## Pastor's Corner (continued)

sandals, shield and so forth. In verse 17, however, Paul says, “Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”

Our first weapon in battling our foe is the word of truth. In verse 18 of Ephesians 6, Paul gives us our second: “And pray in the Spirit.” The second weapon is prayer. Whether we are evangelizing the lost, discipling believers, or trying to restore a lapsed brother or sister, the weapons are always the same; the word of truth accompanied by prayer in the Spirit. We need the Spirit of God to open our minds and release us from Satan’s captivity.

The battle for the souls of men and women is really not won in the witnessing encounter or the discipling meeting, but in prayer, before we ever get into those situations. Our actions are of course necessary, but it is futile to fight without paving the way by prayer against the devil.

Once we’ve faced the enemy, armed ourselves with the right weapons, and prepared ourselves for the rigors of the battle, we can still jeopardize our success by losing sight of God’s ultimate objective in this spiritual warfare. What’s God’s objective? “For God so loved the world.” God so loved people that He gave His only begotten son. Christ died for them. Jesus said that the harvest is plentiful and the workers are few. He told us to pray that the Lord of the har-



vest would raise up workers. My challenge to you is this; keep praying for your friend or family member in the hospital, or your friend who needs work. But these things are light things in the eyes of the Lord. Ask God to get you into the heat of the real battle. Ask Him to equip you to engage the unseen foe, and then take your prayer life into the war for God’s ultimate objective. And expect Him to hear and answer that prayer.

Prayerfully Yours, Pastor Bill & Carole





# You are invited to a Bridal Shower for Bethany Boyer (Bride elect of Ed Wymer) Saturday, August 14th from 1-4 PM

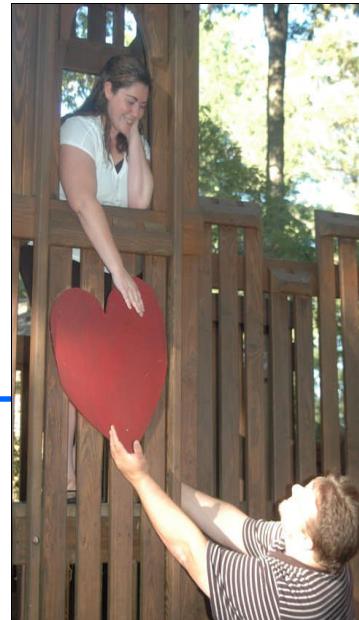
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HERE at the  
First Church of God's Fellowship Hall.

Bethany & Ed are registered  
at Kmart and Target.

Please sign the sheet at the church or call  
Sally Boyer @ 724-656-8496  
or Brooke Boyer @ 724-944-5838  
to R.S.V.P. by August 8th.

\* Some of you have graciously offered to make something for Bethany's Shower. We are in need of Macaroni & Potato Salad. If you want to help by making one, please sign the sheet at the church or call Sally Boyer.  
Thank You!



## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

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### Birthdays and Anniversaries (Please call the church office if we do not have your information!)

#### **Birthdays:**

Aug. 1 - Dorothea Boyer

Aug. 2 - Bill Horvath

Aug. 7 - Doug Garver Sr.

Aug. 8 - Bob Grass

Aug. 9 - Chris Toy

Michael Butchelli

Aug. 15 - Dianne Stansfield

Aug. 16 - Katie Harlan

Aug. 17 - Alexis Adams

#### **Anniversaries:**

Aug. 14 - Fred & Carol Harlan

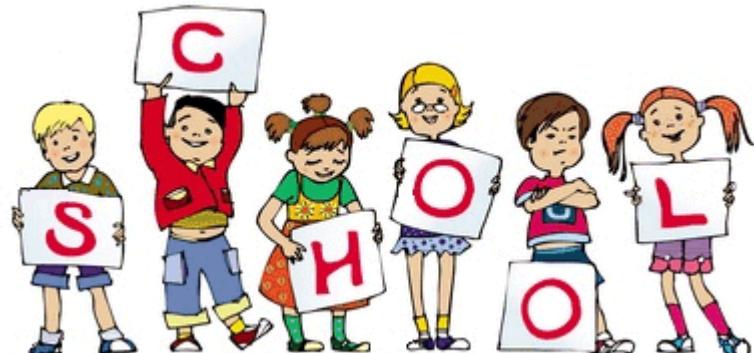




# August 2010

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| 1  | 2      | 3             | 4                            | 5                        | 6  | 7   |
|  |        |               |                              | Camp Meeting @ Whitehall |    |   |
| 8  | 9      | 10            | 11<br>Prayer Mtg.<br>7:00 PM | 12                       | 13 | 14<br>Bethany's<br>Bridal Shower<br>12-4 PM<br>Underground<br>6-10 PM |
| 15   | 16     | 17            | 18<br>Prayer Mtg.<br>7:00 PM | 19                       | 20 | 21  |
| 22<br>Underground<br>& Special<br>Invitation<br>Dinner<br>12:30 PM | 23     | 24<br>Kitchen | 25<br>Prayer Mtg.<br>7:00 PM | 26                       | 27 | 28<br>Preschool<br>Playground<br>Workday<br>10 AM                     |
| 29   | 30<br> | 31            |                              |                          |    |   |



## CRAZY OLYMPICS at the Underground - Saturday, Aug. 14 @ 6 - 10 PM



### Important Message from the Underground:

All Underground Events, Unless otherwise mentioned, are for **EVERYBODY**. People of **ALL** ages attend. We have small children up to senior citizens who come and enjoy what's happening here. Enjoy a family outing at the Underground! It's the perfect place for children, teens, and adults to interact with each other. Hope to see you there!



### Jameson Candy Bar Fundraiser for Paul & Sharon Ross

Anyone who would be interested in selling candy bars, buying candy bars, or supporting this fundraiser, please see Steve Wicks or Carole Hunley. The yummy candy bars are only \$1.25 each. Thank you for being a blessing to the Ross family during Paul's courageous battle.

### 2010 Whitehall Camp Meeting July 31 - August 8

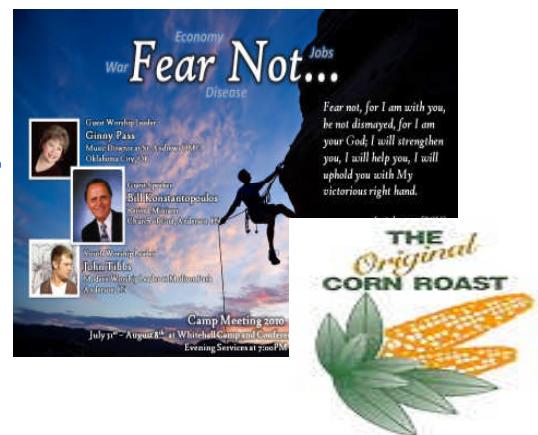
This is a wonderful time of relaxation and refreshing. If you've never been to campmeeting before, talk to someone who has and make arrangements to come up. **CORN ROAST - WED. AUG. 4 @ 4PM.** Bring your lawn chair & a dish to share.

### JOIN OUR TEAM

**For Adults & Teens**

The Underground Staff is looking for more people who want to have fun, listen to music, eat food, and do God's work.

If you are interested in joining our team and you are 16 years of age or older, please see April for more details.





## Preschool News...

### PreSchool Corner

Hosted by Precious In His Sight Preschool

God has truly blessed our church's preschool over the summer! The number of students enrolled for the upcoming school year have doubled so far with the potential to triple in number! God is so good!

The Carnival/Open House was a great success. Thank you to all youth and adults who helped run games, serve food, and clean up. And thank you to everyone for your continued support and prayers. We are so excited to see what Fall 2010 has in store for us! ~ Stacy & April

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Cami Schaubroeck -  
Worship Leader  
April Lewis - Church Secretary**

### Preschool Playground Work-Day Sat., August 28 @ 10 AM

MEN WANTED!! Any man who is available to help us put our new swing set together, please come out for our "Playground Work-Day". Bill's hotdogs, french fries, and drinks will be provided for lunch. And as much cold water as you can drink. Please let Stacy or April know if you can help. Thank you!



### Substitute Teachers Needed

We will be looking for one or two substitutes for this upcoming school year. If you are interested and feel able to work with eight to twelve 3, 4, and 5-year olds, please submit a letter of interest to the Board of Trustees explaining any qualifications you have. When the substitutes are chosen, they will then have to obtain specific clearances (Church paid for).



### Men's Bible Study



ALL men are invited to come to Men's Bible Study on Sunday nights at 6 PM.



Starting in September the Ladies Bible Study will resume on Tuesdays at 10 AM. The topic will be "Battlefield of Mind" See Carole