**FROM THE PASTOR**

Scripture Reading: Jude 14 – 25

Introduction

The letter begins with a greeting to the church and ends with a benediction for and upon the church. And in the paragraphs in between, Jude warns of godless people who would try to destroy the church yet encourages his readers with the great hope of Jesus’ return. He tells of God’s just punishment on the wicked and of his reward for those who persevere and snatch others from the fire and save them. It would be good to commit these last two verses to memory.

I. I believe in the church.

A. I believe in her Founder, foundation, function, fruits, and future.

B. The local congregation is the basic cooperative unit of the Christian enterprise. The church is the most needed institution in our national life. The maintenance of the home, the preservation of a sound economic and industrial order, the perpetuation of a vigorous and enduring state are all dependent on it. The church is the repository of humankind’s spiritual heritage. It is the bearer of the evangel of Christ. It is the custodian of our deepest hopes. Through the influence of the church, the weak have been made strong, the discouraged have been strengthened, and the bewildered have found the light. In a chaotic and troubled world, it is the answer to our greatest need. Its gospel is the world’s salvation, and in its fellowship we will find peace.

II. I believe in the dimensions of personal discipline in church membership.

A. Build up yourselves on a solid faith (Jude 20).

B. Bow down and pray in the Holy Spirit (Jude 20).

C. Stay in the effective circle of God’s love (Jude 21).

D. Reach out to others in glad evangelism (Jude 22 – 24).

III. I believe in the God to whom the church belongs.

A. He is a powerful God: “now unto him that is able” (Jude 24).

B. He is a protective God: “that is able to keep you from falling” (Jude 24).

C. He is a personal God: “to keep you . . . and to present you” (Jude 24).

D. He is a presenting God: “to present you faultless” (Jude 24).

E. He is a praiseworthy God: “To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen” (Jude 25 NIV).

Conclusion

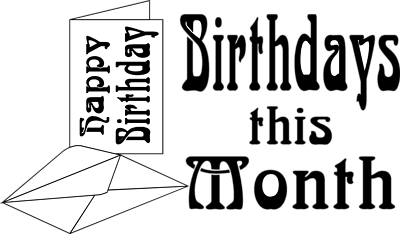
Who needs the church? We all do. We may not always be satisfied with what goes on in the church, but problems can be corrected more effectively from within than from without. If Jesus loved his church and gave himself for it, then we can afford to do no less. We must learn to love our fellow Christians and to serve with them to bring others into Christ’s church.

In His Service, Pastor Raymond H. Willis



8/9 – Kevin & Donnella Sistrunk

8/25 – Wayne & Dorothy Wooten



8/12 – Judith Lisak 8/18 – Jacqui Merrideth

8/14 – Haskel Endicott 8/20 – Ashley Griswold

8/15 – Dorothy Wooten 8/21 – Ellene Chickering

8/15 – Peg Fair 8/23 – Little Tim Adams

8/16 – Jerry Anderson 8/24 – Chaundra Whittaker

8/18 – Lili Summerlin 8/29 – Evelyn Town

Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]. ~ James 5:16 (Amp).

Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. Philippians 4:6 (Amp).

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1. Sunday School Children and Parents

2. Home & Foreign Missions

3. CHURCH FINANCES

4. Debbie Whittaker

5. Tim Adams

6. Ralph & Patsy Anderson

7. Jean Hunter

8. All Law Enforcement men & women for their safety

9. Wanda Orange

10. Lynn Nace

11. Mary Howlett

12. Kevin Lee (Debbie G) Congestive Heart & Kidney failure

13. Jake Ralph’s grandson has Ehlers Danlos Syndrome

14. Violet Fort Willis’ niece

15. Bobby Mann

16. Sally Hyderke

17. Donna Columbo

18. Tony Issacs

19. Jane Skinner Lorna’s sister - cancer

20. Pray for our Service Men and Women and for their Families!

21. Pray for our Country!

22. Eugene & Betty Janos Linda’s parents

23. Mack Williams Debbie’s cousin

24. Kimberly Fort

25. Heidi Stolemyer Family Comfort for Heidi Home going Ashley’s cousin

26 Cassie Summerlin Recovering from surgery

27. Ken Averill

28 Martha Christner

29. Reggie

30. Phyllis Gross Family Comfort for Phyllis home going

31. Kurt Gallagher Awaiting a kidney

32. George & Jessica Rehn For their marriage

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4:30 – 7:00 pm. $ 6.25 for 3 games including shoes!

LADIES DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT OUT!

FRIDAY 8/12/16 MEET AT CRACKER BARREL AT 5:30 PM

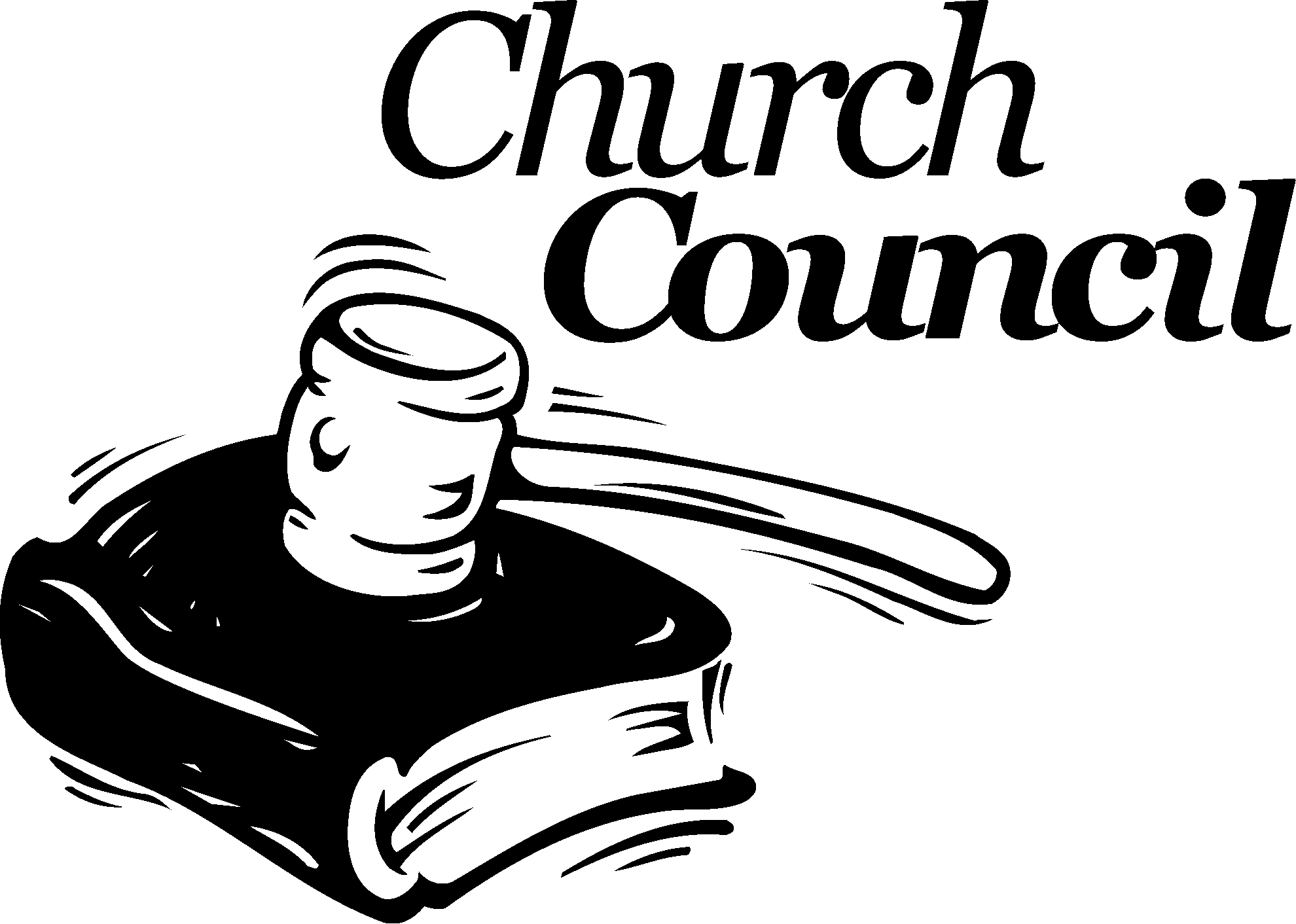


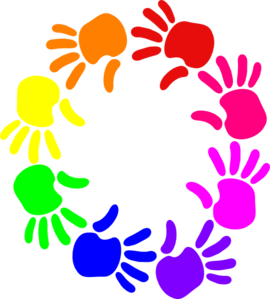


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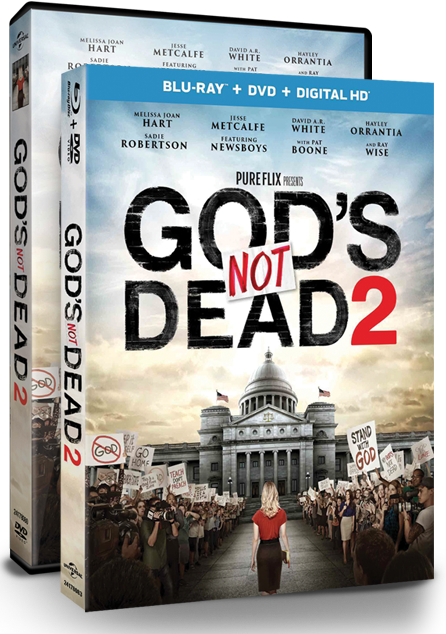
@ 6 pm Church Council

@ 7 pm Finance Committee Meeting





LADIES FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE THURSDAY 8/18/16 @ 12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL! PLEASE BRING A COVERED DISH!!





SUNDAY 8/28/16 @ 6:00 PM

MOVIE NIGHT

“GOD’S NOT DEAD 2”

**ATTENTION: WE NEED YOUR HELP IN THE FOLLOWING MINISTRY**

**Cornelia Smith** can be reached at the following home phone number: **(352) 684-6777** and has agreed to help set up a **“HEART LINE”**

where people can be contacted on a regular basis.

So please call and give Sister Cornelia your name, phone number and tell her what type of help you can be to this needed ministry!

It could involve the following:

1. Personal phone call to absentee people, finding out how they are doing

2. Personal visit to a home where someone needs to be visited.

3. Personal card or note allowing people to know they are missed

4. Personal call on a regular basis



Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness,

goodness, faithfulness, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

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The Fruit of the Spirit!

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Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

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| We as deacons are here 24/7 to serve you at any time we are needed. 1. Ralph Anderson – Home 352-556-4575 - Cell 352-232-2776 2. Sonny Fousnought – FL Home - 352-683-2920 PA Home 570-439-2129 Cell 570-439-2129 3. Freeman Fox - Cell 804-263-4433 FL Home 352-597-7265 |
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