

—2007—
The Year In Review



Point Of Light Award to Molly Motley



Susan Bierlein hanging the greens



Library Staff Setting up the Books



Drivers getting ready for a Mission trip



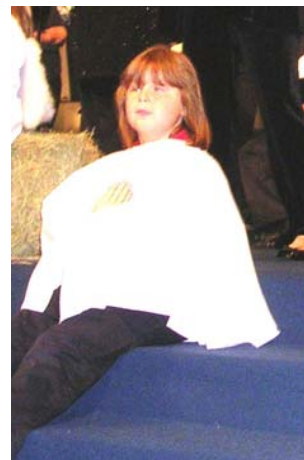
Lise Bonner hung up in the greens



Vic Miller and Ray Cummings at work



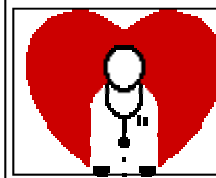
Angels at play in Sunday School



Angel in the Christmas Pageant



Angels snacking at Vacation Bible



rH Factor

by Rebecca Hyvonen

How Do You Practice The Spiritual Discipline of Celebration?!

That question has been going through my mind all week: How do you practice the spiritual discipline of celebration?

It was Tuesday morning, sometime after 0800, and I was in the first (of three) groups that were part of the interview process.

This was the morning I had been working towards for years. It was the appearance before the Board of Ordained Ministry of the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. One of the people in that first group asked me that question. I don't think I answered it very well at the time, but I've been working on it ever since.

It does make me wonder, though, how do I, how do you, how do we, as Christians, practice the spiritual discipline of celebration? It fits in with the Upper Room devotional of January 25: freedom in Christ. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." (2 Cor.3)

In practicing the spiritual discipline of celebration, do we give ourselves permission to relax, and smile and laugh and hug and dance, more often?

Do we put on special music and light candles and cook fresh, high quality food to share together with those we love? Do we thank God with expressions of gratitude, such as offerings? Do we stand before His magnificent sunrises and sunsets and ocean and rivers and lakes and flowers and trees and birds and squirrels and give thanks for the beauty of His creation? Do we make and take the time to re-create through "recreation?" (Pastor Paul's teaching.)

As this article is read, perhaps those reading it can begin to think of small ways to begin to adopt more of a lifestyle of celebration. Perhaps that might include turning off the television, and interacting more with those around us. Perhaps it means bringing home a bouquet of flowers from the grocery store. Maybe it even includes practicing "random acts of kindness" more often. Who knows?

That might even mean thinking more of others than ourselves.

There's joy in doing something nice for someone else, especially when no one else knows about it.

As followers and servants of Christ, the world around us wants to see people who are joyful, peaceful, non-judgmental, non-critical, and people who know how to celebrate in a healthy way.

Andy Stanley, (son of Charles Stanley, and founder and leader of a large church in Georgia), believes that Christians should be irresistible. Perhaps, if we begin to regularly practice a healthy spiritual discipline of celebration, we will be more irresistible. Perhaps we'll be compelling witnesses to the world around us for Christ.

So this year, this year of 2008, which many say is a year of new beginnings, beloved church and dear friends of the church, this year, let's practice the spiritual discipline of celebration more often.

With great joy, Pastor Bec.

WORK, PLAY, PRAY RETREAT August 25-29

The week before Labor Day, is the date for this **Work, Play, Pray Retreat** in west central Kentucky. It is an 800 mile drive that takes about 14 hours. The site is located on Rough River Lake. The plan is to make the property into a prayer retreat center.

The work involves painting, repairing porches, clearing brush, electrical wiring, making RV hookups, cooking and serving meals and cleanup. We'll work mornings with free time in the afternoons for fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, tennis, golf, etc. In the evenings we'll have a prayer seminar.

The only cost to you will be a \$10 registration fee plus transportation which will involve car-pooling. The address is:

**2159 Shores Road
 Falls of Rough, KY 40119.**

If you can't come that week, you can schedule a free vacation May-September. For details contact Noel Spencer at 763-1458 or 270-287-1440



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2008

COVENANT U M C

SUNDAY FAITH BUILDING CLASSES

ROOM # CLASS NAME

9:45 a.m.

201 New Member Class

205 Serving Jesus at Covenant

117 Celebration of Discipline

204 Bereans

Pastor's Office Financial Freedom

202 Sitting at His Feet

105 Decision Making & The Will of God

104 Understanding the Bible

106 Growing Kids God's Way

119 Middle School

Youth Wing High School

11:00 a.m.

Youth Confirmation Class

5:30p.m.

119 Youth Group

6:00 p.m.

202 Experiencing the Heart of Jesus

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 am Prayer Vigil begins 7:00 pm Overcomers Support Group	2 6:00 am Prayer Vigil Ends
3 8:30 am Worship Service 9:45 am Faith Building Classes 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Worship Service 11:00 am Youth Confirmation 6:00 pm Experiencing The Heart of Jesus	4 9:00 am Mothers' Day Out 9:30 am Quilters 6:00 pm Men of Promise 6:30 pm "Weight" for God 6:30 pm Marriage Enrichment 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Al-Anon	5 6:15 am Men's Team Jesus 2:30 pm CAFA 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 6:45 pm Breaking Free	6 8:00 am COA Respite 9:00 am Homemakers 9:30 am Do Drop In 5:30 pm Adult Fellowship Banner Ministry Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Midweek Worship	7 10:30 am Pastors Bible Study 6:15 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm On Mission With God 6:30 pm Grief Care 6:30 pm Divorce Care 6:30 pm Kids-Divorce Care 7:00 pm Experiencing God 7:00 pm BSA Troop 477 7:30 pm Choir Practice	8 6:00 am Prayer Vigil begins 7:00 pm Overcomers Support Group	9 6:00 am Prayer Vigil Ends 6:00 pm Volunteer Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Group YMCA
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