

YES, YES, YES

"A good news person is someone who proves there is no rut so deep you cannot leave it, no dream so lost you can't retrieve it, no pain so great you can't endure it, and no sin so bad that God can't cure it." - Gerald Mann of Austin, Texas

As Christians, we are people of the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ. Do our lives properly reflect that we are good news people? We are so conditioned to having bad news take precedence. Bad news seems to be what is first off our lips and heaviest on our hearts. Granted, there is plenty of distress to weigh us down. Still, are we good news people or not? I am not talking about assenting to a philosophy of positive thinking but rather owning a theology of God's goodness.

From the same article quoted above, Mann also states, "there's a yes in every mess." I like that. Second Corinthians 1:18-20 states that God is not "Yes" and "No" but the promises of God are "Yes" in Christ. This is not to say that everything is great. In fact, things may get worse. Yet, in the middle of every mess, to people of faith, there is always a yes. We may not get the answer we want, we may have to go in a different direction than we originally started, still there is a "Yes" there. God's promise can reach us in our ruts, divert our broken dreams, penetrate our pain, and save us from our sin. I do believe there is a yes in every mess and that is good news. That is good news worth living. That is good news worth sharing.

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COMMUNITY CARNIVAL SEPTEMBER 26

Mark those calendars for Saturday September 26, 1:00-5:00 p.m. and be present as we host our annual community carnival. Everything is free! Be here for door prizes, rides, games, bingo, cotton candy, hot dogs, cake walk and much more! We still have a need for a few more prizes and cakes for the cakewalk. If you have suitable items, please bring them to Fran's office as soon as possible. Contact chairperson Janet Welch (938-7674) for more information.



BRIDAL SHOWER

The Friendship Circle is sponsoring a bridal tea/shower for **Julie Monday** on Sunday, October 4, from 2:00—4:00 p.m. in the reception room. Julie is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target. Everyone is invited.

GOSPEL FESTIVAL AND MEAL ON OCTOBER 4

On October 4, the sanctuary choir will present "gospel festival." The meal will be at 5:30p.m. We will then go into the sanctuary for some good gospel singing. We look forward to this event!



TRIPLE L TRIP TO THE TENNESSEE THEATER

There is a sign-up sheet in the hall outside Thomas' office for persons interested in taking the trip to the historic Tennessee Theater on October 5 to view the theatre and enjoy the music of the great Wurlitzer, plus other entertainment. A box lunch will be provided. We will then tour around downtown Knoxville. Cost: \$10.

FALL HOMECOMING STAFF APPRECIATION BBQ

Mark your calendars and be present as we show appreciation to our staff on **Sunday, October 11, 10:00 a.m.** (during the S. S. hour).

THANK YOU FOR FLOWERS HONORING THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

The choir thanks "whoever" (anonymous person) for placing the altar flowers on Sunday in our honor. The flowers were a beautiful expression of kindness and love. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

