



### SURVEY SAYS

Thank you for your participation in our recent worship survey. We had a good representative response. We had 221 surveys completed and collected. Most of the surveys included written comments which ranged from very supportive to the concept of a contemporary worship service to very opposed. Some wanted to see no changes made, some minor changes, some were interested in a new service. There were suggestions for occasional contemporary worship events or blending current services.

Worship is important here at Beaver Creek as it should be. Worship is central to our faith. God who created us, loved us, and redeemed us in Jesus Christ is due our praise. We gather each Sunday to honor our commitment and find strength to live out our calling as Christians.

At yesterday's meeting, the session approved the worship committee's recommendation to have our 9 & 11 worship services remain the same format at this time, as well as the recommendation to name a committee to study our mission in worship and make suggestions about possible ways we can better fulfill this mission. Our desire is to take the opportunity to affirm what we do in worship as well as consider what is open before us.

Surveyingly, Thomas

### NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YEAR BEGINS AUGUST 23

Our Sunday School kickoff will be this Sunday, August 23. There will be no promotion ceremony for our children's Sunday School. All children should get a letter addressed to them this week. Each child will receive a symbol of God's creation that will guide them to their class. When you enter the educational wing of the church, you will find a matching symbol that will guide you to your classroom. If by chance, you do not receive a letter, come by Ms. Fran's office to register and receive your symbol that will lead you to your class.

This year's theme for our Sunday School Christian Education year is — **"In the Beginning God Created."**

On the second Sunday of each month our classes will be emphasizing this theme. Plans are for a guest speaker each quarter and you will be seeing and hearing more about the plans in the weeks ahead. Our classes will continue to use the regular curriculum—"Seasons of the Spirit." Be in prayer as we move into this new Christian Education year.



### LEOLAH HODGE SUNDAY SCHOOL WING DEDICATION

This Sunday during the 11:00 worship hour we will take time to dedicate the educational wing in memory of Leolah Hodge. Leolah was such an important figure in the life of this church particularly in education and we want to remember and honor her efforts and legacy.

### BEAVER CREEK'S COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Mark September 26 on your calendars. That is the big day for our annual gift to the community. We are presently in the planning stages for this event and we need volunteers to work the carnival, along with monetary donations, door prizes, and cakes for the cake walk. If you have items for bingo prizes, please leave those in Fran's office. Contact Janet Welch at 938-7674 for information or to volunteer to work.

### THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN WATER ANGELS BACK TO SCHOOL BLOCK PARTY

A special thanks to all the youth and the following adults: **Mike Hill, Leslie Palmer, Janet & Tommy Halcomb**— for giving of your time to serve needy children and families at the Water Angels Back to School Block Party this past Saturday! Also a special thanks to those who responded and gave financially to support this wonderful ministry! It was a huge success for the needy in our community.

OUR STEWARDSHIP PICTURE - AUGUST 16, 09

<u>9:00 Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>11:00 Worship</u>	
172	172	98	
<b>2009 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$534,303.00</b>		C.P. Denominational Center 130.00
Needed Weekly	10,275.06		Technology Committee 55.00
Given August 16, 09	11,247.75		Elevator Fund (FLC) 105.00
Needed by August 16, 09	297,976.74		Building & Grounds 50.00
Given by August 16, 09	277,202.89		FLC Connector 100.00
<u>UNDER</u> Budget	20,773.85		Capital Improvement Fund 130.00
			Carnival Fund 25.00

VOLUNTEERS SERVING AUGUST 23, 2009

**USHERS:**            **9:00 A.M.**    Mac Brister, Jay Ferry, Larry Johnson, Ted Shown  
                          **11:00 A.M.**    Barry & Chellie Jones; John & Penny Evans

**ACOLYTES:**       **9:00 A.M.**    Brenna & Morgan Schneider   **11:00 A.M.**    George & Nicole Webber

**NURSERY:**         **9:00 A.M.**    Barbara Dinkins                 **11:00 A.M.**    Lagena Coomer

**VIDEOGRAPHER:** **9:00 A.M.**    Steve & Kelli Tisdale         **11:00 A.M.**    Taylor Scott

**TECHNOLOGIST:** **9:00 A.M.**    Janet Halcomb                   **11:00 A.M.**    Nathan Shanton

**FLC VOLUNTEERS:**   **August 25:**    Karen Mann                   **August 27:**    Glen & Barbara Barlow

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**   Darlene Rickard, Gayle Smith, Penny Blake

**LECTIONARY:**    1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

**SYMPATHY** is expressed to **Gary Adkins and family** upon the death of his mother, **Patsy Morris Adkins**. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

A THANK YOU NOTE

"The Doug and Karla Koontz family would like to send its sincere thanks to the Beaver Creek Church family for all the thoughtful calls, visits, and cards expressing sympathy over the loss of a dear brother, Jerry Koontz. It is at these trying times that one knows the importance of our Christian community."

AUGUST 16, 2009 SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

(1) The session was opened in devotion and prayer by Dr. Sweet, (2) heard from Bill Dunn about the presbytery's emphasis on evangelism, (3) approved financial report noting \$76,820.38 in the checking account and \$100,401.20 in the reserve account, (4) received Zachery Hodge and Levi Sweet by profession of faith, and noted death of Richard Hubert, (5) approved reports of associate pastor and youth minister, (6) approved Building & Grounds report with discussion on how best to finish the connector project, (7) approved Worship Committee Report with summary of survey and recommendations for no major changes in 9 & 11 worship services at this time and to appoint a committee to study our mission in worship and make suggestions about possible ways to incorporate a contemporary worship, (8) approved Christian Education report with recommendations that August 23 be the kickoff for the new CE year, that the slate of Sunday School teachers and committee be approved, and that the kickoff for Wednesday activities be September 9, (9) heard from Missions & Outreach Committee that over \$3,100 was raised in rummage sale, (10) heard from Carnival Committee that volunteers and funds are still needed for the September 26<sup>th</sup> carnival, (11) closed in prayer.

**YOUTH SECTION**

**YOUTH RALLY** this Sunday at Panther Creek State Park. We will leave the church at 1:30 p.m. and return between 7:30-8:00 p.m. Bring an extra pair of shoes to play in the creek. Note to **Upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders**- your first middle school Sunday School is this Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. & your first Wednesday night is August 26<sup>th</sup>. **Messy Games/ Welcome 6<sup>th</sup> Grader Night** - Next Wednesday night, Aug. 26. The time will be from 6-8 p.m. Make sure to wear old clothes & shoes! Bring a towel also. We will be sprayed off by a fire truck!