



Blood Drive set for Sunday, July 1st at Bethany Center

On Sunday, July 1, 2007, there will be a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Bethany Center from 9:00 am

until 1:30 pm. Did you know that men who give blood regularly reduce their chances of heart disease by as much as 40%? It's a health thing to do, for you and for others.

Special Offering

On Sunday July 1 and July 8, we encourage you to give to our Mission Team's trip set for July 14-21, 2007. Please open your hearts in generous support. Let us make known to them that we believe in them and their mission to Honduras.



4th of July Parade Set

The annual 4th of July Community Side-Walk Parade will be held again this year on Wednesday, July 4th, at 9:00. Participants will gather at Brantley School for the lineup and the start of the parade.

Make sure to decorate your bikes, 4-wheelers, dogs, moms, dads, and whatever you can hold still to apply some red, white, and blue for the parade.

Special service to be held July 8th

A special service will be held on Sunday night, July 8th at 6:00 pm at our church for the Mission Team from Crenshaw County as they prepare for their trip on July 14th. All mission members will receive special prayer for their safety and their mission will receive the prayer that God's blessing will see that the mission is successful. Please attend this special service.

For July

Greeter: Hanna Mitchell

Ushers: Stephen Walker & Westley Spivey

Flowers for July:

- 1.....Communion
- 8.....Susan Tompkins
- 15.....LeAnn Wilcox
- 22.....Sherry Cook
- 29.....Judy Woolley

Mission team leaves for Honduras on July 14th



Medical team of Dr. Charles Tompkins, Susan Tompkins, and Carol Morrison package medicine for children of Honduras

The Crenshaw County Mission Team will make their second mission trip in the past two years with a group of 28 people going to Honduras from July 14th – July 21st in support of Four Corners Ministries. We have 12 members from Brantley United Methodist Church who will be going with this team, and they are: Brittany Ballard, Jeff and Melissa Bush, Vicki Imm, Carol Morrison, Murlene Pinckard, J.R. and Debbie Roberts, Holland Sport, Dr. Charles and Susan Tompkins, and Brittany Walker.

This trip will be much like last year in that we are setting up ministries in the areas of medical, carnival, photo and construction. We will travel to Tegucigalpa, the capitol city of Honduras and partnering with His Harvest Ministries. His Harvest Ministries was founded by Tim Solterman with the purpose to begin churches and to invest in leaders to reach the poor, homeless, widows and orphans of Honduras.

We will travel on Saturday; then our youth will lead a service on Saturday night. On Sunday we will travel to a nursing home and a home/orphanage for children with cystic fibrosis. We will spend time with them and hand out hygiene supplies to the children. We will have a church service on Sunday night, and J.R. Roberts will bring the message. On Monday and Tuesday we will set-up our ministries at the church of His Harvest Ministries in Tegucigalpa. On Wednesday, we will travel to the Crematorio (The City Dump) to set-up our ministries to these people. We will serve a meal to the people and hand out hygiene supplies. On Thursday, we will take a 3-hour bus ride to the Pacific Coast of Honduras and minister on the island of Amapala. The island has a mission church that was also founded by His Harvest Ministries. On Friday we will tour Tegucigalpa where we will get to shop in the market place, go hiking up the mountain that overlooks the city with a statue of Jesus, and be treated to other surprises.

We want to thank you for your support and prayers. If anyone has any blankets or sheets that they would like to donate we will take them to the nursing home and for the children with cystic fibrosis. We will have a community wide "Blessings Ceremony" at our church on July 8th at 6:pm. We want to invite all of you to come for the service; members of South Luverne



Local Girls Softball Team Win Sub-district Tournament and finishes 3rd in district

Our local girls, 11-12 year olds softball team, had much success in the recent sub-district and district tournaments. The team won the sub-district title and then advanced to Eufaula for the district tournament. The girls beat Enterprise and Dothan but lost to Eufaula twice; however they finished 3rd in the district which is best that the girls have ever done. There are several team members who are in our church family. Sarah Driggers, Morgan Harris, Madison Harris, and Sydnee Bryan are players while Chris Bryan, Tammy Bryan, and Lisa Harris serve as coaches. Congratulations girls on a job well done!



Boys 11-12 year old advance

The Boys Dixie Youth 11-12 year olds won the sub-district Tuesday night at Brantley by defeating Elba 4-3. The Brantley team will advance to district play in New Brockton. Members of the team from our church's youth groups are: Zane Johnson, Ryan Harris, Alex Prescott, Jarod Wiley, Braxdon Barnes, Taylor Driggers, Parker Driggers (bat boy), and John Johnson, coach. Congratulations guys and keep it up!



There will be a church trip to the Montgomery Biscuits baseball game against the Mississippi Braves on July 14th at 7:00 pm. The game is a

"Family Faith Night" promotion by the Biscuits with special events planned. Anyone interested in going to the game contact Lisa Harris, 527-3584 or email her at lisaharris@centurytel.com so she can get a ticket count. The cost is \$10.00 per person that includes transportation on the church's bus. This has been a favorite trip in the past for our church family, so make plans to go, and PLAY BALL!

Baptist Church, Joaquin Baptist Church and Luverne United Methodist Church will be there to support their team members. If anyone would like to give a monetary donation you can make your check payable to Brantley United Methodist Church and put World Missions on the memo, this will be used to buy gas, food sacks and other supplies. You may keep up with our group in Honduras by logging onto <http://www.4cornersministries.org>. We appreciate all of your support.

Melissa Bush

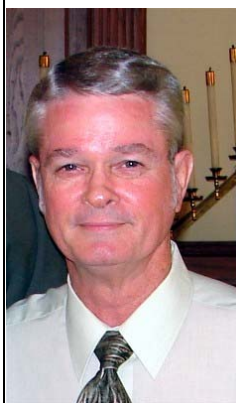


Melissa Bush, Murlene Pinckard, and Holland Sport sort out personal hygiene items to be given to the children of Honduras as Emory Bush supervises.

From the Pastor's Desk

A baker living in a village not far from Quebec bought his butter from a neighboring farmer. One day he became suspicious that the butter was not the same weight, and therefore decided to satisfy himself about the weight of the butter. For several days he weighed the butter, and he found that the rolls of butter the farmer brought him were diminishing in weight. This so angered him that he had the farmer arrested.

"I assume you have weights for your scale," asked the judge. "No sir," replied the farmer. "How do you manage to weigh the butter you sell then?" the judge asked. "That's easy your Honor. When the baker began buying his butter from me, I thought I would buy bread from him. It's the one-pound loaf that I have been using as a weight for the butter I sell him," answered the farmer.



How thought provoking. Here is a principle that applies to all of life...even religion. Most of the time, when we find our faith does not yield the dividends we feel it should, we discover the reason is that our yields are in direct proportion to our investments. It is in the giving of ourselves that we receive the greatest returns.

In Love and Peace,

J. Wesley Spivey