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Church Schedule

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.

Celebration
K.I.D.S. Church

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.

Beginning August 25
L.I.F.T. for teens
Beginning September 1
Sonlight for kids
Adult Bible Study

Pastor's Corner

You may have seen this on the bulletin board, but it's worth repeating here...

Pastor Phil, I just wanted to thank God for you and your congregation! I was the Afro-American who came in to fellowship with you all on Sunday morning service July 18, 2004. I was away from my home church, which is Morning Star Baptist Church at 3200 Lincoln Ave. in Des Moines Ia. 50310; I was drawn to Boone for a Basketball Tournament that my oldest daughter was in. When we drove up I was delighted to see a church across the street, and being I attend my church every Sunday, I was like Linus from Charlie Brown (when he loses his blanket he gets sick). Well that's how profound the Word of God is to me. When I'm weak Thou art strong. So just hearing the Word is just a blessing! There was one thing you said though when you came out of 1 Thessalonians when the scripture said Pray without ceasing, that will probably stick with me the rest of my life, you said it in a joking way...but the point was still brought across. You said, "Do you know what seven days without prayer is? Makes one weak." So needless to say my prayer life grew even stronger after that! And it's a beautiful thing to be able to communicate with God on one on one terms and also as a church body. Your congregation was so nice! I was greeted by everyone. But that's God's will, for if a person desires a friend he must first show himself friendly. But who would have thunk it? I was not ashamed or embarrassed at all that I didn't have the same skin tone as everybody else. And I thank God for the love you guys showed me, and I know without a shadow of doubt we can break down the color barrier walls. After all, we are all God's children and He loves us all! In parting, thanks again. Your Brother in Christ, Deacon Erwin Jones



Pastor Phil & Naomi Waldo

Way to go Church! This is a great testimony for our congregation. Keep up the good work!

Pursuing His Presence,

Summer Care Groups

Monday

INSTE I, Discipleship
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room

The Dream Giver
7:00 p.m.
103 Marion Street

Tuesday

Cross Trainers (grades 4-6)
9:30 a.m.
Conference Room

Purpose Driven Life
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room

Thursday

Shadows of the Old
Testament Fulfilled in the
New Testament
7:00 p.m.
Conference Room

Friday

Women's Fellowship
11:30 a.m.
Various Locations
Call Deb @432-7919

Saturday

The Gathering (for men)
8:00 a.m.
2nd and 4th Saturdays
Conference Room

Prayer
7:00 p.m.
Worship Center

Fall/Winter Care Groups will begin in September!

SIVER FAMILY BEGINS MERCY SHIPS MINISTRY JOURNEY



Jeff and Mary Ann Siver along with their children, John (age 13), Matthew (age 11), and Joy (age 6) left for Texas on Saturday, August 7. They will be residing on the Mercy Ships campus for the next three months while they are trained for their ministry with Mercy Ships. They are not sure yet where they will be placed upon completion of the training. John, Matthew and Joy began school on Monday, August 16 at their new school. The Sivers address is:

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Internat'l Operations Ctr
P.O. Box 2020
Garden Valley, TX 75771

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Barry Bannister Activated for Military Duty in Iraq

Barry Bannister is preparing to be deployed for active military duty overseas. He is currently working with his unit, preparing for their official deployment to Ft. Sills in Oklahoma on August 26. His unit expects to spend at least 18 months of the two-year deployment overseas.



Their official farewell ceremony will be held in Sheldon, Iowa on Wednesday, August 18. When Barry has an address, he will let us know where we can correspond with him. He also plans to e-mail updates and pictures. His wife, Ginny, resides with their son Craig at their new address in Boone: 510 South Clinton Street. He is pictured with Ginny as the elders pray over them prior to his leaving Boone in late July.

Successful Fundraiser



The first annual Disability Awareness League of Boone County fundraiser was held on Friday, June 11 at the Boone County Fairgrounds Community Building. Almost \$3,000 was raised which included a matching grant from the Modern Woodmen of America. Terri Ward, event chairperson, is shown here presenting the check to Robert Abbey, this year's beneficiary.



SONLIGHT TO BEGIN

Our Sonlight year starts Wednesday, September 1 at 7:00 p.m.

This year our project will be to raise awareness of the missionary work done by Mercy Ships and to send support to Sivers.

We will start off the year with a night of fun activities to get the kids and leaders acquainted.

We encourage your family to bring any children that might be interested in attending this year so we can get them registered.



CrossTraining Care Group Concludes



Top row from left: Jacob Waldo, Mischa Hoffman, Morgan O'Tool, Bill Hitt. Bottom row from left: Quentin Hoffman, Joshua Freeman, Alex Haynes, Emerson Hoffman. Not pictured: Alex Harmer, Andrew Russell, Naomi Waldo and Vicky Elsberry.

These ten students have learned about the Trinity, Missions, Marriage, Heaven, Hell and other topics. Points are awarded for doing homework each week along with a memory verse to memorize. After the entire group earned a pre-set amount of points, they were awarded with a 'movie night' at Naomi's home. The next goal will get each student McDonald's dollars!

This week, August 17, the group had their meeting at Deb Hitt's home and then enjoyed swimming in her pool. Their last meeting will be held Wednesday, August 25.

Business Feature

This issue's featured business is:

Divine Interiors
1325 160th Street
Boone, IA 50036
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jsunstrom@marykay.com

Divine Interiors is owned and operated by Jody Sunstrom. Jody is a talented and artistic home interior decorator. She is experienced in faux painting, theme rooms, shabby chic, and designing on a dime. Give Jody a call if you are needing some help with painting or some creative ideas for your home.



If you own a business or know of a business that is owned by someone in our church body, please let the church office know so it can be featured in one of our upcoming newsletters!

Vacation Bible School - Our A-MAZE-ing God!



Just for Fun...



Big Church just couldn't seem to keep teachers with their new Interactive Sunday School format.

Doug and Mona Waldo were here again this year for our Vacation Bible School. We enjoyed four evenings of VBS with the theme "Our A-MAZE-ing God." Not only did the kids get some great teaching about how wonderful God is and how to accept Jesus' gift of salva-



tion, they also got to crawl through a different hay bale maze each night. Special thanks to each one who helped move hay, and to Bill and Cindy Smalley for letting us use their hay and providing its transportation! Pictured above right is some of the hay crew, from left to right, Barry Bannister, Ron DeReus, Mike Huss, Pastor Phil Waldo, Ralph Earll, Bill and Cindy Smalley, and Mark

Elsberry. Pictured above left is Alex Haynes with one of the night's paintings and Doug and Mona Whitney Ward, pictured at the right, was the top point earner for the week and chose a cassette player/radio for her prize. Also given away to top point winners was a bicycle to Jacob Waldo, a skateboard to Abigail Freeman, a glow in the dark basketball to Joshua Freeman, and a fluffy dog to Joy Siver.



Nail Benders...

Ralph Earll has begun a new ministry which will help people help people! He is enlisting the skills of anyone who is interested in doing "handyman" projects for others. If you would like to share your talents, or if you have a job you would like help with, please let Ralph know (432-7529).



We're on the web! Check out...
www.booneopenible.com

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Upcoming ...

Wednesday	August 18	Youth Worship Team Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 21	Elder Meeting	9:30 a.m.
Sunday	August 22	Care Group Sign Up	
Sunday	August 22	Choir	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	August 22	Trustee Meeting	2:30 p.m.
Wednesday	August 25	Sonlight Leaders Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	August 25	L.I.F.T. Youth Group begins	7:00 p.m.
Friday	August 27	Youthinger	7:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 28	Membership Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Saturday	August 28	Ministry Directors Lunch	12:00 noon
Sunday	August 29	Care Group Sign Up	
Monday	August 30	Boone Schools start	8:05 a.m.
	September	Fall Care Groups Begin	
Wednesday	September 1	Sonlight begins	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	September 5	VHS Huddles Only	5:30 p.m.
Monday	September 6	Labor Day	
Thursday – Sunday	September 9-12	Pufferbilly Days	
Sunday	September 12	Choir	1:30 p.m.
Sunday	September 26	Church Potluck	12:00 noon
Sunday	September 26	Choir	1:30 p.m.
Wednesday	October 6	Community Health Screening	
Sunday	October 17	Praise Fest	