

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You  
At These Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study 9:00AM  
Sunday Morning Assembly 10:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 PM

**Bible Classes for All Ages  
Attended Nursery**

**Opportunities to Serve: August 28, 2011**

<b>Worship Leader</b>	Andrew Thompson
<b>Lord's Supper:</b>	Michael Barker
<b>Servers</b>	Cameron Kerby      Wayne Burress
Eduardo Diaz	Ryan Shedd      Matthew Bridges
Sean Kiser	Travis Jex      Corey Wisniewski
<b>Elder Blessing:</b>	Allan Whitacre
<b>Sound:</b>	Chester Warren
<b>Greeters For August :</b>	Jeff & Trish Kerby
<b>Nursery (Infants- 2yrs):</b>	Cheryl Larsen      Rachel Larsen
<b>Nursery(2-3 yrs):</b>	Karen Oliver      Heather McNeil

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Allan Whitacre		356-1026
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Mike & Kris Bridges	Hispanic Outreach	657-7467
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<b>Weekly Statistics for August 21, 2011</b>	
AM Bible Class	112
AM Bible Class Avg.	108
AM Assembly	196
AM Assembly Avg.	21
Contribution	\$4,767.59
YTD Average Weekly Contribution	\$8,726.63
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$9,815.38</b>



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## Children

I think the wellbeing of our children is a function of the body – the Church. The real measure of wellbeing is are they becoming disciples of Jesus. What I mean is that I think the Church should be working at making disciples first of all amongst themselves, particularly amongst the children. Our children should be able to expect that the entire congregation will work at helping them reach maturity in terms of discipleship.

We have made some rather unorthodox changes to how we help our children mature. We still have Bible classes but we have several other methods that we use to position our children in relationship to God. One major change is how much the adults interact with young people. I love it. This is one of the major influences that Dawn has brought. Beginning September 4 we are going to try something in this area that I am so excited about. I am going to lead a spiritual disciplines class that will involve all of the children except the nursery and cradle roll. We will work through prayer exercises, bible study, and creative ways to relate to God, as a group. If you are an adult I will need you to be willing to stretch yourself. Come that Sunday morning ready to do something different. You will not just come in the auditorium and find a seat. Most will need to pair up with someone younger. You will then make your way around the auditorium and classrooms experiencing several different prayer exercises. I realize this is a stretch but I am convinced that it will be worth it. Some of the kids will do better than others but we will make the best of it. College and the youth group will also be involved.

We are working seriously at making Wednesday night as kid-friendly as necessary so that children can come. Parents – please help us let us know what we could do to make our projects suitable to your children. Not only suitable in terms of safety but also in

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terms of helping your children understand the point behind what we are doing. The main thing I think the young people need to see is people older than them that are willing to work hard for the good of other people. It means a lot when you are willing to get dirty or sweaty for the sake of someone that cannot help themselves. Love is a very powerful force and when young people see it in adults it has a lasting force.

This Sunday I challenge you to look around at our children. They sit all over the place so take a look. They are beautiful kids and we are so blessed to have them. When you look into their faces I know any misgivings you may have will melt away.

Have a great week!  
Allen L. Close

## Lexington Coming Events

**August 31** Celebration Gathering at the building 7:00 pm  
Letter Writing at the building 6:30

### Dear Church Family

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, and visits, while I was in the hospital. You guys are awesome, and thanks for loving me and my family.  
Love, Karyn Giles

### September Life Groups

Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you would like to be in a Life group beginning in September.

Change Cans for Southeastern Children's Home will need to be returned by September 25th.

## Youth News

I have lots to be excited about in the youth group right now that I would like to share with you. First, I am so happy to have such a great group of 6<sup>th</sup> graders coming up into the youth group. They have already begun to participate in certain aspects of our youth program, like Crossfit for example. It was so encouraging to see all the guys working out, having a bible study, and then praying together on Monday night. On Sunday when I met with the student leadership team, the girls discussed ways to bring the younger new girls in as well. Last year we only had 3 girls in the middle school group, but now we have more than doubled that group to 7! And it just so happens that we have 7 high school girls to pair up with them, so we are going to take advantage of this by doing some big sis/lil sis stuff. I am also really excited about our new classes that begin in September. Allen, Keke, and I have been working together to prepare an awesome spiritual disciplines class in which we will have all the elementary, middle, and high school kids combined with the adults in the auditorium. This is going to be a great way to kick off the new education program. I am still looking for a date to meet with all the parents of teens in the youth group. I've had a hard time finding a Sunday that will work for everyone. I really want as many of the parents as possible to attend, so I'm willing to wait for the right date. I'll let you know as soon as I come up with something. In the meantime, I'll be sending out emails with dates and times for all our youth activities that are coming up. As always, if you have any questions about what these activities are and if they apply to your child, please feel free to call me or shoot me an email.

### Upcoming Events:

8/29 Crossfit 6:30pm  
8/30 HS girls group 7:30pm  
8/31 Celebration 7pm

**BIRTHDAYS:** 8/29 Drew Thompson    8/29 Cindy Cox    9/1 Mara Mae Grice  
9/2 Sophia Kellis    9/2 Aaron Iniguez    9/2 Tucker Kitchen  
9/3 Rick Grice    9/3 Geoffrey Cottrell

**ANNIVERSARY:** 9/1 Vernon & Karen Lowe



## Prayer Requests

**Norm & Lynn Gaines    Julia Furr    Andrew Brown    John Chandler    Makonde Team**

**Karen Thompson**, Andrews mom, for the eye surgery she will have this week.

**Chris Shedd**, Ryan's brother is in jail in Georgia.

**Jack Close** is still in Lexington Hospital and in need of prayer.

**Jean Cottrell** as she continues the chemo, that she will be able to tolerate it.

**Marjorie O'Neal**, Phyllis Bruff's mother. Please remember the family in your prayers.

**Leanne Badeaux**, remember her in prayer.

**Heather McNeil** asked for prayers for the Family Wellness Retreat at McEntire this weekend. She will assist 2 chaplains in this retreat for the Air Guard families as they strive to strengthen the families before the upcoming deployment next year.

**Sarah Fabry** as she adjust to her college year away from home. That she will be strengthened and feel our love.