

Community of Christ

Fairbanks Branch Happenings

July 12, 2005

The theme for this Sunday is "What Will You Harvest?"

Here we
Are again trying to live
Righteously and have a
Vision of how we can
Express Your love and Word to
Someone
That is in need.

24 Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

28 "An enemy did this,' he replied.

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

29 "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.' "

36 Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

37 He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 NIV

Many Bible passages are filled with imagery and leave room for personal interpretations or rationalizations. Just when we think that, we run across stories like the one above that is very clear and to the point. Wheat or weed? Who are we to judge others- wheat or weed? What do we want to be- wheat or weed? Where do we want to end up – "burning in fire" or "shining in the sun"? Did our ears hear what He has "said"? Do we understand? Do actively participate in living a righteous (are right with God) life?

Nuf said....

Summer is upon us and that means **camps and reunions!**!! Check out the mission center web page to get dates and forms for the various camps and reunions planned for this summer.

Plant and seed, watch it grow, cultivate it, care for it and harvest the fruit. Do you have a gift, talent, idea etc. for an upcoming worship service? If so, contact the person presiding for that service in advance and let them know that you have seeds that you want to sow- ok you have an idea or want to help in that particular worship service. Please refer to the priesthood schedule posted in the fellowship hall for the name of the person presiding. The themes for this liturgical year can be found at the World Church web site under the Resources tab or you can enter the following URL in your web browser - http://www.cofchrist.org/worship/Year_A/

July 17th – 3:00 p.m.- Organizational meeting for Psalty's Funtastic Praise Party. This musical will have children ages 5 to 14. Also need an adult volunteer to play the part of Psalty the songbook. This is the first of a Mission Center sponsored Youth Praise Program. All youth of the Mission Center and their friends are invited to participate. Please contact Sherry Caesar at 281-345-8344 or 281-300-1225 if you have any questions. This should be a fun and great youth event that you will want to make sure that your youth participates in. Parent volunteers are always appreciated.

July 31st – 4:00 p.m. – Lunar Golf at Katy Mills Mall. Sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

See the calendar on bulletin board in the fellowship hall for upcoming events at Fairbanks and Mission Center events. July has been posted.

The worship and nursery schedules have been posted in the family center for July through September, 2005. Please check these.

Nursery Schedule:

July 17th – Rena Whitehall

July 24th – Jennifer and Kip Decker

July 31st – **Need Volunteer**

August 7th – **Need Volunteer**

August 14th – Andrea and David Watson

August 21st – **Need Volunteer**

August 28th – Ruth and Gary Chatburn

September 4th – **Need Volunteer**

September 11th – Beth & Steve Herold

September 18th – **Need Volunteer**

September 25th – Andrea and David Watson

We need volunteers for the nursery. Please see David Romig.

Please review the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. If you have added someone to the list please update Leo Caesar with any new information and current status of the prayer concern. Please contact Leo Caesar if you wish to add/remove someone from the list.

Calendar & Mission Center News:

The Coastal Bend Mission Center is proud to announce that the Coastal Bend web site is up and running! You can visit the site at www.coastalbendmc.org

Visit the World Church Webpage and view/listen to events from World Conference.

July - Camps and Reunions

The following is a schedule of those that are currently scheduled to deliver the message for the 3rd quarter. This is not the “official list” and is for informational purposes only. Please refer to the worship schedule in the fellowship hall for changes.

July 17th – Sue Turner

July 24th – Carole & Leo Caesar

July 31st – Doug White

August 7th – John Reimer

August 14th – Gary Chatburn

August 21st – Carole & Leo Caesar

August 28th – Sue Turner

September 4th – Gary Chatburn – Testimony Service

September 11th – John Reimer

September 18th – David Romig

September 25th – Doug White

I will be sending out periodic e-mails letting everyone know what is “HAPPENING” at Fairbanks. Please let me know if your e-mail or other contact information changes.

Mark your calendars and **participate, enjoy, reach out!!!!!!**I pray that everyone have a safe and happy week.

Martha Romig