

Sunday in the Bible Belt

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To explain the Pentecostal Church, Billy referenced and read Acts 2:38, "Then Peter said unto them, repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

He explained their beliefs go back to the day of Pentecost and understanding God moved in such a tremendous way in that particular moment in time that it made a difference in people's lives.

"I respect the Pentecostal Movement," said Billy. "Bro. Wayne Hopkins, Bro. Freeman Frothingham and Bro. Robert Burns, these are all men of God whom I hold in high regard."

According to the Joneses, Jesus Name Pentecostal Church was established sometime in

the 1950s by Bro. Silas Pedigo along with his wife, Sister Alma. Now, the church has around 30 members and is currently looking for a pastor.

"Our goal is to be a soul-saving station, a lighthouse and our objective is to make a difference in people's lives by giving people the Word that teaches, guides and instructs," explained Billy. "There is hope in serving and peace that we know through Jesus Christ."

Billy said he is "just a servant with a gift of teaching" along with wife Teresa, who teaches the children. A typical service at Jesus Name Pentecostal Church usually begins at 10 a.m. and includes prayer, Bible lesson and 30 to 40 minute Bible classes.

Billy also described a special song or children's service that takes place while expanding on his hope for church growth,

if it is God's will.

"The children are currently learning how to sign during service so it is a different gift and ministry," said Billy. "We also have a piano player, but we are trying to grow and build the church."

As far as addressing any misconceptions, Billy said he's heard people identify the Pentecostal Church as a cult. Both Billy and Teresa say that is not true.

They explained they believe the Holy Spirit is alive and well and anyone is welcome at Jesus Name Pentecostal Church.

If you have any questions or desire more information, call Jesus Name Pentecostal Church at 473-5747.

The church is located on 233 Mullican Street with church updates posted regularly on the church sign outside the building.



Lacy Garrison photo
In the girl's VBS class, Trinity Basham, 15, Briley Jones, 11, Shayli Wade, 13 and Radon Jones, 8, work on a craft that correlates with their Bible lesson. "We made a picture frame and talked about how to be fishers of men," explained Radon. "A way we can do that is invite our friends to church and have a good attitude about it."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUG. 5

The Central High School Class of 1969 will have a planning meeting for its 50-year reunion at 3 p.m. at Mount Leo Church of Christ. All class members are urged to attend. For more information, call 668-3096 or 668-3488.

MONDAY, AUG. 6

The Warren County Democratic Party will meet at Billy's Restaurant at 6 p.m.

Centertown Fire Department will hold its annual subscribers meeting and directors election at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at Station 1 located at 309 Line Street. All subscribers are urged to attend.

TUESDAY, AUG. 7

Westwood Church of Christ will have a free clothing giveaway from 8 to 10 a.m. Anyone in need of clothing is welcome.

SATURDAY, AUG. 11

Lucky CIC will be holding a community yard sale from daylight to dark. Refreshments and concessions will be available. Please contact Russell Pedigo at 931-273-1394 for more information.

The 82nd annual Shady Grove Picnic will be at the picnic grounds, 4976 Shady Grove Road. There will be a petting zoo along with games, homemade ice cream, live music and an auction. Festivities start at 10 a.m. and the auction begins at 6 p.m. Proceeds go for upkeep of the cemetery. For more information, call 723-8717

The 7th annual Great Bodies car show and swap meet will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Bill Holt Chevrolet. A monster truck owned by Scotty Crouse of Manchester will be in attendance. The event is a fundraiser for Families in Crisis. Entry fees: \$25 for one, \$40 for two, and \$50 for three. Not judged entries will be \$10. The show is free to the public. There will be music, food, and door prizes.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Chestnut Grove Church of Christ is having a gospel meeting from Sunday, Aug. 12 to Tuesday, Aug. 14 with special speaker Jason Gann. Sunday service starts at 9 a.m. with an evening service at 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday night services

begin at 7 p.m. and everyone is invited. The church is located at 2042 Chestnut Grove Road, Morrison, TN 37357.

Eureka Cemetery is taking donations from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for upkeep. Donations can also be mailed to Rudy Smith, 402 Molloy Road, Rock Island, TN 38581.

The Sweet Lizzy Project, a Cuban Rock band from Havana, Cuba, will be performing at The Park Theater on Friday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15. This is sponsored by Helping Animals of Warren County.

American Legion will be holding a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. It is estimated more than 3,000 flags will be retired. The event to be held at Rock Island Park picnic area No. 2. Everyone is welcome to attend. American Legion's Ladies Auxiliary will be providing the meal. For more information, contact Harold Lough at 931-205-4596.

The Upper Cumberland

Human Resource Agency (UCHRA) will hold a commodities distribution for Warren County on Tuesday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to noon at Northside Baptist Church, 1574 Yager Road. Everyone must present a valid UCHRA commodity card in order to receive commodities. To sign up or reprint a lost commodities card, contact your local UCHRA office.

Asbury Cemetery in Rock Island will be having Decoration Day on Saturday, Aug. 18. The meeting will start at 11 a.m. with a covered dish lunch to follow. If you want to contribute to upkeep, send donations to 205 Hickory Court. All donations are appreciated.

Free developmental screening is taking place at Bobby Ray Elementary for children from birth to 4 by a team of child development professionals. The screenings will be offered Friday, Sept. 7, Friday, Dec. 14, Friday, March 15, and Friday, May 10. Call Sandra for an appointment at 473-9006.

I would like to **THANK EVERYONE** for their complementary vote in the primary. We are just getting started. I would greatly appreciate your continued prayers and vote, again, in early October and the General Election on November 6th.

Thanks again,
 Les Trotman



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