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From Eure Pastor's Desk

by John D. Eure

What do you really need to be a child of God?

That may seem like a simple question to those who follow Christ. I imagine most of us would answer: *we must be saved by Him by admitting our sins, believing and confessing Him as Savior and Lord, and surrender our lives to Him.*

That certainly is the right answer for becoming His child. But my question is, what do we need to be His child? In other words, is the Lord done with us after we confess Jesus? Does He place us on some shelf for safe-keeping until He returns? Or, are we done with Him until we walk through the Pearly Gates?

It seems everyone wants to get their foot into the door of heaven (and who wouldn't ?) in order to have Eternal Life. As a born again follower of Jesus Christ, I'm so thankful I have the promise of everlasting life. But isn't there more to being a follower of Jesus Christ while I wait for that promise to be fulfilled? The Bible teaches me that I can begin living as if I already have His eternal

promise by how I live my life for Jesus now.

In the scripture, Jesus calls this *abundant life*. In **John 10:10**, Jesus said, *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."* In the Greek, *have* is in the present tense... the here and now. God has a promise that will be given when He calls us from this world... the promise of life everlasting. However, when we surrender our lives to Christ, we promise ourselves to allow His Holy Spirit to mold us and shape us to be His children.

As a child, I still have growing up to do.... that's what children do. In church lingo, that's called *spiritual maturity* or *spiritual growth*.

No matter how long it's been since you've surrendered your life to Christ there are places where we can *get stuck* in life. Perhaps places where we've become *satisfied* with ourselves. Maybe places where we're *terrified* and we're afraid to face our true selves or even the uncertainty of what God's trying to do within us.

New believers may feel that they're *saved* and *secure* so they don't see a need for baptism or church membership. Those who have been believers a long time may feel there's nothing else to learn or they've earned retirement from serving Him. Both of these attitudes are stuck in *self-centeredness* rather than a God-centered faith.

No matter where you are on your walk with the Lord, I want you to know there's so much more He has for you. Don't let Satan fool you into thinking God is limited in your life. The only one who limits an abundant and all-powerful God is you and me.

So, what do you really need to be and grow as His child? Certainly the salvation given to you by Jesus. But most definitely, to let His Holy Spirit have His way with you. The first verse of the hymn, [Have Thine Own Way, Lord](#) expresses it well: *Have thine own way, Lord; have thine own way. Thou art the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me after Thy will— while I am waiting, yielded and still.*

word of Jesus to so many children is a true blessing!

Another Vacation Bible School has come and gone. In some ways, the VBS Director and workers can be compared to *Santa & his elves*. Many, many hours of planning, preparation, and coordination go into the making of a successful event and, before you know it, it's all over. For months, it seems as though it will never arrive and, in the blink of an eye, *finished!*

To all the people who have worked tirelessly "behind the scenes", to all the teachers, counselors, hospitality staff, to our gifted "elf" who each year provides us with the most outstanding decorations, to each and every person who had a part in this year's VBS, and most especially to our VBS Director, we offer a sincere *THANK YOU!*

To see the bright little faces, and to know we've been able to bring the





July

- 7/4 Randy Guill
Wes Bosiger
Tom Hahn
Daniel Wilborn
- 7/11 Dennis Stewart
Jimmy Allen
Ricky Brogden
Victor Crump
- 7/18 Don Williams
Gene Comer
Don Gainey
Mike Harris
- 7/25 Jim Chandler
Jerry Crenshaw
Fred Flinn
Randy Hupp



AABC Offering Report

as of: 6/27/10:

**Budget offering
received...
\$94,696.87**

**Budget offering
needed...
\$106,966.08**

**Budget deficit:
(12,269.21)**

During Worship in July

- 7/4 - Judy Meeler & Elisabeth Brogden
- 7/11 - Tom & Evelyn Hahn
- 7/18 - Greta Holcomb & Daniel Wilborn
- 7/25 - Sandra Lewandowski & Lee Laughorn

***Judy Meeler is the Nursery Coordinator
for Worship.***

Please contact her for any changes.



During Sunday School in July

- 7/4 - Roger & Sheila Henderson
- 7/11 - Allyson & Andrea Sizemore
- 7/18 - Cynthia Camp & Jessica Snead
- 7/25 - Becky Whitt & Isis Woody

***If you find that you will not be able to be
in the Sunday School Nursery
on your scheduled date please call
Cora Cliborne—575-8100***



**Dan & Chris Powell
and
Teresa Smith
Our newest members**



**We will be On The Air each
Sunday during June & July.
Tune to WHLF 95.3 on your
FM dial at 11:00 am to hear
our morning Worship.**

WMU News

**10:30AM Saturday, July 3rd
*Devotions at Woodview***

**7PM Friday, July 16th
*Downtown Mission Center***

**We want you to be
comfortable during Worship
all through the year,
but especially during the
Summer months.**



**Casual dress, that is
church-appropriate,
is encouraged!**

Children-Youth News



- Our Youth will participate in *Impact Virginia* July 11th-17th in Louisa, VA.

Impact, which is a one week construction mission opportunity for teenagers, will have between 250 and 300 participants and will focus on home repair and renovation.

Morning & evening worship celebrations will help begin & end each day of work with the right spirit and attitude.

- *Monday, August 2nd through Wednesday, August 4th- Backyard Bible Club 9:00 am-Noon, daily*

Location: Ash Avenue Baptist Church

****Volunteers needed!****

Please see Jami or Steve Hunt



6:30pm-Sunday, July 18, 2010

Church Office Closes at NOON
on Friday, July 2nd
and Closed all day Monday, July 5th



Have a safe Holiday!

Deacons Meeting



The full **Deacon Council** will meet at **8:00am Sunday, July 11, 2010** in our Fellowship Hall.

A brief meeting of the **Deacon Board** will follow.

Our *Girls in Action* and *Royal Ambassadors* will be “recognized” during Morning Worship on Sunday, July 11, 2010



I sincerely would like to thank everyone of my church family and Pastor as my sisters and brothers in Christ for the Lord has made his face to shine on you with the acts of generous love and kindness to me.

My heart is overwhelmed!
I could only pray for all to feel that kind of love Christ brings.

I love you!

In Christ,

Linda Parker



**Properties Contacts for July
are Mike Harris & Norman Patterson**

**Deacons of the Month for July
are Jay Camp & Victor Crump**

**Need to use the church van this month?
If so, contact Ricky Brogden for availability.**



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