



# The Good News

*Our Mission in making disciples for Jesus Christ is...  
to instruct Heads to know God's Word  
to nurture Hearts to grow in God's Love  
to offer Hands to show God's Grace  
in our community and church family.*

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## Thoughts from the Pastor

*All eyes have been centered on Tampa, Florida the last few days because of the Republican National Convention being held there. The Democratic National Convention begins September 4th in Charlotte, North Carolina and we can expect the same scenario to occur there. Every TV newscast was headquartered in the media center of the RNC because of the assumption that what occurred there would be important. Did anything really occur there that wasn't expected? We already knew who the candidate would be and he had already announced his vice-presidential pick. We know who the Democratic candidate will be also, President Obama and we know his running mate and platform also. The news media is making a big to do about these two conventions even though nothing new is going to occur. While I admit we need to be informed about the things occurring in these conventions I wonder where is the coverage of things that are truly important.*

*Through the Church, Jesus Christ redeems lost souls, brings hope to the despondent, sight to the blind and restores life to those dead in sin but do you see any media coverage. No because we have*

*been taught spirituality is personal – well I disagree. I proclaim Jesus Christ is the Lord of Lords and second to nothing else. I proclaim that you only live as Christ lives through and in a person. I pronounce that the real life is found in Christ not in a political party's platform or patriotic duty to a particular nation. I say to you that if this nation is serious about turning itself around it needs to repent and return to Jesus. Christ is the hope of the world and He is the only one who has the power to transform a life. Perhaps the news media is not covering the miracles that are occurring in our churches because no one in the church is acting any different than the rest of the world. Church members may need to re-examine where their priorities are and remember Jesus' words from Matthew 10:28: Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.*

*If we were to act like the true church would it make the news? I don't know but I trust in God, His mercies and His love not any man. How about you?*

*Pastor Steve*



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# Warren Willis Camp Reflections

## We can't thank you enough for your support to help make camp a reality for 10 of our youth!

We would like to share some of our camp experiences with you. Shortly after leaving camp we answered questions about camp. Below is an excerpt of those answers.

**What is your most striking memory from camp?** Watching God work through the kids during praise and worship times, getting to know each other through small groups and skills, adding to the "heart" during worship, meeting new friends, learning how to further my walk with God through Chapel, gaining faith in myself and having friends encourage me during the "leap of faith" challenge, my relationship with my counselor, making friends during skills, small group time on the dock, knowing that I helped change lives, and seeing all the students support each other throughout the week.

**How has camp changed you?** I felt Jesus touch me and sooth the storms in me, refreshed, I've been given more energy, working on becoming a better person, I have learned new things and compassion, new thoughts on service, my soul is on fire with God's love, meeting and being surrounded by Christians will allow me not to be scared to show my Christianity, I feel so much closer to Christ, and I have more faith.

**What will you do differently now?** I will spread the word of Christ the Savior, worshipping, not let camp leave me, I will show the world that I am a Christian, get more people involved in church, and start doing daily devotions.

**How has your relationship with Jesus changed?** We are closer, stronger, He continues to amaze me, I am giving my life to Jesus and I will let Him guide my life to his path of righteousness, I am enlightened by the Holy Spirit, I know He is always there, I started praying more often, it used to be good, but now it's so much better, it made me think of what I've done and what I could do to strengthen the relationship, I have more faith now than ever, and I feel like I deserve His love.

### **What did you see people at camp doing (besides worship times) that showed their faith?**

Spreading the word, helping others and always being encouraging, reading the Bible and praying, dancing, crying, cheering, showing respect and love, Paint, pray and play, playing sports everybody was playing to praise God, we weren't afraid to open up and no one fought, we all got along, we could talk about our past, giving warm fuzzies and treating everyone with respect, singing on the dock, doing daily devos, showed random kids respect and love, made sure everyone felt wanted, the words they used to talk to each other, how they treated special needs campers and adult volunteers, comforting each other, giving their heart to Jesus, and just good, and positive attitudes and atmosphere.

**Where did you see god this week?** In small groups, worship, praise time live, skills, the loving, positive interactions between everyone, during chapel and worship, through songs, in everyone I met-- basically everywhere.

**Other comments?** It was nice to be away from electronic noise, more time on ropes course, and I can't wait to go next year, same week,.

**We want to thank everyone who donated school supplies for the kids. We filled ten boxes with supplies. Our next project will be the Angel Tree. Please look for the Angel Tree in November.**



**Karen & Jeff**

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## SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR - NOT AVAILABLE

9/16 Tom and Dorothy Burns

9/16 Steve and Penny Polk

9/21 Bob and Flo Butler



9/25 Cecil and Elinor Henry

9/28 Bill and Olga Anderson

9/29 Dale and Jean Gower



### Birthdays

9/1 Gloria Laube

9/2 Mike Booker

9/3 Paula Drummond

9/4 JoAnne Wileman

9/5 Ken Fuqua

9/6 Charles Alvarez

9/6 Bob Wenger

9/6 Creon Fredrickson

9/8 Don Eshelman

9/9 Travis Watson

9/10 Joyce Scott

9/13 Diane Eshelman

9/13 Lois Teske

9/13 George Gribble

9/14 Sue Heishman

9/14 Claudia Moore

9/16 Gregg Hall

9/16 Jim Armentrout

9/16 Helen Vandervort

9/16 Patsy Lennon

9/17 Jocelyn Escobar

9/17 Shirley Patterson

9/18 Jarica Arnett

9/19 Jake Opelt

9/19 Linda Collins

9/20 Gail Patterson

9/20 Catherine Roberts

9/20 Clayton Loggins

9/24 Carol Davis

9/26 Jack Patterson

9/27 Larry Smith

9/27 C. B. Fredrickson

9/28 Virginia Haubry

9/30 Lyla Jane Winstead



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