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# WITTENBERG WITNESS

July 2008

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## PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES:

**July 6**  
1st Sunday Lunch  
Salad Feast  
Noon

**July 7-9**  
Pastor Sherman  
on Vacation

**July 12**  
Swimming Party  
at Camp Kinard  
3-6 p.m.

**July 19**  
20Something  
Kickoff Cookout  
7 p.m.

**July 20**  
Youth Canoe/Tube  
at Saluda Shoals  
5 p.m.

*So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

*1 Corinthians 5:20*

People of Wittenberg:

The theme of this year's South Carolina Synod Assembly was *God's work – Our hands*. Through PowerPoint presentations, sermons and speeches, folks from around the synod and the larger church told their "ministry stories." We learned of mission work in Tanzania, chapel services on military bases in Afghanistan, relief work in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, and numerous, "closer-to-home" expressions of Christian compassion.

Long before there are Lutherans or a South Carolina Synod, Paul tells the Church: *We are ambassadors for Christ – God making his appeal through us – So be reconciled to God*. His message, like the one we glean from the Synod Assembly, is a simple message of discipleship rooted in Christ. Every day we are invited and equipped to use our hands to share peace, promote justice, and convey God's abiding love to God's ailing people.

What do your hands say about you?

Peace,  
Pastor Mike

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Visit our website: [www.wittenbergleesville.org](http://www.wittenbergleesville.org)

## SERVING IN JULY

### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 7/6 – Mr. Von Auerhamer  
7/13 – Mr. & Mrs. Pete Osment  
7/20 – Mr. & Mrs. Ed Hoover  
7/27 – Mr. & Mrs. Wyman Banks,  
Mr. & Mrs. Brady Nichols

### ALTAR GUILD

Debbie Sawyer, Dorothy Mullins  
Wendy Epting

### GREETERS

Bill & Anne Shealy

### WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Catherine Oxner

### LAY READER

Bill Caughman

### NURSERY—

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 7/6 – Paula Miller, Eric Dickey  
7/13 – Summer Burns,  
Julia Shealy  
7/20 – Elwanda Lorick,  
Larry Lorick  
7/27 – Joan Caughman,  
Bill Caughman

### SCS ASSISTANTS—

### PRE-SCHOOL/KINDERGARTEN

- 7/6 – Debra McDonald  
7/13 – Lisa Cook  
7/20 – Toshia Banks  
7/27 – Robbin Swygert

### NURSERY

#### Crissie Kirby, Chairperson

- 7/6 – Torry & Eric Dickey,  
Crissie Kirby  
7/13 – Jennifer & Chip Spradley,  
Kayce McLeod  
7/20 – Cher & Todd Davis,  
Debbie Sawyer  
7/27 – Lisa & Robert Cook,  
Betsy Shealy

### USHERS

#### Bill Caughman, Chairperson

Dwight Price, Pete Osment,  
Courtney McInnis

### SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Rickey Leaphart

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 7/6 – Sonya Cary, Cher Davis,  
Todd Davis  
7/13 – Stacy & Pete Osment,  
Bill Caughman  
7/20 – Jennifer McInnis,  
Jennifer & Chip Spradley  
7/27 – Barbie & Dean Rodgers,  
Freida Banks

### TELLER

- 7/6 – John Oxner  
7/13 – Jerry Price  
7/20 – Debbie Sawyer  
7/27 – Brian Shealy

## WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Will Caughman,  
Ann Oswald, Eva Watson  
3 - Summer Burns, Bobby Price  
4 - Elijah Sherman  
8 - Jeffery Long, Jr.  
11 - Doris Antley,  
Tracy Bedenbaugh,  
Kim Feaster  
14 - Cricket Leaphart,  
Jada Rogers  
15 - Carl Cook  
16 - Trey Cook,  
Jennifer Spradley  
17 - Will Cary  
18 - Harlee Miller, Mavis Price  
21 - Jason Feaster, Gerald Long  
23 - Benjamin Sawyer  
24 - Sonya Cary, Otho Shealy  
26 - Cambey Reep  
27 - Robert Cook,  
John Dachenhaus,  
Eric Dickey, Michael Reed,  
Brett Spradley,  
Robbin Swygert,  
Parker McInnis  
28 - Cher Davis  
29 - Debbie Price  
30 - Billy Shealy

### LET US PRAY

In our prayers let us remember: Rusty Akins (brother-in-law of Ervin & Annette Caughman), Wyman Banks, Margaretta Beckham, Phyllis Bickley (Linda Almgren's sister), the Father of Debbie Black, the Family of Scott Black (Freida Bank's niece), Peggy Buzhardt, Jane Speaks Cochet, Lisa Cook, Hazel Cooper, the Family of Taylor Cox, Dorothy Curran, Kathy Derrick (wife of Randy Derrick), Marvin Epting, Joanne Feaster (mother of Jason Feaster), Jane Hare, Ed Hoover, Leila Hoover, Dr. Jim Crumley, Mae Keisler, Ramona Langford, Eddie Leaphart, Samantha Leaphart, Carla Long, Letha Long, Ricky Long, Thelma Lorick (Larry Lorick's mother), the Family of Sharon Cook Lowe, James McLeod (grandfather of Kayce McLeod), Eileen Mitchell, Brady Nichols, Mike Nichols (son of Brady & Sue Nichols), Ann Oswald, the Mother of Landis Price, Mauri Register, Sue Ruff, Leon and Bobbie Shealy, the Family of Joe Shealy, William K. Shealy, the Sister and Brother-in-Law of Stacey Sherman, Kim Smith (daughter of Libby Carswell), Ray Smith, the Family of Dr. William Speaks, Pauline Steele, the Steele Family (relatives of Sybil & Dean Ergle), Aaron Stewart, Wills Swygert, the Tracy Waters Family, Merlyn Watkins, Eva Watson, Benjy Watson, the Family of Vera Worley (Margaret Caughman's mother) and members of our Armed Forces.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tiffner  
and Mr. Bryan McLeod  
request the honor of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

*Kayce Hayes McLeod*

to

*Brian Mitchell Shealy*

son of Mr. and Mrs. Brent Shealy  
Saturday, the ninth of August,  
Two-thousand and eight  
Six o'clock in the evening  
Wittenberg Lutheran Church  
233 North Lee Street  
Leesville, South Carolina

## ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Dawn Bedenbaugh, Advisor

### July 6

Acolyte: Taylor Davis  
Almsbearer: Cambey Reep  
Crucifer: Davey Taylor

### July 13

Acolyte: Lane Bedenbaugh  
Almsbearer: Zane Bedenbaugh  
Crucifer: Shannon Long

### July 20

Acolyte: Wills Swygert  
Almsbearer: Trey Cook  
Crucifer: Rebecca Leaphart

### July 27

Acolyte: Haven Banks  
Almsbearer: Ross Shealy  
Crucifer: Brandt Shealy



On Sunday, June 29, we welcome  
five new members to the Wittenberg Family.

Mauri and Beth Register  
110 Little Creek Court  
Leesville, SC 29070  
532-9036

Mary Carnaghi  
110 Little Creek Court  
Leesville, SC 29070  
532-9036

Scott and Erin Thomas  
409 Edith Street  
Batesburg, SC 29006-2614

# Thank You!

With deep appreciation, the family of Sarah R. Wiley thanks you for the overwhelming support given to our family during the days following my mother's passing on May 19. The flowers, cards, food and words of encouragement meant so much to us; it really defines our congregation as a body of caring and loving people. We'll never forget this show of love.

May 20, 2008

Pastor Sherman and the entire Wittenberg Congregation,

Well, here I am in Sunny (111°) Arizona, and as things are finally settling down I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the wonderful year at Wittenberg and for the beautiful gifts you gave me. The pottery has a place of honor on my mantel at home and goes well with my other knick knacks. Noah's Ark sits on my desk and will return with me to LTSS in the fall.

George and I had a safe trip out to Arizona, and now he is back home with Julie and Donna. I start my CPE program next week. I'm excited for the summer program but also excited for Fall semester to start. I am praying I will be back at Wittenberg with all my friends.

Thanks again for a wonderful year!

Seminarian Gulliford

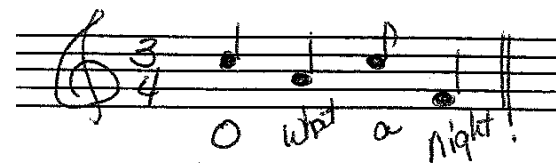
## MUSIC CELEBS VISIT WITTENBERG

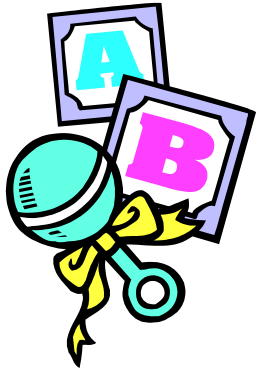
By Rachel Young

Imagine partying with music greats who all found their way to Wittenberg on the evening of June 18. Well, that's exactly what happened as we gathered for our "Appreciate Our Musicians" gala! We were treated to special appearances by music legends, some who traveled from all over the world AND BEYOND!

- **Johnny Cash** (who never looked better) gave a special performance of "Life's Railway to Heaven" accompanied by an enthusiastic member of the **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band**.
- **Bono** skipped a night of his concert tour with U2 to say hello to the folks at Wittenberg.
- **Hank Williams, Jr.**, and **Dwayne Allman** reminded us that country boys will survive and that Southern rock = Allman Brothers.
- **Ol' Blue Eyes**, looking dapper in his coat and signature hat, gave us a great rendition of "Fly Me to the Moon."
- **Dean Martin**, ever-present props in hand, was full of "That's Amore."
- A 19th century pianist/composer named **Paderewski** arrived with his namesake, a pet rooster the town might consider hiring for the Poultry Festival.
- **Janis Joplin** wailed for that Mercedes Benz.
- **Earl Scruggs** brought back memories of the Beverly Hillbillies.
- **Arlo Guthrie** immortalized our wonderful hostess in his altered interpretation of "Alice's (aka Elwanda's) Restaurant."
- And we were all cheered on by **an adorable groupie** who lit her flame for all of us!

The evening was a delightful tribute to all of our Wittenberg musicians, made special by the wonderful array of food prepared for us by Larry and Elwanda. Kudos to all!



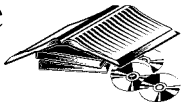


Congratulations to Kim, Jay, and Cambey  
on the birth of  
**Benjamin Wyatt Hendrix**  
June 12 – 8 lbs. 10 oz. and 20 1/2” long



Congratulations to Megan Rish and family  
on the birth of  
**Demarion Brown**  
June 14 – 8 lbs. and 20” long

## From the Archives



Submitted by Jerry Price

Excerpted from the Property Committee Report 1972:

“March brought a change in appearance in the grounds of Wittenberg. This project was started by Mr. Marvin Wiley and Mr. Harry Nivens to replace all the old shrubbery with new. The County dug up and hauled off all the old shrubbery. Over 100 new shrubs and plants were planted around the church and Sunday School building. Over 25 volunteers spent a rainy Saturday digging holes and planting the shrubs. The job was completed the following week before Easter. Mr. Nivens donated the fertilizer and other materials. Also, he sold the shrubbery to us at his cost of \$350.00. We thank Mr. Nivens and his family and Mr. Wiley for the beautiful shrubbery growing so well at present.”

## KICS

(Kids in Christ Our Savior) is enjoying our summer break.

We will resume activities in August. Please check next month’s newsletter for a complete schedule.

KICS is open to all children age four through fifth grade.

For more information, Call Dawn Bedenbaugh at 532-0805.

### STATISTICS THROUGH JUNE 22

<u>Date</u>	<u>SCS</u>	<u>Worship</u>
6/1	102	162
6/8	86	145
6/15	81	135
6/22	82	138

YTD Budget Giving -	\$ 101,522.00
Needed for Budget -	120,083.25
Difference -	-18,561.25
YTD B.F. Receipts -	75,589.55

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### First Sunday Lunch July 6

Sponsored by  
Middle Adult and Lectionary  
Sunday School Classes

Come and Enjoy  
**A SALAD FEAST**  
(green salad, bean salad,  
taco salad, pasta salad,  
fruit salad, congealed salad ...)

**LEMON DELIGHT DESSERT  
& TEA**

Proceeds go to building fund.

**20-SOMETHING  
KICKOFF  
COOKOUT**  
(30s and 40s can come, too)

Burgers, Volleyball,  
Music, Fun!

Come at 7 p.m.  
Bring a Dish to Share.

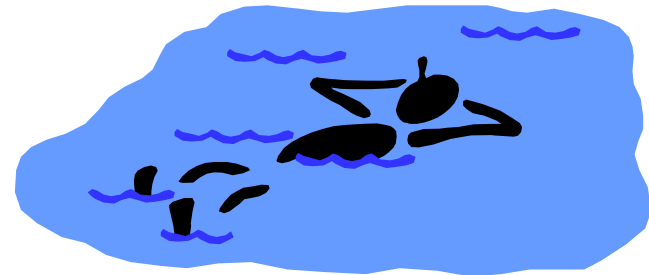
July 19  
at the Parsonage

## Swimming Party for KICS, Youth & Families

3:00 to 6:00 p.m. ★ July 12  
at Camp Kinard

*Bring snacks and drinks to share.*

For more info, call Dawn Bedenbaugh at 532-0805.





# July 2008



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>EVERY SUNDAY:</b> <b>Communion—8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sunday School—9:30</b> <b>Worship—11:00 a.m.</b>		<b>1</b> Th. Downtown—7 pm	<b>2</b> Alzheimer's Support Group—noon	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Independence Day</b> Office Closed 	<b>5</b>
	<b>6</b> First Sunday Lunch—Noon	<b>7</b> Office Closed Circle L Pool Party	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Grief Support — 4 pm	<b>11</b>
 <b>Pastor on Vacation 7th-9th</b>						
<b>13</b> Youth Game/Devotion—6 pm Council—7 pm	<b>14</b> C&C—9 am	<b>15</b> Theology Downtown—7 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 20-Something Kickoff Cookout— 7 pm 
<b>20</b> Youth Canoe/Tube at Saluda Shoals—5 pm Building Committee—7 pm	<b>21</b> C&C—9 am Lutheran Men—7 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Grief Support — 4 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Breakfast—10:10 am Youth Blowfish Game—leave time TBA	<b>28</b> C&C—9 am 	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> JOY Lunch—Noon MSG—7:30 pm	<b>31</b> B-L Police Bible Study— 7 am		