



# August 2010



## Advent Announcer

**Advent Church**  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> *9:00 & 11:00 *10:00 Sunday School	<b>2</b> *8:30 Aerobics *6:00 Weight Watchers	<b>3</b> 2:00 Prayer Shawl *5:30 Yoga *6:30 Aerobics *8:00 Alanon & AA	<b>4</b> *9:00 Women of Praise 9:00 Day Camp I 6:00 Praise Band Practice *6:30 Bible Studies	<b>5</b> 2:00 Bridge 6:00 Faith Journal *6:30 Aerobics *7:00 Men's over 40 Basketball	<b>6</b> *8:30 Aerobics 7:00 Scrapbooking	<b>7</b> *10:00 Karate
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00 Praise Band Practice 7:00 Sunday School Teacher's Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 3:00 Skate Session	<b>14</b> 10:00 Sunday School Teacher's Meeting
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 2:00 Prayer Shawl	<b>18</b> *6:45 Choir Practice	<b>19</b> 10:00 Book Club 2:00 Bridge *6:00 Praise Band Practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 Ministry Fair Promotion Sunday	<b>23</b> 2:00 Garden Stone 7:00 Garden Stone	<b>24</b> 2:00 Garden Stone 6:30 Session Meeting 7:00 Garden Stone	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 2:00 Garden Stone 6:30 Preschool Parents Meeting 7:00 Garden Stone	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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### Pastors' Letter

Dear Advent Friends,

Last week Chris preached on Luke 10:38-42. This gospel lesson presents a question for all of us to answer. "Is it better to be Mary or Martha?" In this scripture Jesus makes a visit to the home of Martha and Mary. During the visit we see Martha working hard in the kitchen, while her sister Mary visits with Jesus in the parlor. Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is a slacker. Jesus responds by saying, "Mary has chosen the better part."

Jesus' words are a reminder that we sometimes get too busy doing, instead of being. We tend to get preoccupied with serving God, and we forget to take time to know God better. Mary, the one in the parlor with Jesus, wanted to sit at her Lord's feet and visit, and listen, and learn. That's our dilemma, is it not? We sometimes get so busy we miss opportunities to learn or even pray. When that happens, we miss opportunities for God to release his power in our lives. All through the Old and New Testaments we see the theme of God wanting to share his resources with us. But, for this to happen, we need to slow down and spend quality time in prayer with God.

In his book "Too Busy Not To Pray," Bill Hybles reflects on the necessity to pray and to sit down just to "be" with God. Otherwise our walk with Jesus

may slow to a crawl. We may simply go through the motions of being a vital Christian. We need to be ready to pay whatever price it takes so that we may have an authentic walk with our God. Like Mary, we have to step out of our routine schedules and into the presence of our God. Bill Hybles discovered that such a walk with the Lord demanded his full attention. He said, "I'm going to pay whatever price it takes for an authentic walk with Jesus Christ." He found out that this required work, but it changed his life.

Each of us at Advent should do the same. Why not take the rest of July and August just to enter the presence of God in prayer. Before all the programming begins for a new year, let's just relax in the presence of God. Let's take more time than usual to read God's word, and let nothing distract us from hearing God speak. Our hope would be that these actions would move us into deeper intimacy with our Lord. That's what we are here for. See you in worship.

Your pastors,

*Dave, Chris, Don, Cindy*

**As disciples,  
 causing God  
 great joy by  
 sharing the love  
 of God with others  
 as we have  
 seen it in Jesus  
 Christ.**



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**DAVE'S RETIREMENT**



Dave's retirement is quickly approaching! Look for a mailing coming soon with all the festivities and sign up sheets. Save the dates of Oct. 1-3, 2010 and help us celebrate Dave's ministry at Advent. Weekend plans include Dave's Golf Scramble and Linda's Brunch. Sunday will be a special worship service with reception followed by Dave's "Day at the Zoo" and dinner.

**Advent East TN Trip with Dave & Robert**



Sept 13-16. Pack your bags and join us for a fun trip to Pidgeon Forge, TN. Rate of \$236 includes 3 nights hotel (Double occupancy), 4 shows, 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, tips & van transportation to the first 20 who sign up. Single room-\$120 additional. There will also be time for either shopping or "Dave's Sightseeing Service." Call Dale Parker at 753-5085 by August 10.

**God's Advent Book Club**

**All interested women are invited to join us for our August Book Club Meeting.**

**Date: Thursday, August 19, 2010**

**Time: 10:00 am - Noon**

**Location: Advent Cordova Church Library**

**Book: "The Great Divorce" by C. S. Lewis**

**Facilitator: Cassandra Moriarty**

**Call Chyrl McCoy at 386-2774 if you have any questions.**

**Israel in 2011**



Join Dave & Linda Schieber March 18-28, 2011 as we travel to the Holy Land for a life-changing journey. Join your friends from Advent on a fascinating pilgrimage through the Old and New Testaments! This journey will make the Bible come alive right before your eyes. We will have our own private bus & guide. Flyers are in the church office & lobby. Don't delay—join us right away! Contact Dale Parker at 753-5085.

**Short Term Bible studies** begin on Monday nights, Sept. 13 from 6:45-8:30.

Titles are:

**What Happens When I Die?**

**Real Followers**

**What About the Rapture?**

**Activating the Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

**Discerning the Voice of God**

Each study will run 4-6 weeks and will start the first Monday after labor Day. Contact Steve Schaffer at 355-2926 with any questions or to sign up.

**"Prayer is like having a date with God,"** says Trappist monk and author, Thomas Keating. **"Regular periods of prayer let us get acquainted with Christ and God, not unlike the way we might phone someone who has impressed us or attracted us to their goodness. It's the same way in forming a relationship with God. We have to hang out together."**

**Children/Youth Sunday School Teacher Meeting**

**Wed., August 11th, 7pm, Fireside Room OR**

**Sat., August 14th, 10am, Fireside Room**

**Choose one meeting to attend. We will have a clean-up your room time at 10:45 on Saturday for everyone.**

**\*Nursery available with registration.**

**RSVP to Robin (rballou@adventpres.com. 755-6290 x21)**



**Begins Wed., Sept. 15th.**

**Youth Club—grades 1—12**

**Adult Bible Studies**

**Family Dinner**

**Cherub Choir**

**Youth Club Parent Meeting**

**Wed., Sept. 1—6pm**

**in Lindsay Hall**

**Fall Bible Study Opportunities**

1. *A Summer Refresher, A Beautiful Mind* by Beth Moore, led by Georgia Smith. One topic per night; Club Windward, Wednesdays in Aug., 6:45-8:15 pm
2. A Disciple class, led by Chris Scruggs. 9 weeks per semester for 4 semesters Sundays, 4:30-6:30 pm
3. Short-term studies led by Steve Schaffer Mondays, 6:45-8:30 pm
4. *Disciple I*, led by Don Kerns, Cindy Schwartz & Sharon Stone Arlington Campus Thursdays, 6:45-8:15 pm

**Wednesday Night Studies**

*Love and Respect* led by Rachel and Chris Cooper. 6:30-7:30 pm

*Invitation to the Old Testament* led by Janet Panter. 5-6pm and 6:30-7:30pm (same class taught twice each night, choose one)

*Tough Issues* led by various speakers 6:30-7:30pm

These sessions will be one-hour each and will take place during the last two weeks of WNA.

\*For the Sandwich Generation (those sandwiched between aging parents who need care and/or help with their own children):

Topic 1: What Happened to the Empty Nest?,

Topic 2: Dealing with Care for my Elderly Parent

\*For anyone:

Topic 3: Limits to the Plan: Helping Your Children Set Norms for Phone, Facebook, & Other Technology,

Topic 4: Facing the Darkness: Basic Information about Depression & Anxiety

**Sunday, August 22 *Movin' On Up Sunday***

Parents, take your children directly to their new Sunday school class at 10am and meet their new teacher!

**Christian Education Expo**

Adults, come to Lindsay Hall to learn about all the opportunities for studies in the fall! Come and go before or after you attend your regular Sunday School class. 9:30-12:30