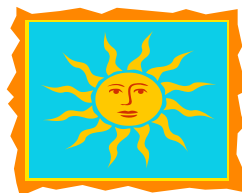




# May 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *9&11 Worship *10:00 Sunday School 4:30 Huddle	2 *8:30 Aerobics *9:30 Pebbles & Boulders *6:00 Weight Watchers 6:30 Teacher Volunteer Appreciation Dinner *6:45 Bible Study	3- 9:30 Dorcas Cl *4:45 Jumping for Jesus 6:30 Stephen Ministry *8:00 Alanon & AA	4 9:00 Women of Praise 10:30 VBS Team Meeting 6:30 Bible Studies 6:45 Choir Practice	5 *6:00 Praise Band Practice l	6 6:45 Men's Breakfast 8:00am—5:00pm Prayer Vigil *8:30 Aerobics	7 9:00 Kindermusic *10:00 Karate
8 No Huddle	9	10 2:00 Prayer Shawl	11	12 6:30 pm Windows into the Soul	13 5:00 pm Skate Session	14
15 11:00 Service—Senior High Recognition 12:15 VBS Volunteer Meeting 4:30 Huddle	16 2:00 & 7:00 Learn to Crochet	17 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	18 6:30 VBS Volunteer Meeting	19 10:00 am Book Club	20	21
22	23 7:00 pm Zentangle	24 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl 2:00 pm Crochet 7:00 pm Crochet	25	26 6:30 pm Zumba	27	28
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### Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends:

A few days ago, a friend sent me a new biography of the German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. For those who would like to read a serious book about one of the greatest Christians of the 20th Century, you might read *Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy* by Eric Metaxes with a forward by Tim Keller, the pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 2010). Dietrich Bonhoeffer was born into a prominent German family. His father was an eminent psychiatrist. His family members included theologians, scientist, lawyers and others. Early in life, he decided to study theology.

After earning his degree, Bonhoeffer spent a year in the United States of America, where he was profoundly touched by the sufferings of black Americans and the beauty of their churches and faith. It was for him a time of spiritual renewal. From that time onward, Bonhoeffer was a different person: more committed to Christ, to the Scriptures, to Prayer and to Christian community. He returned to Germany just before the ascendancy of Adolf Hitler. There, he became a part of the Confessing Church Movement and the opposition to the Nazi takeover of Germany. Bonhoeffer acted as a conduit for information concerning the German Resistance to Hitler. He was imprisoned and killed in the final week of World War II on the direct orders of Hitler.

He is the author of several very important works, the best known of which is "The Cost of Discipleship" in which he talks about the difference between real grace, life changing grace, and "Cheap Grace". Bonhoeffer felt that the evangelical church of his day had settled for a Cheap Grace that demanded nothing of those who follow Christ. This book has been an inspiration for many, many Christians. He also wrote a little book called, "Life Together". *Life Together* is a meditation on the two movements of the Christian life: our solitary moments alone with God and our common life in community. Many Christians have loved *Life Together* and profited from it.

At the very end of this month, I am going to mention another book in my sermon. This book is "The Same Kind of Different as Me" by Ron Hall and Denver Moore. Several of the ladies in the congregation mentioned this book to me—and Judy McGuire actually gave me a copy. It is the story of racial reconciliation told from the perspective of two men who meet each other in a mission in Fort Worth, Texas and whose lives are changed in the encounter. I hope every member of Advent will ponder reading this book this summer. It is a great and inspirational story. It will also help all of us as we ponder how we can move out to minister better in Memphis.

May the Lord bless each of you,

Chris



**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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**2011 Summer Sunday School Volunteers (10:00 a.m.)**

	Pre-school or 4 yrs	5 year Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades	3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Grades	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Grades	7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grades
JUNE							
JULY							
AUGUST							

You are needed! Please consider teaching a Sunday School Class for just one month this summer. Our current teachers need a break so that they will be fresh and ready to start teaching again in September (hopefully). Please sign your name and phone number in the space provided and mark the month and age class you are interested in teaching. If you have any questions, please contact Robin Ballou at 755-6290. You can bring the form to the church office or drop it in the offering plate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_



**Vacation Bible School!**  
**Cordova**  
 June 6-10 | 9am-12pm  
**Arlington**  
 June 20-24 | 6pm-8:15pm

**Hometown Nazareth**  
 Where Jesus was a Kid

Join us for an exciting Bibletimes adventure in Jesus' hometown, Nazareth!

**Thanks to all the Youth Club/Tadpole Volunteers who helped this year!**

**Using your gifts to make Wednesday nights a success is a gift to God and our church!**

**Teacher/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**  
**Club Windward, Monday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Nursery available at church .**

**SENIOR RECOGNITION**

The class of 2011 will be recognized at the 11:00 service on Sunday, May 15th. Please meet Dan Eubanks at the information desk at 10:30a.m. to fill out an information card.

**Senior "Advent"urers**

"Advent"urers will be meeting at Cordova Campus on May 17 at 11:00am to go to lunch and attend the 1:00pm showing of "Legends of Flight" at IMAX Theatre.

**VBS Tribe Leader/ Volunteer Training:**

Choose one to attend: either Sunday, May 15 immediately following 11 a.m. service—light lunch provided in Lindsay Hall or Wednesday, May 18, 6:30 p.m., Lindsay Hall— dessert night.

**VBS Teen Training:**

Saturday, June 4, 10:30 am, Fireside Room

**Jr. High Summer Trip**  
 (incoming 7th, 8th and 9th graders)

to "The Great Escape"

June 13th — 18th

at Lee University in Chattanooga, Tn.

Cost is \$350 per person.

For more info visit:  
[www.adventhuddle.com](http://www.adventhuddle.com)

**Coming Soon!**

Evening Women's Bible Study at Club Windward

Beth Moore

David: Seeking a Heart Like His