

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Lee Griffeth, Kara Grace Myers
- 2 Nolan Smith, John Wheeler
- 3 David Patton
- 4 Willie Ruth Lord
- 5 Doyle Forrester
- 6 Sharon Hillsman, Anita Peck
- 7 Burch Wilson
- 9 Lloyd Southwick
- 11 Claire Coberly
- 12 Rhyse Potts
- 13 Priscilla Bishop, Zack Runyan
- 14 Glenda Spurlin
- 15 Marvin Shannon
- 16 Bonnie Kincaid
- 17 Ralph Collier, Amanda Hooper
- 19 Donnie Self
- 20 Gretchen Collier
- 21 Daniel Hall
- 22 Dustin Self
- 23 Carla Patterson
- 24 Jordan Kindley
- 25 Stacy Bonner, Melissa Hall
- 27 Tim Berryman

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Elise Coberly
- 2 Robyn Crouse, Rebecca Rhoden
- 4 Mack Adams
- 8 Steve Crouse
- 10 Lila McCarty, Brad Wilson
- 12 Marie Bishop, Carter Drake
- 13 Corey Shiflet
- 14 Rachel Adams, Franleata Blackmon
- 15 Summer Byrd, Dan Daniel, Bonnie Hall, Sandy Hillsman, Bonnie Parten
- 16 Joan Cheek
- 19 Mary Jones
- 21 Hunter Tiller
- 23 Jessie Brannon, Karin Morris
- 24 Tracy Kindley, Ken Morgan
- 25 Justin Ash
- 26 Heidi Braswell
- 27 Annie Hollis
- 28 Judy Bates, Betty Ann Crumley, Debbie Moon, Jennifer Throckmorton
- 29 Luanne Byrd, Wayne McCarty
- 30 Michael Bishop

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Lauren Bullins, Matthew Hall, Alannah Power
- 2 Angie Allen, Pam Hall, John Moon, Don Seagraves
- 3 Tommy Myers
- 4 Karen Barger
- 10 Stanley Bates, Steve Bates, Doyle Dean
- 11 Kathy Bishop, Faye Schmittou, Tammy Tiller, Steven Tiller
- 12 Charlene McGinnis, Richard Spurlin
- 13 Jared Bates, Marc Patterson, Eric White
- 14 Abby Morgan, Chris Peck
- 15 Alton McCarty
- 17 Paul Burroughs
- 19 Whitney Daniel
- 21 Jonathan Smith, Jack Power
- 22 Pat James
- 24 Melissa Seagraves
- 25 Wayne Bradshaw
- 27 Ariel Bates, Taylor Morgan
- 28 David Coberly, Garrett Hochstetler
- 29 Shorty Arrendale, Adam Slaney
- 30 Lanie Beth McCarty

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Ann & Jerry Hammond
- 17 Carol & Leland Morgan
- 21 Debbie & Lee Moon
- 22 Mack & Louise Tyner
- Vicki & Brad Wilson
- 26 Linda & Jimmy McGinnis
- 31 Pat & Roger James

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Mary & Mac McCannon
- 3 Marie & Jack Bishop
- 22 Debra & Stephen Rhoden
- 24 Bonnie & Bobby Kincaid
- Sharon & Donnie Self
- 25 Patricia & Bobby Patterson
- 31 Shirley & Billy McCarty

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Roberta & Paul Burroughs
- Patricia & Wade Damron
- 18 Pam & Tommy Hall
- 28 Tracy & Carl Kindley
- 30 Karin & Thomas Morris

Imagine all the blinds closed on the windows of a dimly lit room. You and others from different churches in the area sit in a circle on the floor with your Bibles open. And just like the others, you slipped in at your appointed time, so the gathering would not be noticed. Some have sweat on their foreheads, others worried expressions, because the penalty for meeting could cost you dearly: your home, land, family, even your life. With greetings and prayer the Bible study begins. Lasting through the night you are exhausted but refreshed. In the gray dawn hour each individual slips out at different times, hoping not to draw attention. Meeting, praying and studying the scripture with brothers and sisters in Christ has only increased your hunger for Gods word. You look forward to the next meeting, even with the possible consequences.

Right now some of you are shaking your head, or mentally thinking this could never describe my life. Why we live in America. You know the land of the Free and the Brave? The country where our nice, middle class, American Jesus would never upset our way of living, nor would he rob us of the freedom to worship when convenient?

This is where we need to pause and look at Luke 9:57-62. I hate to inconvenience you, but put down the coffee cup, ice cream bowl, or bag of chips, and get your bible. What did Jesus really point out to the disciples in this passage of scripture? Did He really mean what He said? Often in our version of the scripture we twist Him (Jesus) into a Jesus we are more comfortable with. One that allows for our justification of why we do what we do or think the way we think. But do you realize what we are doing at this point? We are molding Jesus into our image. He is beginning to look a lot like us. So what can you and I do to stop this process? *First* take Jesus' word at face value. There is no hidden meaning or three steps. Just believe what he says. *Second* respond to what He says and ask of you. Did He not tell us we can have an abundant life? A life that will bring satisfaction? It is just that His plan may differ from what we think is a prosperous and abundant life.

**MISSIONS**

1. VBS was a success. Our attendance is increasing each year and decisions were made.
2. Helping our Madison County School System by painting was great. There were over twenty five people that helped. Our next step is to paint one more day and also put down pine straw. So please participate.
3. Helping Morningstar Children Home, Strong Tower School and Church in Peru was very successful. In a couple of weeks we will view the video and pictures taken. As I mentioned we have the opportunity to support the children. Twenty five dollars a month or \$300 a year will supply the needs of one child for the school year. Please help with this need. Also we will be taking a team over in February to finish out a building for school. I will give more information at a later date.

In Christ Love,  
*Brad*



**Pre-July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration**  
**Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**7:00pm - 10:00pm**

This is an outreach for the community of Colbert. Bring your chairs to the City Hall and enjoy the evening with Gospel Music, Children Games, Cake Walk, Best Pie Baking Contest and FREE...YES...FREE popcorn, peanuts and water.  
 See You There!



**Colbert July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade**  
**Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Parade starts at 9:00am**



**Student Ministries meet**  
**Wednesday Evenings at 7:00pm**

**New York Mission Trip**  
**July 17<sup>th</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

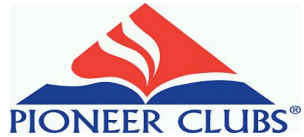
**REVELATORS FOR CHRIST**  
 Motorcycle ministry meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00am

**BAPTIST MEN**  
 We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm  
 All Men are Welcome!

**WILLING HEARTS**  
 We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm  
 All Ladies are Welcome!

**Upcoming Committee Meetings**  
 Youth Council – Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am  
 Church Council – Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm  
 Finance Team – Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00pm  
 Deacons – Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm

**Welcome to our Newest Member!**  
**Vicki Rohrbaugh**  
**Joined 05/02/10**



**Kick-Off**  
**Wednesday, September 8th**