June 28, 2009

J. William Harris, Pastor

John G. Hipp, Pastor Emeritus

"In you, O Lord, do I take refuge" (Psalm 71:1a). We have come to glorify God and be guided in the direction our lives need to take. We rejoice in your presence and welcome you sincerely.

We Turn Our Thoughts Toward God

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP "This Is the Day" Choir

WELCOME & COMMUNITY SHARING (Please register your attendance.)

MOMENT OF SILENT CENTERING

INVOCATION

*Hymn of Praise: 144

"This Is My Father's World"

Proclaiming the Word

*Psalter: 848 - Psalm 130

*Affirmation of Faith: 881 - The Apostles' Creed *The Gloria Patri: 70 – "Glory Be to the Father"

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS:

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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*THE DOXOLOGY: 95 - "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*Hvmn of Preparation: 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison):

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

THE READING OF THE EPISTLES: 929 - II Corinthians 8:7 - 15

ANTHEM Christi Hollingsworth

THE READING OF THE GOSPELS: 799 - Mark 5:21 - 43

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Getting Back More than You Give" Dr. Bill Harris

Responding to the Word

"Take My Life, and Let It Be" *Hvmn of Commitment: 399

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE "Love Lifted Me" Choir

*RECESSIONAL

*Please stand (if your health permits), as a means of giving honor to God.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP ...

TODAY:

9:30am Altar Prayer 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Morning Worship

Mon., June 29, 7:00pm – Art Class

Wed., July 1, 7:00pm – Bible Study 7:45pm - Choir Practice

Thurs.. July 2. 11:30am – VIP's 7:00pm – '3 Simple Rules' Bible Study

Sun., July 5, 9:30am - Blood Pressure Screening

Mon., July 6, 7:00pm - Art Class

Tues., July 7, 7:00pm - Trustees Meeting

Wed., July 8, No Bible Study

Thurs., July 9, 6:30pm - Men's Club

SERVING OUR LORD: **Next Week** Today Volunteer Nursery: Volunteer Acolyte: Andrew Joseph Andrew Joseph

Preparation for Worship: May your presence strengthen and settle in us so we may give evidence of your Holy Spirit by the way we live. Amen.

Welcome to all who visit with us today. Your presence enhances our worship of Almighty God. Please sign a visitor's card, found in the pew racks, and give it to an usher during the offering, or sign the pew register pad found at the end of each pew. You are always welcome at Mathews.

A Memorial for Leila Peurifoy was received from Thomas & Beth Nickles.

Our 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal last Sunday was enjoyed by all who participated. The food was delicious and the fellowship was great! The total raised for the Budget was \$54.00. Plan now to join us for our next fellowship meal on July 19th.

Homecoming!! is Sunday, August 23, 2009. If you know of anyone that you would like to have invited, please fill out one of the address forms that we have located in the vestibule and on the altar rail. You may place it in the offering plate or give it to the pastor. Your help is greatly appreciated.



True Happiness

A happy life is not built of expensive tours abroad and pleasant vacations, but of little clumps of violets notice by the roadside, almost hidden away so that only those can see them who have God's peace and love in their hearts; it is one long, continuous chain of little joys; little whispers from the spiritual world; little rays of sunshine on our daily walk.



When on vacation, be with us in spirit. The rest of the summer, be with us in person.