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CHIMES NEWSLETTER

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Hear the word of the LORD, you de-
scendants of Jacob,
all you clans of Israel.

⁵ This is what the LORD says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me,
that they strayed so far from me?
They followed worthless idols
and became worthless themselves.

⁶ They did not ask, ‘Where is the LORD,
who brought us up out of Egypt
and led us through the barren wilderness,
through a land of deserts and ravines,
a land of drought and utter darkness,
a land where no one travels and no one lives?’

⁷ I brought you into a fertile land
to eat its fruit and rich produce.
But you came and defiled my land
and made my inheritance detestable.

⁸ The priests did not ask,
‘Where is the LORD?’

Those who deal with the law did not know me;
the leaders rebelled against me.
The prophets prophesied by Baal,
following worthless idols.

⁹ “Therefore I bring charges against you again,”
declares the LORD.

“And I will bring charges against your chil-
dren’s children.

¹⁰ Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar^[a] and observe closely;
see if there has ever been anything like this:

¹¹ Has a nation ever changed its gods?
(Yet they are not gods at all.)

But my people have exchanged their glorious God
for worthless idols.

¹² Be appalled at this, you heavens,
and shudder with great horror,”

declares the LORD.

¹³ “My people have committed two sins:
They have forsaken me,
the spring of living water,
and have dug their own cisterns,
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

FROM THE PASTOR

On April 10 for the Worship Service, we had a Gospel Celebration planned and led by the music and worship committees. The service included dancers and a whole lot of music by the Adult Choir, the Bell Choir and the congregation, and if you listen carefully I think it is still echoing in the sanctuary. Gospel witness posters were also prepared and presented, and they are still decorating the walls of the sanctuary. I encourage you to stop and read them and enjoy the artwork and what they say. Children and adults of all ages were asked to put into a few words what the Gospel means to them; What about Jesus is most important to them today. Everyone has a witness to share. What has been most meaningful for one person is often different for another, and we all find different parts more meaningful at different times in our lives. Together we are “a great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12.1) helping the world to come to know the God who has made himself and his salvation known to us in Jesus Christ. What are you looking for and will you find it in Jesus?

Pastor Dennis

CHURCH WEB SITE AND E-MAIL

To access the church’s website,
Go to www.clarksburgcc.org
Pastor Dennis also has an e-mail address:
pastordenniscc@gmail.com

| Worship in May | | |
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| Services Begin at 11:00 | | |
| May 1 | Val Sutter Guest Preacher | Communion |
| May 8 | “Josiah” 2 Kings 22-23 | Mother’s Day |
| May 15 | ‘Spiritual Gifts’ Pentecost | Children’s Choirs Nicaragua Team Mission Moment |
| May 22 | “Running on Empty” Jeremiah 2 4-13 Trinity | |
| May 29 | “A Balm in Gilead” Jeremiah 8 18-22 | Memorial Day |



LUNCH FELLOWSHIP

SENIOR LUNCH

Thank you to all of our Senior friends who have come and shared lunch with us these past months. It has been another good run this year and we so appreciate having all of you here with us on lunch day. A special “**thank you**” to all the church family and friends who help put this once a month lunch together. We are privileged to have great cooks: Les Murphy, Richard Bagby, Greg Rowsey and Joe Gomes. They never cease to amaze!! Then, of course you have the “prep” chefs, the shoppers, the servers, the bakers, the greeters, the decorators, the dishwashers, floor sweepers, etc., Robin Murphy, Donna Heringer, Karen Clark, Lorna Bagby, Kathy Gomes, Becky, Abby, & Emma Morazzini, Jennifer Krausse, Cindy Tickler, Linda McGregor, Kathleen Updegraff, Elizabeth Merwin, Hansen Underwood, Mike Campbell, Michelle Spain and Debbie Wallace. It has been a pleasure to serve you, and we hope to see each one of you back here with us next fall.

Lovingly,
The Senior Lunch Bunch

ANNUAL REPORTS

If you are a Committee Chairperson, or a group leader, it is time, once again for the Annual Report.

The due date for your report is **MAY 29**. **Please** have your report complete and handed in by Sunday, May 29. A collection box for the reports will be placed on the table in the foyer near the Fireside room.

Thank you for your attention to this date and for getting the reports in on time.

CLASS OF 2016 SERVICE OF BACCALAUREATE

Everyone is invited to attend the Delta High School Baccalaureate Service on Sunday evening, May 22, at 7:00 pm at the Clarksburg Community Church. This is a student planned and led service, and will include student speakers, music, prayers and guest speaker, Mr. Stephen Bunch, Boys Football and Basketball coach at Delta High. Refreshments will be served.

MEN’S GROUP

The Men’s Group will end their year with a BBQ at the Wilson Party Barn on Friday evening, May 6, at 6:00 pm. For more information, contact Steve Heringer.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7. Our Church will be open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm for anyone who wants to come in and pray. This is a day the nation comes together to pray for our families, neighbors, communities, our schools, our government, our service men and women, our Nation and more. You are welcome to stop by any time.

FAMILY SUNDAY AND ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 5** for Family Sunday and The Annual Church Picnic.

We will begin that morning with our worship service

(10:00 AM – Summer Schedule)

led by the Sunday School Classes, then followed by the picnic on church grounds. More details to come.

"The Richard Marshall family and the greater Dostal family (Marlene's siblings in Nebraska) cannot find the words to express our deepest thanks and gratitude for the visits, cards, food, phone calls and assistance from so many in the Church community during Marlene's last years of illness. She left this world loved, content and in full knowledge that we loved her and her Lord Jesus loves her and is ready to receive her. Thank you everyone."



ANGELS WITH WHEELS

Do you find yourself here in Clarksburg in need of a ride? Perhaps you need a few groceries, or you have a hair appointment, or maybe you need to pick up a prescription, or go to the doctor, but you can't drive.

We think we can help. Here is a list of names of some Clarksburg friends who are willing to get you to where you want to go.

Give a call and see if they can help:

Kathy & Joe Gomes - 744-1511
Lorna & Richard Bagby – 744-1617
Cynthia Yelland – 744-1520
Greg & Maria Rowsey – 744-1087
Donna Heringer – 665-2752
Patty & Greg Merwin – 775-1553

**MAY PRAYER WALK
PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY, SCHOOLS,
CLARKSBURG,
AND OTHER CONCERNS AND WE CHERISH
THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**MEET IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH
SATURDAY, MAY 7 2016 AT 7:30**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

WATER WILL BE PROVIDED.

WEAR YOUR WALKING SHOES!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

CLAUDEAN THOMAS

Grandpa's Hand

(Editor's note: Karen Clark graciously shared this touching essay written by daughter Laura about Karen's dad who recently passed)

"Here, Laura, you can put your hand in his like this," my cousin gently told me, placing my hand in Grandpa's limp one, "Sometimes he'll squeeze it. I know it's involuntary, but it's kind of the best thing in the world."

Throughout the week of waiting for the rest of Grandpa's body to shut down since the brain bleed was too massive to heal, we poured so much love into that hand – stroking it when he rested peacefully, squeezing it when he groaned during that horrible wet cough, squeezing it to comfort ourselves when we hurt thinking of him leaving us, kissing it like he used to kiss our hands. Each time he squeezed our hands in that week, our hearts leapt even though Dr. Kwon said it could be involuntary. Grandma would hold his hand tightly and say, so lovingly, so pitifully, "Hi Sweetheart, it's your sweetheart. Bill, it's me, JoAnne. I love you, Sweetheart. I love you," and then rest her head on that precious hand.

Looking at Grandpa's still hand brings so many pictures of other things his hand has done. I picture it healing sick people and bringing babies into the world – *physician, heal yourself. Please. For us!* I see it holding so many cups of coffee, holding his tennis racket, holding chocolates – to be eaten or given away. I see it warmly shaking the hands of so many people he cared about. I see it giving my hand an extra squeeze at the end of prayers, and I see it around my shoulders the way it always was when he walked

with me, and I see it shutting my car door for me countless times in rain and sun. And mainly I see his hand holding Grandma's, cherishing it, for 60 years.

In the wee hours of Easter morning, I gently stroke Grandpa's hand and think of how similar it has become to his Lord's hand – of how it healed, gave, served, and loved. And I think of his Lord's words, "See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands." I picture those dear, bloody hands taking Grandpa's strong, loving hand when Grandpa finally goes home. And I know the One with the Bloody Hands loves Grandpa more than I can and loves Grandma more than Grandpa could, and I know He is life, and I trust Him.

But we still all cling to Grandpa's hand, sometimes touching it peacefully, sometimes perhaps trying to hold his soul here by holding onto the body that soon won't be his, sometimes fervently trying to give our love to him by giving our love to his hand. Most of the time we don't know if he's awake. Most of the time we don't know if he can still feel our love and love us back. But once in the long week, Grandpa strokes his thumb over my hand. That cannot be dismissed as involuntary. I don't understand how love in death works. I don't understand how love in life after death works. But I know that Grandpa said, "I love you," when he stroked my hand.



DELTA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES OF 2016

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
THE
COMMENCEMENT
CEREMONY FOR THE 2016 DELTA
HIGH SENIORS AT DELTA HIGH
SCHOOL ON

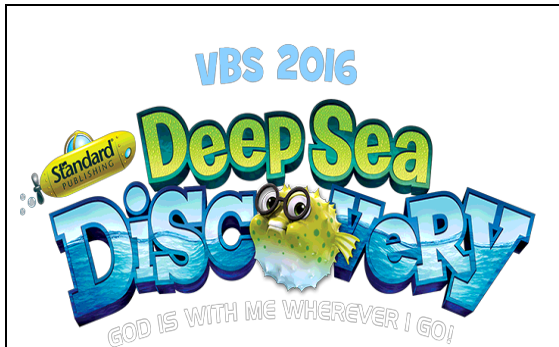
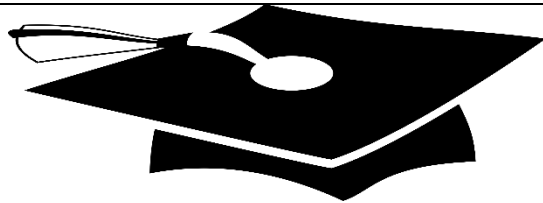
JUNE 2, AT 7 P.M.

We will celebrate graduating
seniors:

FOUAD ALOTRI
HOLLY BROADBENT
JORDAN JOHNSON
BRANDON MASON
TJ RAPP
KATRINA ROWSEY
EMMA WINKLER

at a reception immediately fol-
lowing the graduation.

We would like to invite our
church family and community
to this reception in the Com-
munity Hall of the Clarksburg
Community Church.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Get ready to DIVE into VBS this sum-
mer! We're making a splash with our Deep
Sea Discovery theme (*think water play, bub-
bles, Bible stories involving water like Noah
and Jonah ...it's gunna be a blast! :)*)

Dates: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- June 6th, 8th and 9th

**No VBS on Tuesday due to Election Day,
church is our polling location*

Time: 9:00-11:30am

Our Own Tressa Performs!

Tressa Connor Dahlberg will be performing the
National Anthem for the **River Cats'** Baseball
game on Monday, June 20th at Noon. If you plan
on attending, please let her know and she can
email you a link for a free car-pooling voucher
(min. of 4 people per car). This would also be a
great time to use your Delta Saints Baseball team
tickets, if you purchased them!

The **Sly Fox Band-** featuring **Tressa Gaye** will
be performing at the **Miner's Leap Winery** on
Mother's Day (May 8th) from 1:00-
4:00pm. Check their website for ticket and food
details. Bring the family and have a lovely cele-
bration at this beautiful winery.

Esquipulas in April

Let me take you to Esquipulas at
April time. The weather is hot and humid,
but in a town surrounded entirely by moun-
tains there is an amazing breeze that greets
you in the morning for your first cup of cof-
fee, and sweetly says goodnight as the win-
dows let in the air you'll fall asleep to. Up
the road from where the team stays lies a
church, inside filled with a mix of men and
women and young adults, some pastors,
some leaders of bible studies in their homes,
some simply who are curious and desiring
more information about the Bible. They are
given a study guide at the beginning of the
week, one of 14 that they will accumulate
over the course of 7 years to receive the
equivalent of a seminary training. This is
knowledge that they are hungry for. Knowl-
edge that before IBAC they had little to
no access to. Knowledge that Sam Fabila,
Dennis Montzingo, Phil Ogilvie, and the lo-
cal team in Nicaragua and Costa Rica have
taken turns teaching through. Every morning
from 9-3 pm the people who come, who open
their study guide, listen to the explanation
and overview of subjects as practical as how
to take a passage of the Bible and teach it
with truth and integrity, to breaking down the
daunting book of Revelation that would chal-
lenge even the most seasoned U.S. church-
goer. Outside the church, Lee Harris, Joe
Gomes, Kathi, and myself, along with five
women from the church who donate their
time, wash, chop, and prepare a meal that
will be lunch for all the pastors, leaders, and
teachers. The kitchen crew started with me
stumbling through bad Spanish and even

worse cooking ability, to something that is a
prominent mission opportunity: to help the
women who are helping feed the pastors, to
show them that what we desire most is to
serve in Nicaragua.

Down the road from the kitchen and
the church lies a school. This April was the
first time that every day was devoted to the
school to bring curriculum and English les-
sons to three 6th grade classes. Each class
holds 20-30 students and the welcome and
reception we received was confirmation that
our place is there as well. The leadership that
Kathi and Joe brought, with the way God has
gifted them as teachers, laid a foundation to
how future teaching can be organized in the
classroom. Lee brought her gift of honesty
and curiosity in the kids that made us real to
them rather than just visitors. The plan was
to equip the local teachers with material that
can stay with the school that they can use to
continue what we briefly started.

God is moving in Nicaragua. He is
moving through Jim Wilson and IBAC. He is
moving through the local people, and He is
moving through us; talking to our hearts the
entire time we were there as well as through
the hearts of everyone back home who
prayed for and supported us. Esquipulas in
April, was the realization and confirmation
that God is moving in Clarksburg, moving in
Nicaragua, moving all around the world. It is
a beautiful international partnership where
we get to participate in how God is moving.