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Mulberry Dishes Out a Dose of Reality!

During the month of March, Mulberry will bring the entertaining world of reality TV to its weekly services. *Where are the eternal principles within reality TV you ask?* Well, we have delved deep within the complexities of America's favorite shows to find the answers!

- *America's Got Talent*
Think America has talent? Wait until you see the talented members of Mulberry offer up their gifts to the Lord.
- *Deal or No Deal*
No need to speak with The Banker. You'll find out the exact cost of discipleship to



the Lord, as well as what's to be gained.

- *Extreme Makeover: Life Edition*
If surgeons can change your body, and Ty Pennington can change your house, think what Christ can do for your soul!

- *The Apprentice*
In our version, the apprentice is seeking out the Master. That's sure to "trump" the TV show!

- *Big Brother*
We are never alone. Christ is always watching, caring, loving.

- *The Amazing Race*
We have a race to run. You are being called to train and strategize for your personal Amazing Race!

We hope you'll join us as we examine the true realities of life as they should be viewed and lived.

Join us on
Palm Sunday
 (March 5th)
 after service
 for an outdoor
Family Luncheon



We will meet outside the church to enjoy a meal together. There will be games and activities for all of the children and an Easter Egg hunt as well. Please come!

February Statistics

Date	Budget Receipts		Attendance	
	Amount		Sunday School	AM Worship
02-01-09	\$8,334.00		84	145
02-08-09	\$5,360.00		76	152
02-15-09	\$4,183.00		60	98
02-22-09	\$2,685.60		50	88
Budget Goal YTD: \$57,421.92				
Budget Receipts YTD: \$38,761.10				

Attention Ladies!

Join us for the
Beth Moore Living Proof Conference
 April 3 & 4 at The New Orleans Arena.
 Cost is \$100/person, which includes the conference fee and hotel. We will leave the church parking lot at 3PM on Friday and return Saturday afternoon. Contact the church office to sign up or for more information.

Awana Adult Challenge

Hope you're practicing your verses!
 Here's the upcoming schedule:

- March 1st: **2 Corinthians 9:15**
- March 8th: **Jeremiah 10:10a**
- March 15th: **Romans 5:8**
- March 22nd: **Matthew 4:21-22**
- March 29: **1 Corinthians 15:3-4**

Let's show the kids the we are up to the challenge.

Mulberry's Got Talent!

Join us on Sunday, March 1st immediately following morning services for lunch and a showcase of talented folks the like of which you've never seen! You will witness the gifts of other Mulberry members; gifts you've never guessed they possessed! There will be a full salad bar and sandwiches. We ask that you bring cookies; they can be baked at home or store-bought. If you bake your own, please bring the recipe to share.

A Note from Steve...

It has been wonderful to begin our service the past four weeks with baptisms for young people in our church who are seeking to follow Jesus with their lives. They have given us a great example of being obedient to Jesus in sometimes exciting, sometimes anxious, and always significant ways. I wonder if there are others in our church family who need to follow Jesus in baptism as well. If that might be you, I would love to discuss with you the meaning and significance of baptism.

Thanks, kids, for leading us these past few weeks. I know that we all can take note of the kids' examples in following Jesus and that we all can seek to be obedient to Jesus in every area of our lives.

I am looking forward to our new series based on Reality TV. Each week we'll utilize the theme of a show to help us understand more clearly our relationship with Jesus and each other. Chris and the drama crew have some fun ways of helping us experience the theme

each week. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to come with you to Mulberry on a Sunday morning.

As we move toward the celebration of Easter, I encourage you to participate in Lent by fasting in some manner. It may be a complete fast for a short period of time (but longer than the eight or ten hours from supper to breakfast...). Or, you may choose to participate in a partial fast (sacrificing a type of food or drink) for a longer period of time. However you choose to participate, I encourage you to focus on an area or two in your personal or family life and an area or two in the life of our church and pray seriously and consistently for these areas throughout Lent. I am eager to see how God is going to act in this time in the life of our church.

In Christ,

Music

With the birth of Spencer and the loss of my stepfather, the past few weeks have been an emotional rollercoaster. The only certainty we had was uncertainty. On one hand, we were anxious about the revolutionary change this new child would bring into our lives. On the other hand, anxiety soared over concern for my mother's emotional and financial well-being. While both situations caused concern for our family, there was one other constant. Though everything, Christ reminded me of His promises in scripture. Promises studied and memorized years ago. I remembered God speaking through Matt. 6, He reminded me that God takes care of the lilies and the sparrow, and He will take care of us. *We were not to worry.* God also spoke through James 1:17 reminding me of every good and perfect gift coming from the Father above. *Spencer is that good and perfect gift.* God has shown that He is faithful to His word.

Memorization and Bible-study made those words from God available for Him to use in my life. We are currently being challenged by our AWANA kids to keep up with them in their memorization efforts. Will you join in, not for their sake, but for yours? Put the word of God in your heart so that you will be reminded of His love and promises daily (Psalm 119:11). Spend time in study, plant the Word in your heart and be bold by sharing His word in the sanctuary this Sunday morning. God's Word will not return empty (Isa.55:11).

In addition to Christ, my church family has been a tremendous support, help, and encouragement. I will never comprehend how people survive this life without Christ and a church family.

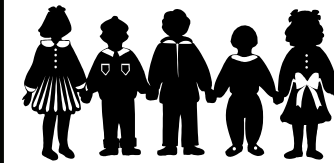
In Christ,



Children's Ministry

My son Cameron is really getting into scripture memorization this year through Awana. He is pretty lucky, though. It seems to come so easy to him, and he doesn't forget what he has learned. His mother, though, is another story. I am talking about the Awana Adult Challenge (accent on the word "Challenge!") Cameron likes to quiz me on the verses. He will give me a reference and expect me to reply with the verse. I know the verses, but for some reason, the reference slips through the sieve. So, instead of firing off the verse like he does, I reply with, "Give me the first word." Once I have the first word, I am okay. This probably isn't the best information for a staff member to share, but it is true. I share this with you because I know it is a challenge, but it is worth the effort. If you are not actively participating in the Awana Adult Challenge, I encourage you to give it a try. You will be amazed how many times in your daily life those verses will pop into your head. You learn it—God will use it. Are you up to the challenge?

In Christ,



VBS 09 is coming June 15-19! It is time to put together our VBS staff! If you are interested in serving through VBS or just curious about how you might be able to plug in, call or email me.

Keenager's Korner

God is still in control! Wouldn't it be wonderful if every person realized and believed our God will always take care of us and see that we have the necessities of life? Maybe it's not always what we want or think we need.

I remember growing up when my family just had the bare necessities, and we worked and strained to have a roof over our heads and food on our table. There was no running water, no electricity, no indoor plumbing, no TV, no iPod; some fortunate people had radios! We milked cows, raised our own chickens, grew our own fruits and vegetables. We, as a family, worked to survive.

I don't know where our economy will take us as far as survival, but I do know that God was in control then, and He's in control now. God and family unity will take us through whatever is in store for our future. Just trust in Him.

We were saddened by the passing of one of our Keenagers, Pauline Thames. She was a great friend, and she loved our church. Also, we'd like to extend our sympathies to Susan Tompkins and her family for the death of her dear, sweet mother.

A Servant,
Evelyn Head and The Keenagers

Deacons to Serve for March

Dud Smith and Chad Walker

**Next Deacon's Meeting, Sunday,
March 8th at 7:15PM

CDO News

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year is underway. Our goal is to provide a safe, happy environment for parents to leave their children for a time and feel good about it. Our staff works very hard to plan activities that will be both a loving and learning experience.

Please pray for us as we begin the process of filling the vacant spots in our program. We hope to have a successful 2008-2009 school year.

Besides registration, we have several activities planned for this month including school pictures (the 18th and 19th), Easter egg hunts and Easter parties. We are looking forward to the coming of Spring. May you and your family enjoy the blessings of this time.

Charlene Patrick, CDO Director