

Are You Part of a Small Group Bible Study?

WHAT IS A SMALL GROUP? Small groups are Bible Studies designed to bring believers closer together while helping them develop spiritually. Mulberry offers many opportunities to participate in small group Bible Studies.

First, you can join us for a walk through the book of 1st Peter. This in-depth study meets every **Sunday evening at 6PM** in the church's library.

Beginning on September 3rd, and meeting every **Thursday evening at 6:15PM**, you can attend First Place 4 Health. This Christ-centered weight loss program includes a Bible study that promotes healthy living spiritually, emotionally, and physically, emphasizing that you cannot achieve balance in any area of life until you have placed yourself completely

under the Lordship of Christ. *Please note that due to the structure of the program, new attendees will not be admitted after the first meeting but can participate in the next beginner's class.*

You can also join us on **Sunday or Wednesday evenings** to discuss the Spiritual Health Check-up Sermon Series. Once you've listened to Sunday morning's message, you can examine with others how to apply the principles to your life. The Sunday group meets at the home of Robert and Amy Clemons at 5:00PM and the Wednesday group will meet at church at 6:00PM.

And don't forget about Sunday School at **9:15 on Sunday mornings**...classes of all ages studying scripture together.



Reminder: You have an appointment scheduled for your *Spiritual Health Check-Up*

The sermon series on Spiritual Health began on August 23rd with "Dietary Health" and "Hearing" on August 30th. If you missed those, you can listen to the audio tracks at our website, www.mulberrychurch.org. Just select the "audio messages" icon at the bottom of the home page.

The series continues throughout the month of September with "Vision" on September 6th, "Heart" on September 13th and 20th, "Growth" on September 27th, and "Final Check-Up" on October 4th. Plan to be here on Sunday mornings to examine the similarities between being physically healthy and spiritually healthy. You can also take part in one of the two small groups that are meeting to discuss these topics on Sunday or Wednesday evenings.

A Note from Steve...

Do you remember the account from Matthew 14 of Jesus walking on the water to the disciples? Peter walked out to Jesus, only to begin to sink when he looked around and was afraid. Jesus saved him, and uttered those humbling words, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

As we look back on the story, I think Peter gets a bad rap. Yeah, he doubted and began to sink. He was probably humiliated as he was helped back into the boat by the other disciples, soaking wet and quite shaken up. But you know what? At least he got out of the boat! Reread the story. Jesus came walking out on the water, and they were all terrified. Jesus told them "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." And Peter got up and asked Jesus if he could walk on the water with him!

What about the others? The passage doesn't say, so we can only assume that they sat there in the boat - at best anticipating what Peter

would do, at worst still cowering in the corner. So, yes, Peter doubted and began to sink. But at least he had the courage to try to walk on the water with Jesus. And by my count that makes him one of only two people in the history of the world to walk on water (Jesus being the other). Not bad. He got wet, but he did something no one else did because he was willing to step out in faith.

The late Rich Mullins wrote incredibly descriptive songs. In *Screen Door*, he wrote that faith without works is about as useless as a screen door on a submarine. I think that if I had to choose, I'd pick getting wet by imperfectly attempting to walk on water rather than sitting in a screen-doored submarine.

Let's live by faith and "walk on water"!

In Christ,

Worship and Media

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

"A twenty-six word parade of hope: beginning with God, ending with life, and urging us to do the same. Brief enough to write on a napkin or memorize in a moment, yet solid enough to weather two thousand years of storms and questions. If you know nothing of the Bible, start here. If you know everything in the Bible, return here. We all need the reminder. The heart of the human problem is the heart of the human. And God's treatment is prescribed in John 3:16." (excerpt from Max Lucado's *3:16*).

Join us as the choir focuses on the importance of such a simple, yet profound verse. The Sanctuary Choir meets every Wednesday evening from 6:15 to 7:30, and will present "3:16: The Numbers of Hope" on November 1st. We will also have a couple of Saturday rehearsals for those who cannot make it on Wednesday nights. So there is no excuse... Come be a part of what God is doing!

Children's and Pre-school Choirs begin on September 6th, Sunday evenings from 5PM-7PM. Handbells and Testament begin on Monday, September 14th.

Join us for an exciting fall season in the music department.





Children's Ministry



Children's Ministry is back in full swing this month! Awana kicks off on Wednesday, September 2. The kids and the staff are all very excited to get started. This awesome club is still growing, so of course our staff needs to grow right along with it. There are still lots of ways to plug in, either on a weekly or on an occasional basis. Contact me or Paul Danos to find out more.

If you haven't joined a team for the Awana Adult Challenge, what are you waiting for? You could be the first to win the awesome Awana Adult Challenge Trophy! And even if you don't win that prize, you are guaranteed to win the best prize of all: the Word of God planted in your mind and hidden in your heart.

Children's Choir begins on Sunday, September 6. There are new and exciting surprises that await your child in choir this year. Don't miss out on the fun! Music is an integral part of worship. Help your child learn how to worship through music at Children's Choir!

If you have not been attending Sunday morning Bible Study, now is a great time to begin. Children's Sunday School is starting a fresh new quarter this month and the Adults are beginning new studies, too. Load the family up and come to church!

Looking for a place to serve? Awana and Children's Sunday School are in need of a few friends with a heart for kids. Won't you consider serving in Children's Ministry?

In Christ, *Mary*

Deacons to Serve for September

John Wiggins, Mike Gray,
Jason Harper

**Deacons' Meeting
Sept 13th, 7:15PM**

Parent and Child Dedication



Sunday, September 27th

Call the church office
or e-mail Haley

(info@mulberrychurch.org),

if you are interested in dedicating your child.



**Awana begins
September 2nd
6:00PM**

Awana Adult Challenge

The Awana Adult Challenge will be resuming this fall, but it will be new and improved! We are asking adults to form teams of 4. Each member of the team should memorize the scripture verse for the week. They will then quote the verse to one of the children in Awana (we'll give you a list of their names). Each team will receive a point per team member that knows their verse, and an extra point if all 4 members have memorized that week's scripture passage. At the end of ten weeks, the team with the most points will win the coveted AAC award! If you are up to the challenge, please speak with Mary or call the church office. The challenge begins September 13!

Mulberry Ministry Team

Church members: Ministers-at-large

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Congratulations

To Charles and Rae Kirkpatrick and
Dianne Kirkpatrick on the birth of their
great-grandson/great-nephew

Zayne Horn

Born to April (Galloway) and Dion Horn on
August 23, 2009, weighing in at 8lbs, 8 oz
and 22" long. Happy grandparents are Kathy
(Kirkpatrick) and Joey Galloway.

Deacon Nominations

We will soon be mailing to you a list of eligible
nominees for 2010 deacon nominations.

Anyone that has been a member for a full
year is eligible to be nominated. IF YOU DO
NOT WANT TO BE INCLUDED on the list of
eligible persons, please contact the church
office by phone (876-3204) or e-mail at
info@mulberrychurch.org.

August Statistics

Budget Receipts

Attendance

Date	Amount	Sunday School	AM Worship
08-02-09	\$14,427.00	56	115
08-09-09	\$2,994.00	43	114
08-16-09	\$4,514.00	66	147
08-23-09	\$6,119.25	78	124
08-30-09	\$8,805.75	55	154

Budget Goal YTD: \$251,220.90

Budget Receipts YTD: \$208,230.39

Handbells and Testament



Practices
resume

September 14th

Handbells @ 6:00PM

Testament @ 7:15PM