

CCBC Purpose Statement

We exist to introduce people to Jesus Christ
and to unite them with His family,
to help them grow to Christlike maturity
and commit themselves to ministry
in order to glorify God.

Prayer Requests & Thanksgivings

You can call the pastor or deacons at any time of the day or night to initiate the prayer wheel in our church family. Praying for others is the greatest responsibility and gift we can give to another.

Carrie Cain=new heart

Gayle Groff- healing and
thanksgiving

Family of Jack Babic

Remy & Bill Johnson-

Kent Thelen-healing

Martin Moe-continued heal-
ing

Shirley Harris-breast cancer

Stevie Slavens Josh Slavens & Melissa Bryant

Al Fulton

Family of Verla Pirtle



**SPECIAL THANKS TO DEB, CHARLETTE, AND HEATHER
FOR THEIR WORK ON VBS AND THE RESOURCE ROOM
THIS WEEK.**

**THIS WEEK WE WILL BE WORKING ON VBS SO LOTS OF
HELP IS NEEDED. BE AT THE CHURCH WED AUGUST 5
AT 9:00 TO HELP.**

News and Notes August 2, 2009



Sheri Beck--Volunteer
Advocate
Area Coordinator
for Alaska Compassion
International

Today she is sharing her story during
all three of our worship services

We sponsor a boy and a girl with our
Vacation Bible School offering each year

Random Acts of Kindness

This week I read an article about what makes you smile. I was really disappointed to find all of the things that were suggested required spending money to acquire something. Surely there must be a lot of free ways to encourage a smile.

1. Just smile at someone
2. Give someone a hug
3. Share a funny story with another person
4. Gather a group to watch a funny movie
5. Send a special email to everyone on your contact list

Pastor's Pen

by Rev. John C. Harding

Last week my Mom helped me clean and rearrange my office. We had talked about moving the office to another room, but decided we should leave that room available for other activities at the church. Somehow my office had become a dumping ground for a lot of different things and it looked and felt more like a storage room than an office.

In addition to every shelf being completely full, there were piles of stuff everywhere. Needless to say, it was not inviting and it was definitely not conducive to getting much done in a very efficient manner. There were drawers filled with stuff from when my Dad was the pastor and there were books on the shelves that talked about the new way of doing things that were written in the early 1980s.

As I write this I am sitting in a much cleaner office and an environment that is not distracting or overwhelming. There might still be a few too many things on my desk and a few random piles of things on the shelves that need to be dealt with, but overall things are organized, neat and the whole feel of the office has changed.

When I come into my office now I don't feel like I am entering a storage room. I don't sit down at my desk and feel overwhelmed by all the stuff that doesn't belong in here. I can sit down and easily move forward on the tasks that are before me and, strange as it may sound, I feel freed from something that was holding back my effectiveness and efficiency.

This same type of thing happens in our relationship with God more than we realize or care to admit. We let a lot of stuff, it may even be good stuff, pile up in our lives and it pushes God out. The stuff gets to the point that it is overwhelming and although we can continue to function, we struggle to move forward. We end up just treading water and missing out on a lot of what God has in store for us.

On the other hand, sometimes we tell ourselves that once we get everything cleaned up we will be able to really grow in our relationship with God. The problem with this way of thinking is that we will never have everything completely cleaned up. My office looks like a new office almost, but there are still a few piles to deal with and even when those are all cleaned up, new piles will appear. How do you think all that stuff got in there in the first place?

Even when my office was a disaster, I was still able to get things done, it was just a lot harder than it should have been. Now that the office is clean I feel better about things, but I could just easily focus on the fact that it isn't perfectly clean and organized. The truth is that God wants us to be moving forward in our relationship with Him at all times, but we have to make time and room for that to happen. We have to make it a priority which may mean we have to get rid of



Register for
VBS

<http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/CBCVS2009>

Bible stories, Bible verses, God sightings
Fun, crafts and Missions

Vacation Bible School
August 10-14

Weekly Schedule

Sunday: Worship Services - 9:30, 11:00, 7:00

Sunday School: 9:30 am; 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Wednesday: High School hang out at John and Piper's 7:00 pm

Thursday: Ladies Bible Study - contact Barb Cave

Post High School hang out at John and Piper's 7:00 pm

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some good stuff in our lives to experience the better life that God has planned for us. It also means we can't wait until we have everything all cleaned up and figured out because that will never happen without making time and space for God on a regular basis.

May God bless you as you seek to move forward with Him on a daily basis.
Pastor John