

June 2018

**THANKS BE UNTO GOD WHO
GIVETH US THE VICTORY**



June Memory Verse:

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²Honor your father and mother...

Ephesians 5:22,25 & 6:1-2

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Birthdays June 2018



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This month **Golden Heirs** will meet **Friday, June 15th**, at **6:00 pm** for their monthly fellowship meal. It will be at **Buffet Palace**. It should be a lot of fun!

If you need a ride, please call the office by Thursday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 4th-8th — VBC Work Week

June 8th-10th — VBC Family Weekend

June 10th-14th — VBC Junior Week

June 17th-22nd — VBC Teen Week

June 17th — **Happy Father's Day!**

June 30th — MHC Work Day



Rejoice In The Lord Always!

By Natalie Butcher

Philippians 4:8 tells us to “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.” This was the key verse of the sermon that Pastor Cody Howard preached at the Church Under The Bridge Texarkana (CUTB) on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. CUTB is a church that is held outside and under a bridge in Texarkana. The congregation is primarily made up of people who are homeless, but also includes people from other churches.

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IN THE *Lord* ALWAYS.
I WILL SAY IT AGAIN:
Rejoice!
-PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Pastor Cody taught that we should rejoice in our suffering, because our joy is not dependent on our circumstances—in Christ we have all things! He pointed out that during WWII Corrie Ten Boom and her sister were in a German concentration camp (Ravensbrück). The barracks swarmed with fleas that constantly and painfully bit them and the other ladies at the camp. They

rejoiced in their suffering – choosing to study the Bible and worship with the other ladies in the barracks. They discovered that the fleas gave them the freedom to hold church, because the guards refused go into the barracks. God provided during and through their suffering!

The people at CUTB understand suffering. They live it every day. They know about not having what they previously thought was necessary to live: health insurance, medical care, 3 meals a day, running water, and permanent housing. They live in tents or on the street. Yet, here they were learning about God and His love. They sang worship songs (including “Amazing Grace” a cappella) to God thanking Him for all that they had. It was incredible getting to worship with this congregation.

Of course, God’s perfect timing is incredible. The message that Pastor Cody presented was something that I needed to hear – a message that confirmed what God had been showing me the previous week and a half. You probably don’t know, but a week and a half before Richard and I attended the CUTB service I had an abnormal

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Ladies Night Out — Goat Cheese

On May 10th, Susan Harper was the guest speaker at the monthly Ladies Night Out (LNO) in the Fellowship Hall. She shared about her adventures with goat cheese.



Years ago, Susan traveled to France and fell in love with goat cheese. This started her on a quest to make goat cheese herself. She first had to find someone that had the right kind of milk-producing goats. After finding the goats, she learned how to milk goats. She then experimented and experimented and experimented with the process of making cheese. There were failures along the way, but she never gave up. Eventually, she had to buy her own goats when the other goats moved away. She named her first goats “Martha Stewart” and “Julia Childs” in honor of the world-renowned culinarians.

Susan brought samples of goat cheese that the ladies enjoyed sampling. They were very delicious!. Everyone enjoyed the program and sampling the different cheeses.



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Agape House Youth Rally



What happens when you get many of the area youth groups together in one place? A whole lot of fun! On May 23rd, The Agape House held a youth rally at their children's home in El Dorado. All of the area youth were invited — including

Marrable Hill Chapel (MHC) — and over 170 people showed up.

The evening started with a time of hanging out and eating grilled burgers and hot dogs with chips. The food was washed down with plenty of water, Gatorade, and Cokes. Throughout the evening, desserts like candy bars/M&Ms and Dilly Bars from DQ were handed out and enjoyed.



Next, personnel from the Agape House shared with the youth about foster care and the need for houses like the Agape House Children's Home. Two of the employees of Agape House, Sue Murphy, house parent, and Shaneil "PJ" Yarbrough, executive director and operator, shared how they have come full circle working at Agape House. Both ladies were in the foster care system as children. They talked about how difficult it was being in foster homes — birthdays and holidays uncelebrated; daily food many times could be a can of sardines and some crackers; worn-out, hand-me-down clothes; 55lb garbage sacks carried all of their possessions as they were sent to different homes. Even today most kids in the foster care system carry all of their possessions in a garbage sack.

The statistics on children in foster care is shocking: 30.7% of kids who grow up in foster care graduate from high school; 3% will earn a

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college degree; 33% of kids who “age out” (turn 18 years old) will be HOMELESS after age 18; 50% will be employed by ag 24; 71% of the girls will become pregnant by age 21; 1 in 4 will experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) — a rate higher than that of U.S. War Veterans; 60% of the young men have been convicted of a crime; 50% of youth that “age out” are involved in substance abuse.

Agape House is a place of hope. It is not like the orphanage that is portrayed in “Little Orphan Annie” where those in charge are mean and the kids are stockpiled in a crowded building with bunkbeds. Children that enter the home

are loved by two house parents and are fed delicious, home-cooked meals. The kids are in bedrooms that house up to 2 per room. There is large living room where the house's family gathers together to watch movies or visits. The house is impressive — very nice and new. They are in the process of building a second home for teenagers that are “aging out”. The teenagers will have more responsibilities in this house as they learn life skills and how to live on their own.

After the speeches, the area youth had competitions in the hula hoop, water bucket, and donut-on-a-string competitions. Even though MHC



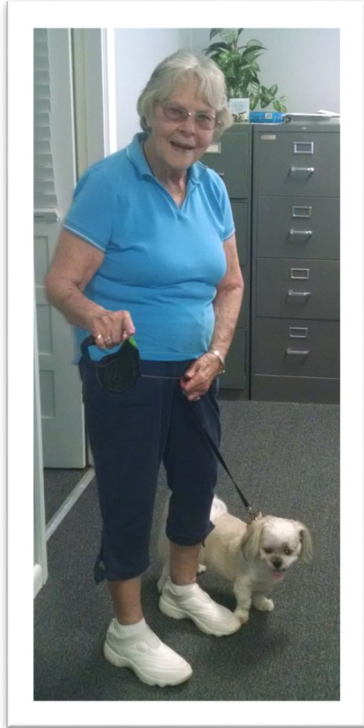
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MHC Kids Serving Ministry

By Ruth Guinn

After church on May 20th, the kids gathered in Fellowship Hall for hot dogs & chips.

We then began our visiting day by stopping by Billie Ruth Brown's house. The kids really enjoyed time with her and they loved her little dog (Bitty).



We then went to visit Joe Cheshier where Roger, Sarah, & Addie were there visiting also. The kids loved giving Joe hugs and it put a big smile on his face.



The next stop was Mary Lou & Leroy Hardenbrook's house. We all loved looking through their collection of Nabisco containers (Nabisco is where Leroy worked for a lot of years) & also the salt & pepper collection that Mary Lou's mother started that Mary Lou has continued with. It's like being in a museum - all ages enjoyed it.

We then went to the MAD Playscape for water & fun!! It's a great

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In 2011, a video of Susan and her goat, Martha Stewart, was featured on Oprah.com. There was also an article about her in the January 2012 edition of "Arkansas Life". Susan has a couple of videos about making goat cheese and raising goats that are featured on P. Allen Smith's Garden Home.

For more information on goat cheese, you can go to her Facebook page, Two Goats Farmstead. It has links to the Oprah.com and P. Allen Smith's Garden Home videos.

REMINDER: Due to Victory Bible Camp, LNO will not be held in June. See you July 12th!



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place to take kids & grandkids - it's FREE & open 7 days a week - so I'm sure we'll be visiting again.

Thank you, kids, for ministering to our church family!!



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didn't win any of the events, they competed fiercely and had a lot of fun!

At the close of the rally, those in attendance agreed that they should have another rally next year. It was a lot of fun getting to see youth from the area fellowshiping and competing with each other.

For more information about Agape House, visit their Facebook page or their website at www.supportagape.org/.



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mammogram test. A few years ago, it probably wouldn't have bothered me to have an abnormal test. There are many reasons that it can be abnormal. However, during the last few months of 2015, I took care of my mother as she fought and lost her battle with Stage IV breast cancer.

Can I be real for a few minutes? Cancer can be big and scary. I waited a week and a half to obtain the second test. Although I am thankful that it wasn't longer, it was one of the longest times I have had to wait in my life! For the most part, I was able to not think or worry about it. However, there were those times late at night that I

*When I am afraid,
I put my trust in
you.”*
Psalm 56:3

wondered whether or not I was about to face the giant, Cancer, like my mom. Would I be as strong and faithful as her? How could I break the news to loved ones? During these times, I had to stop myself, pray, and ask God to take away these thoughts and fear.

The day before we attended the CUTB service, I had the second mammogram test. I doubted that I would know any results that day and, it being the Friday of Memorial Day Weekend, I didn't think I'd know anything until Tuesday. I was fine that morning until I took a shower getting ready to go to the hospital. All kinds of thoughts and emotions flooded my mind. As the song says, "Fear is a liar! He will rob your rest — steal your happiness. Cast your fears..." I had to let it go — knowing that it was going to be OK regardless of the results of the test. I knew that God was with me, so I let go. Driving to the hospital, I chose to sing praise songs—chose to rejoice at a time that fear could have won. I sang "Fear is a Liar" and other songs that ministered to me. I arrived at the hospital and had the test. I was surprised when the radiologist came back and told me that everything was fine. I was OK. Praise the Lord! Do you know what? I would have praised Him anyway. God IS with me and WILL help me through anything — just like he helped me while I was with my mom battling cancer.

The next day, Richard and I went to CUTB for the first time. Pastor Cody preached on rejoicing in the Lord always — confirming what God had been showing me! Isn't He good?



The righteous man who walks in integrity and lives life in accord with his [godly] beliefs—
How blessed [happy and spiritually secure] are his children after him [who have his example to follow].

Proverbs 20:7 AMP

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I, along with others, would love to hear what is going on in your life! Do you have a funny story that you would like to share? Has God shown you something? Has He put something on your heart that you would like to share? E-mail or talk to me, Natalie, about what He is doing in your life so we can share in the Communique.