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Doug Shamblin Accepts Call



We would like to welcome Doug & Sherry Shamblin to our church. Doug has accepted the position of Children's Director. Doug is from Pomeroy and many of the kids already know him from church camp. He has also helped with FCS at the middle school & high school for many years. Doug's official first Sunday is September 5th but he is working with Sharon on Wednesday & Sunday now. Please take time to introduce yourself to him & Sherry and let them know that you are glad they are here to serve the Lord together with us.



Welcome to Our Church

GREETERS

Aug 29

Worship I: ???
Worship II: Dylan & Naomi, Cathy Crow

Sept 5

Worship I: ???
Worship II: Ted & Rayanna Stinson

We are looking for warm, friendly people to greet before 1st worship. If you attend first worship would you allow the Lord to use you to greet people to our worship service? If so, contact the office.

FACTS & FIGURES

August 15, 2010

Sunday School	88
Worship I	85
Worship II	122
Offering	\$4,324.50
Needed to date	\$171,606.58
Received to date	\$161,413.91
Stewardship Life	\$177.00

August 22, 2010

Sunday School	109
Worship I	73
Worship II	132
Offering	\$4,571.97
Needed to date	\$176,806.81
Received to date	\$165,985.88
Stewardship Life (camp)	\$267.00

NURSERY & TODDLER WORKERS, CHECK-IN PEOPLE & SECURITY PEOPLE please attend the training on Aug. 29th at 9:30am in the sanctuary.

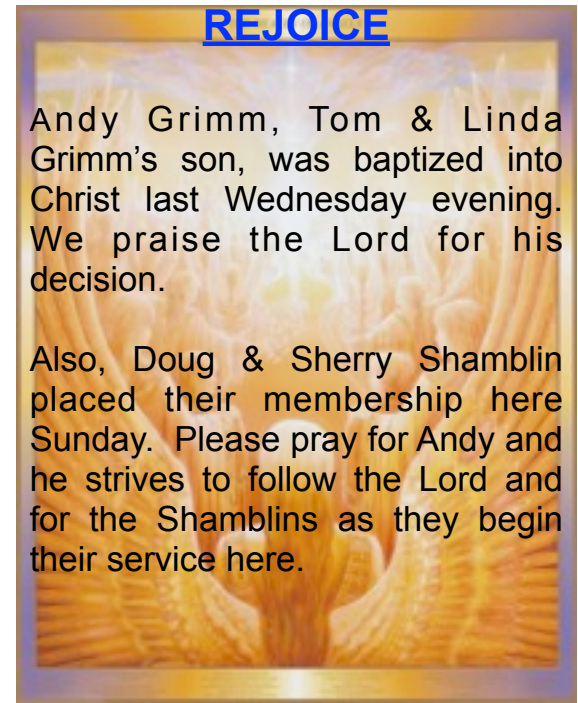
Offering for Hemlock Grove Church
Due to some uncertainty about their plans to rebuild at this time we are going to wait to take up an offering to help them until they know.

Don't forget – there will not be any Great Food for All boxes in September.

REJOICE

Andy Grimm, Tom & Linda Grimm's son, was baptized into Christ last Wednesday evening. We praise the Lord for his decision.

Also, Doug & Sherry Shamblin placed their membership here Sunday. Please pray for Andy and he strives to follow the Lord and for the Shamblins as they begin their service here.



Kids Kount!



Well, this is it...my last time to write an article for this column. Please don't be sad! How happy I have been serving in this ministry! Do you know what it has meant to have been included in your families? We've shared so much. Even though I no longer am employed at MCC doesn't mean I no longer care. You are my family and I will continue to love and pray for all of you.

Knowing God has placed a love and vision for children in the heart of someone who has been a good friend to me for several years makes leaving my position easier. Doug Shamblin has always listened, prayed for and encouraged me whenever he could. How blessed we are that God has led him to minister to our children. Whatever you do, please don't compare our ministries. God gives each of His children a different vision when He calls us so support, pray for and encourage Doug just as you did me.

Kid Zone has now collected over \$50 for the Silver Run Food Pantry and will continue collecting through the 29th! How cool is that?

You definitely need to check out the children's area in the basement. Thanks to Steve Lane for bringing life to what was once a very dull hallway! I praise God for Steve and his servant's heart.

Thanks again for always being there for me. I'm glad MCC is my home! ☺

Because Kids Really Do Kount! Sharon ☺

The Epicenter... "Where God Begins to Move"

I can't believe that by the time you read this article school will be back in session! I look back over the summer and am amazed at how God has blessed our young people this summer. I'm thankful for the many volunteers, youth sponsors, and parents who have made the youth a priority, and helped make this summer an exceptional one. Please join me in praying that God will continue to use the ministry at MCC to reach young people in the name of Christ.

What a better way to end the summer however, than to see one of our young people begin a relationship with Jesus. I had the pleasure of baptizing Andy Grimm this past Wednesday. We rejoice with Andy and his family in his decision. I encourage you to join me in praying for Andy, and next time you see him, let him know that you are proud of him and his decision.

Finally, we have a couple weeks before youth group begins, but don't fear, there is still plenty to get involved with. We still need plenty of help working the Foothills Blues Festival this weekend! We have slots available Friday evening, as well as Saturday morning and evening. This is a major fundraiser for our group, so if it all possible, please encourage your student to get involved! Watch your mail for information on the middle school / high school kickoff, it's coming soon! Details to follow.... til next time,

Peace – Dodger

Al's Thoughts . . .

Difficulties are one of the main ways God builds our faith and tests it to see how genuine it is. We all face difficulties in many ways, shapes and sizes. They come at us everyday and how we handle them demonstrates how solid our faith is. We don't rejoice because of them, but we can rejoice in them because we know that God will be with us and always see us through if we trust Him. We will continue looking at ways God builds our faith next time.

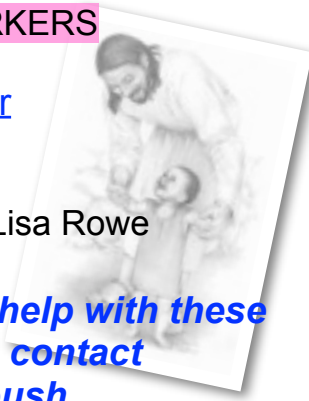
I'm excited that Doug Shamblin has joined our staff as the new Children's Director. Doug has a lot of ministry experience with children which includes some time right out of college as a Youth Minister, Deaning several different age weeks of camp (including First Chance and Day camps for younger ages), VBS and helping with the Fellowship of Christian Students for several years. Not to mention all the experience he's gleaned from his years as a preaching minister. So I encourage you to pray for Doug and help him as he gets acquainted with Middleport and our children.

BLOCK PARTY, did someone say Block Party on Sept. 12? That's right, we're having another Block Party on Sunday, Sept. 12 so plan to be here and invite some friends. Al

NURSERY WORKERS

September

Worship I: Michelle Harris
 Sunday School: Cathy Crow
 Worship II: Amber Hopkins & Lisa Rowe



If God is leading you to help with these little ones please contact Stephanie Roush.

Don't forget – there will not be any Great Food for All boxes in September.

Kids Kount 2!

Back to School time! (I hear a lot of cheers out there.) We're all getting back in our routines of going to school. Trying to figure out what we are supposed to be doing in our classes.

It also happens at Kid Zone as well. I am looking forward to starting a new year with you in Kid Zone. We will continue to have fun learning about Jesus and how we can follow him.

So we can get to know each other, for the next few months, a question will be in the newsletter that you can answer to find out more about me. Today's question is: ***What is Doug's middle name?*** Here's a hint: It has three letters and begins with an "R" The first person in each Kid Zone Sunday morning service with the right answer will receive a prize.

See you in the Zone! Doug: ☺

Fall Volleyball League

This Sunday, August 29th, is the last day to sign up for the fall volleyball league. Sign up on the bulletin board. Games will be on Thursday evenings again and will begin on September 2nd. If you have any questions contact Phil Schwab at 304-588-1300.

Baby Shower

The ladies are invited to a baby shower for Sophia, Dave & Carrie (Hartson) Alvarado on Monday, September 13th, at 7:00pm. This will be in the Family Life Center. Sophia needs size 6-9 mo. clothes and baby toys. They do have Walmart in Orlando so Walmart gift cards are also good. Please RSVP to Cathy Erwin at 992-6759 or 416-7860 so they will know how many to plan for. Sophia will be there!



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Women's Retreat

Ladies, register now for the annual Women's Retreat at the camp is Friday & Saturday, Sept. 17 & 18. The theme is "Prescription for a New You" and the speaker will be Julie Gariss, aka "Gladys Frump". Details & registration forms are on the bulletin board. Early registration deadline is Sept. 5th. Cost is \$23 for both days or \$15 for one day (after 9/5 cost goes up \$2). They have lots of special things planned including a health fair on Friday evening.

Also, they want to recognize all ladies in the camp supporting churches who work in the medical field. If you do, please write your name and profession on the list on the bulletin board (even if you aren't planning to attend).

Help Ohio Valley Christian Assembly

Don't forget that the Bob Evans Community Fun Night to support the purchase of playground equipment at the camp is Sunday evening, August 29th, 4:30pm-8:30pm. Bob Evans will donate 15% of your bill to OVCA. You must have a coupon (these will be in the bulletin this Sunday).

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Mowing

Aug. 29 – S. Johnston

Sept. 5– HELP NEEDED Sept. 12 – Tom Cooper



We still have a few weeks left to mow. If you would be willing to do this one week please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway right by the sanctuary doors.

Softball Schedule

Aug. 28: MCC#1 – 4pm

MCC#2 – 7pm

Sept. 4: MCC#1 – bye

MCC#2 – 1pm

Sept. 11: MCC#1 – 1pm

MCC#2 – 5:30pm

Games are on the ball fields in Syracuse by the pool

We spend our time going to church, but God desires us to become the church. It is not a place; it is a people. We are to live to pierce the darkness, to bring about a transformation of everything we come in contact with because we have been undeniably set free by the love of Jesus.