

In the **KNOW**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND FIRST?

- There is a **PRAYER TIME 15 minutes before the morning service in the Pastor's Study.** These prayer times help create an atmosphere of expectancy.
- **GET in COMMUNITY!** Small group discipleship takes place on-site each Sunday (even during the summer) at 9:45 AM. These life-sharing and learning environments are Bible based and explore topics for personal and spiritual growth each week.
- **ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Men's Bible Study** starts Tuesday night, July 26 @ 6:00 in Tim Sergent's home.
- **N.O.W. (Night of Worship) on July 31.** Great music and a wonderful time of sharing is planned.
- **25th Anniversary Vows Renewal and Reception for Doug & Bev Grace,** Saturday, August 6 from 2:00-6:00pm. Music starts at 2:00 in the sanctuary. Reception in the fellowship hall.
- **Cookout & Games @ the new property,** August 13, 4:00 - 6:00pm.
- **FALL REVIVAL...Mark your calendar, September 11-14 with David Gallimore & the Grays.**

Generosity Gauge for July 17

Tithe Giving	\$9,556.27
Faith Promise (Missions)	768.00
Building Fund	120.00
Sunday School	70.50
Deputation (Sunbergs)	1,136.17

PRAYER is a priority

OUR WORLD

Local, state, national and world leaders including the President, his advisors, and others in authority
 Those serving in the military, including chaplains
 Jay & Teanna Sunberg, LINKS missionaries serving in Bulgaria
 The Persecuted Church!
 Those affected by political unrest and natural disasters here and around the world
 Filimao Chambo, African Regional Director

OUR CHURCH

The Pastoral Staff, Leadership Team, & Sunday School Teachers
 Outreach and discipling efforts to reach the needy and develop Christlike followers
 12 new families, 25 conversions to Christ, 5 more tithers this year
 Dr. David Graves, G.S.; Rev. Harold Berrian, D.S.; and Zone churches and pastors including Rev. Steve Lewis and Richmond First
 Nate Berrian, volunteer in Peru
 District Family Camp, July 18-24

OUR PEOPLE

Health Concerns:
 Mike Gonzalez, Debbie Meadows, Jean Ward, Sally Sexton

Shut-ins: Corrine Bullock, Rena Davidson, Virgil & Nelle Dickison, Pauline Fannin, Verna Felty, Edith Gray, Cecil Lilly, Arnold Litteral, Mary Metz, Candice Rice, Myra Speaks, Lucille Tackett

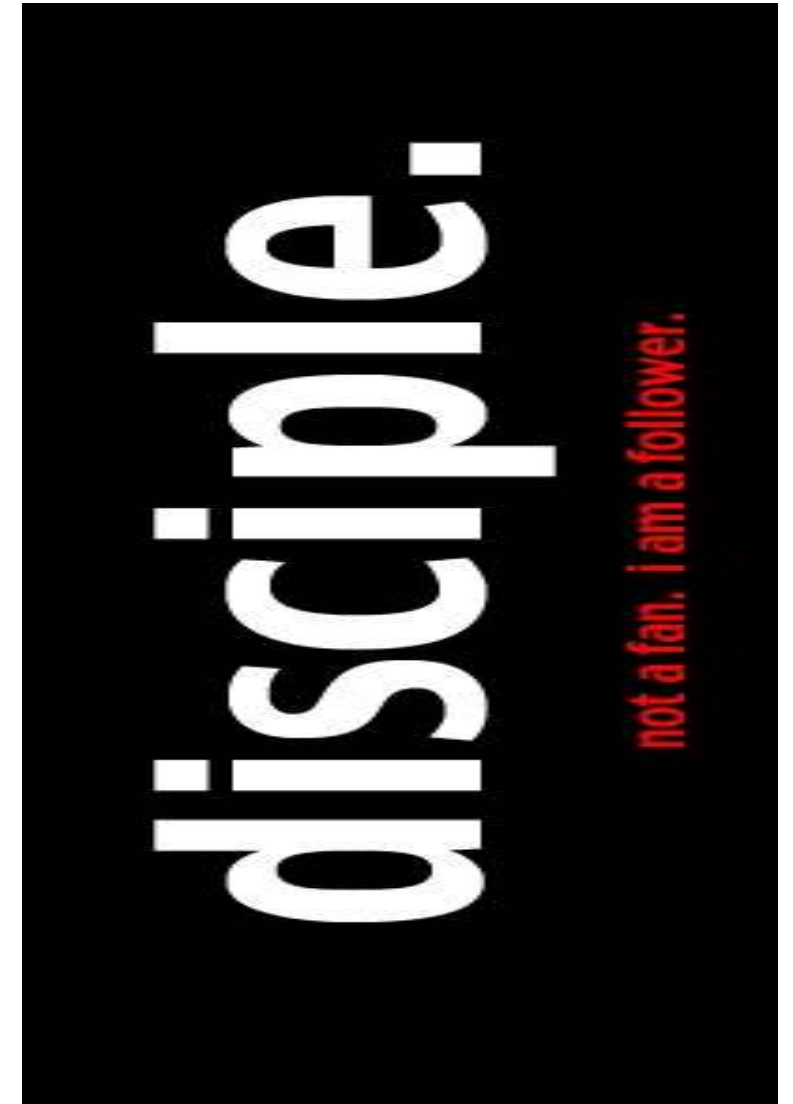
OUR PASTORS

Dr. Steve Ruby—Lead Pastor
Andrea Covert—Worship Arts
Jerrold Covert—Youth & Families
Paula Sergent—Discipleship & Assimilation
Curt Skeens—Teaching

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The Program

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FIRST

time here? OR SECOND, OR THIRD OR TENTH.....

Welcome

We are really glad you came today! We know everyone is at different places in their spiritual journey and do not automatically assume you know who God is, but this is one place where we think you can come to understand Him better and get to know the real Jesus, who wants you to experience His love. We won't ask you to wear a nametag or make a speech, but we are so happy you are here!!

HILLS we die on... We are committed to GROWTH.

The expectation is that everyone will demonstrate a desire to grow in their faith and as a result be more like Jesus. In order to grow it is necessary to be pushed out of our comfort levels. Safe doesn't mean comfortable.

We are kid and family friendly

Your kids will **LOVE** this...

kids' first ministries is designed for ALL kids regardless of personality, energy level or special needs. We are anxious to have your child in a place where they can meet learn about GOD, and we are sure you are as well. Our children's ministry area is safe and secure, too. We care about what you care about.

Evening Service @ 3:00pm at Mt. Hope Camp.

The bus and van will be available for transportation, leaving at 1:30pm from the church parking lot.

grow up *

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS are a great opportunity to develop your faith while you deepen your sense of community with others who are pursuing similar goals. Check it out each week at 7:00pm.

Talk Notes

"I'm Dead, but I'm Dying"

Luke 9.23

True Blue Fans!

Whenever Jesus wanted to see whether a person was a fan or a follower, He tested their _____.

Luke 14.33

Jesus issues an open and all-inclusive invitation in

Luke 9.23

I. It Requires _____.

"take"

"Yes, Lord, Yes!"

II. It Involves _____ & _____

What is it costing you to follow Jesus?

What would happen if...

Thomas a Kempis said, "Jesus has many who love His kingdom in heaven, but few who bear His cross. Many who desire comfort, but few who desire suffering. He finds many to share His feasts, but few to share in His fasting. All are willing to rejoice with Him, but few willing to suffer for His sake."

Flexatarians

"I like Jesus, but..."

III. It Demands _____.

This defines commitment!

"Unchristian"

How do you move from a fan to a follower?

2 Chronicles 16.9