



Email Newsletter for July 12 - 25, 2010

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Sympathy

Westminster extends sincere sympathy to:

Ruston Eads in the death of his grandmother, Lee Steele, on June 24, 2010.

Westminster Calendar

Monday, July 12

9:30 a.m. Middle School Missions

5:30 p.m. Men's Recreational Basketball

7:00 p.m. [Theology Reading Group](#)

Tuesday, July 13

9:30 a.m. Middle School Missions

11:30 a.m. [Senior Highs](#)

Wednesday, July 14

9:30 a.m. Middle School Missions

10:00 a.m. Preschool Fun Day - Sports Day

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 15

9:30 a.m. Middle School Missions

Dear Wendy,

The trip to and from Barahona, Dominican Republic, is never fun. After an early (3:00 a.m.) bus ride and two plane rides, 48 youth and advisors arrived at Santo Domingo where we took a five-hour ride on a bus with little air conditioning to Barahona.

Our return trip seemed even longer. Arriving at the Santo Domingo airport by 10:30 a.m. should have ensured easy travel, but bad weather caused flight delays, causing us to get home after 4:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

Long and boring, right? The travel may have been, but in between, God was able to use us to reach out to some of the poorest people in the world. We taught Vacation Bible School to 300 children, poured 10 cement floors for families in the Batays, painted the church pew benches, and even did a little plumbing.

But this trip wasn't about what we could accomplish. It was about what God could accomplish in us during the week. Our hope is that this trip allowed God to open the eyes of our young people to the needs around them and to help them see that, with God's help, they can make a difference in this world. But there is more that happens on these mission trips. I know it sounds cliché, but we return having received more than we gave.

The people of the Dominican may be some of the poorest financially, but they are some of the wealthiest spiritually. We go to work side-by-side with them, offering what we can to try to make their lives "better." In return, they constantly remind us what it means to place our faith, trust, and hope in our Heavenly Father who watches over us, cares for us, and loves us.

Steve Phillips

6:30 p.m. [ChristCare](#) Hiking Group

Friday, July 16

9:30 a.m. Middle School Missions

Saturday, July 17

10:00 a.m. [Gittings Ministry](#)

Sunday, July 18

9:00 a.m. Membership Committee

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Monday, July 19

3:00 - 7:30 p.m. [Blood Drive](#)

5:30 p.m. Men's Recreational
Basketball

**Tuesday, July 20-
Saturday, July 24**

Youth Triennium

Tuesday, July 20

11:30 a.m. [Senior Highs](#)

Wednesday, July 21

10:00 a.m. Preschool Fun Day
- God's Creation Day

11:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

12:00 p.m. [ChristCare](#) Luncheon
Group

6:15 p.m. [ChristCare](#) Parenting
Group

6:30 p.m. [ChristCare](#) Knitting Group

Thursday, July 22

5:30 p.m. [Stephen Ministry](#) Meal

6:00 p.m. [Stephen Ministry](#) Leaders

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers

Saturday, July 24

8:30 a.m. [ChristCare](#) Hiking Group



**Sunday, July 25-
Saturday, July 31**

Montreat Youth Conference

Sunday, July 25

8:00 a.m. Witness and Service

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

6:30 p.m. [ChristCare](#) Bible Study
Group

Newsletter Deadline

If you have an announcement for the Monday, July 26 newsletter, submissions are due in to [Wendy Waldrop](#) on or before Tuesday, July 20.

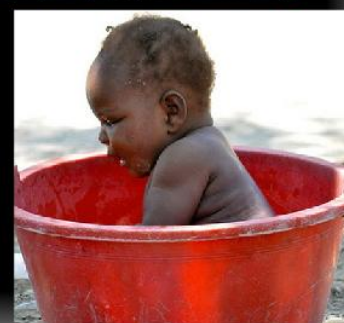
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Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Psalms 34:11



Youth Groups

Senior Highs will meet in the Senior High Room on Tuesdays, July 13 and 20, for lunch and Bible study from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We will not meet July 27. If you are going to Montreat, you should have received a letter, detailing everything you will need for the trip. If you have any questions, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

Junior Highs will meet in the main parking lot each day (July 12-16) at 9:30 a.m. for Middle School Missions. Those who completed 5th - 7th grades this year are invited to join us as we work with Pleasant Valley, Samaritan House, Diligent Hands Gracious Hearts, and our own preschoolers during Preschool Days. We will return to the church for lunch and gym time. Bring \$5 each day for lunch. Parents need to pick youth up at 2:00 p.m. We will end the week by going to see the movie *Despicable Me*. If you have any questions, contact [Steve Phillips](#).

Adult Groups

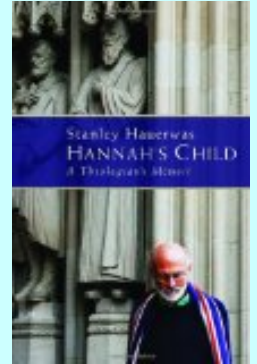
The Theology Reading Group will meet Monday, July 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Charter Room. Ann Hicks will lead the discussion of the novel *The #1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. All are welcome.

Connections, an adult fellowship group for couples and singles, will meet at Marybeth's Restaurant (500 E. McBee Ave.) after the morning worship service on July 18. Make your reservation by Saturday, July 17 by contacting [Mary Ann Cox](#).

Library Resource

Hannah's Child: A Theologian's Memoir by Stanley Hauerwas.

Named by Time magazine in 2001 as the "best theologian in America," Duke University's Stanley Hauerwas gives a frank account of his own life interwoven with the development of his thought. He describes his intellectual struggles with faith, how he has dealt with the complex reality of marriage to a mentally ill partner, and the gift of friendships that have influenced his character. See the [WPC catalog](#) for links to recent print, audio, and video author interviews about the book.



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