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*A Word from Woody...*

*"My MFuge Journal Jottings"*

Greetings from Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee! It is a joy to be able to share with you our experiences on this year's MFuge youth mission trip. Our group on this year's trip may have been small—Kaylor Grimm and Elena and I-- but by God's grace our impact for the gospel has been significant. Here's what happened. . .

Monday, July 18: We leave from church a little before 7:00 AM, and all except the driver (me!) settle in their seats for a nice morning nap. We have a wonderful lunch at Arby's in Birmingham, Alabama, and arrive in Nashville in time for a quick check-in and get settled in our dorm rooms on campus. This year we have the unexpected pleasure where each of us has his or her own room with an attached bathroom—which means no sharing of our showers. Yay! After supper we enjoy a good worship service. Our preacher for this week is Nashville pastor Aaron Schwarz, who is very effective. He shared how he did not grow up in a Christian home, and he came to Christ as a senior in high school. We next go to a special room for our church group to share and "unpack" the day, and then go to our rooms. The bed has rarely felt so good!

Tuesday, July 19: All three of us are in the same mission small group—or "track group" as they call it here—and this is a great blessing. We are in social ministry, and we leave for our mission sites around 10:15 AM after a good breakfast, worship service, and devotional time. Our first site is at a senior assisted living center where we break out into different tables where seniors are sitting and we play Bingo with them. Elena manages to win in a round of Bingo and gets to pick a piece of Hershey's chocolate out of a basket as a reward. I later got one side of my card filled out and shout, "Bingo!" fully expecting the victory basket of chocolate would be coming my way, only to be told I missed the announcement that we changed to rules to winners must get a blackout of our Bingo card to win. Ugh! Kaylor takes great pleasure in "gently" reminding me the rest of the day of my failed shout of "Bingo!" After lunch we visit Sevier Park and do a prayer walk around it.

Wednesday, June 20: Our track group visited a senior rec facility, and Kaylor, Elena, and I fan out to visit with

those in the facility who were doing puzzles and playing board games. Later we visited a living facility for those with physical impairments—both mental and physical. We spent about an hour and a half talking with the residents and befriending them. This night we have a free night until worship at 8:15 PM, so we visit Kaylor's Aunt Amy (Debby Grimm's sister) and Uncle Paul and their three children, who graciously provided us a delicious grilled hamburger supper topped off with chocolate chip cookies—yummy! At worship tonight the pastor shared from John 5 where Jesus healed a lame man on the sabbath day. He pointed out that the lame man had his own plans on how to get healed—have someone place him into the pool when the water is stirred up—but



Jesus had other ideas, like simply telling him to stand up, take up his mat, and walk! The service ended with people standing who wanted to repent of something in their lives—neat service.

Thursday, June 21: Today helped at a non-profit café called Divine Art Academy which serves as a ministry to struggling youth. We helped making flower decorations to use to support the ministry.

We had a great evening of worship where we prayed for ministry in eastern Asia.

Friday, June 22: Our last full day at MFuge—hard to believe! We travel to Franklin First UMC and pull weeds from their community garden so their sweet potatoes and peas can grow unhindered. At the evening worship service the camp pastor preached on Philippians 2:1-11 with Paul's emphasis on seeing others as better than ourselves and looking to the needs of others, with Jesus' supreme example in His cross and resurrection—great message.

Saturday, June 23: After small groups and worship, we leave Nashville at 10:45 AM and arrive in Franklin just in time for lunch with Aunt Amy and Uncle Paul and kids for a delicious lunch at Steak and Shake! From there we travel to Mississippi where we had a wonderful supper at Taco Bell topped off with a Dairy Queen dessert, and arrive home at about 9:00 PM.

Thank you for your prayers for this trip. Kaylor is growing into a faithful, godly Christian woman, and it was an honor for me and Elena to serve Christ alongside her. Now that we are back we want to continue the acts of service in Christ's name here in New Orleans!

Yours in Christ,

*Woody*

# Youth Corner

## Great time at mFuge

We had a wonderful time on our MFuge youth mission trip last month! Kaylor Grimm, Elena Hingle, and Pastor Woody Hingle all participated in social ministries, and God taught us a lot about service to others in His name. For more on the trip please Pastor Woody's *Word from Woody* article on p. 1. This month we have the great privilege of helping with Vacation Bible School (VBS). Yay! We all play an important role in helping children grow in their understanding of Jesus and what it means to be a Christian. Let's pray we can help lead some children to Christ! VBS will be Monday-Friday, July 23-27 from 6:00-8:30 PM, with the VBS Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>.



## Church Family Night

Church Family Night will break for the summer, and will meet back on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at Church

You are encouraged to put on your calendars our July 4<sup>th</sup> potluck/game day celebration in our Fellowship Hall from 12:00 Noon-6:30 PM. Please plan to bring a casserole, salad, or dessert to share, your favorite soft drink, and your favorite game (scrabble, cards, group games, etc). Feel free to also invite your friends, neighbors, or family members.

## VBS Is Here!

Vacation Bible School will be on July 23-27 from 6:00-8:30 PM. We will hold a Vacation Bible School set-up time on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00- noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our VBS program is called "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus" (published by Group), which focuses on Jesus' delivering power in our lives. Please keep VBS in your prayers—and please be involved with VBS as much as you can!

## Vacation Bible School Celebration Luncheon

Come and celebrate with us the end of Vacation Bible School! We will have the children perform during the morning worship service, and then after worship we will enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and food at our luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Robin Goldsmith will head up the luncheon, so please be in touch with her about how you can contribute to the luncheon.

## ← MFuge Memories

## A Counter-Protest that Matters:

On the morning of June 28<sup>th</sup> members of the Westboro Baptist Church staged a protest of Loyola University. In the course of the protest they used inflammatory and insulting language, saying such things as God hates homosexuals. They have been well-known for such messages for years. The biblical message is that God loves all people, regardless of their behavior, but He does not affirm all behavior, such as same-sex marriage. Thus a counter-protest was formed to counter their message. Dr. Debby Grimm, Wayne Smith, and Pastor Woody Hingle joined this counter protest. Laura



Debby, Wayne and Woody showing Christian love.

Smith deftly designed signs with the perfect message, "Real Christians speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15).

## Come Sing in the Choir

Choir practice continues to meet at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings with our Music Director Leonardo Santos and Worship Leader Randy Roberts. For more information please contact the Church Office.

## Kevin Brown Preaches!

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Brown, formerly director of Trinity Christian Community and currently a professor at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will bring the message on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. You will not want to miss the blessing from hearing him preach!

## Prayer Focus

- ✝ Barbara Velasquez, health
- ✝ The UMC, unity and faithfulness to the Bible and its doctrines
- ✝ Matthew Cull, surgery recovery
- ✝ Jay Goudeau, surgery recovery
- ✝ Emily Hingle returns from Thailand mission trip July 6th

## Ephesians Sermon Series

Pastor Hingle will continue the sermon series on Ephesians called "Ancient Instructions for the Modern Church". You are encouraged to read this letter in its entirety—only six chapters!—as we go through this important part of God's Word. This letter of Paul's addresses such issues as the church, spiritual gifts, and marriage and family roles.

## Finally, a Time for Guys!

We have a new adult Sunday School class which is geared for men! Pastor Woody Hingle is leading this group that meets in the Library at 9:30 AM.

## Gideons to Speak:

On Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy a brief message from a representative from the Gideons during morning worship. The Gideons will have had a great week of celebration of their ministry as they will have just had their annual gathering in New Orleans in the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The mission for Vacation Bible School will be giving toward the work of Bible distribution around the world, which the Gideons do so well.

Emily  
in  
Thailand

Happy  
Father's  
Day



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## Welcome New Member!

On Sunday May 13th Edward Payne became our newest member. We're delighted that Ed is part of our family now. He has been a great blessing to our church family for some time already, so let's be sure to let him know how much we appreciate him as a church member!



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### Skeptic's Corner:

We will be off for the month of July and next meet on Friday, August 10th at 12:00 noon and continue our discussion of Paul Copan's *Is God a Moral Monster? Making Sense of the Old Testament God*. We will discuss chapter 6 ("God's Timeless Wisdom? Incremental Steps for Hardened Hearts" as well as chapters 7-8, which both address "The Bible's Ubiquitous Weirdness? Kosher Foods, Kooky Laws?" You are invited to join us, regardless of whether you have read the chapter, and bring your lunch (the church will provide the drinks).

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## Small Group Offerings

Wednesday SONrise and Wonderful Wednesday Bible and book study will not meet in July. Watch this space for August meeting info

The S(tudy), P(ray), A(ct) Ladies have finished their spring study. The summer reading book is *Wherever the River Runs* by Kelly Minter. Kelly's honest and engaging narrative pulls back the curtain on one of the most captivating places on earth as well as on parts of the gospel we may be able to recite but have never fully believed. Books are on the book table in the Parlor. Suggested donation is \$3.00 each. We will meet three times this summer to discuss the book. All women are invited whether you have read the book or not. The first meeting will be Sunday, July 1st at 12:30 PM in the parlor.

Sunday School classes for all ages begin at 9:30 AM on Sunday mornings. Adult classes meet in the Parlor and library. Youth and children meet in the Education Building. *Please call Susan in the office (504-288-2242) if you have any questions about any of the above activities.*

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### Prayer Walk Around the Neighborhood

Prayer Walk—Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30 AM. Please join us for this wonderful ministry!

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