

# THE INSPIRATIONAL MESSENGER

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## Thoughts To Consider

I recently had the enjoyable? experience of having my gall bladder removed. As often happens, before the surgery could be done, I had to endure several tests to confirm that my symptoms indeed stemmed from a rogue gall bladder and not something else giving me the same symptoms.

As I shared with a friend at church on the Sunday before the surgery, I was ready. I said after nearly eight weeks of weakness, nausea, throwing up, diarrhea, sleepless nights, x-rays, ultrasound, "glow in the dark" nuclear medicine, blood tests and EKG's I was ready. In fact, I said, I have come to the point where I am so ready, I don't care what they remove, just as long as it fixes the problem and I could get back to feeling better. I was feeling a lot like John in that old Jerry Clower skit.

In case you aren't familiar with it it's the one about where John Eubanks, "a professional tree climber," was up one of the biggest trees in the Amite River Swamp. The object of John's climb is what is presumed to be a coon nestled among the giant sweet gum's topmost branches. As he nears his prey, Eubanks is repeatedly admonished to "Knock 'em out, John!"

Upon his arrival in the upper branches of the tree, however, the unfortunate John encounters not a coon, but a lynx. The cat proceeds to attack him, resulting in a cacophony of screams from John, screeches from the lynx, and continued encouragement from the ground in the form of "Knock 'em out, John!" John's plight is finally understood by his colleagues, and he begs them to "Shoot this thing." They reply that they are afraid to, lest they should hit John. In response, a desperate John can only plead, "Just shoot up here amongst us, one of us has got to have some relief!"

Now while I really didn't want the surgeon to just start cutting whatever was handy in an effort to alleviate my problem, I really did want him to fix me up because I, my family, and anyone who spent much time around me was really was tired of me being sick. I was so tired of being sick I was willing to endure whatever tests the doctors deemed necessary and put up with whatever discomforts and risks the surgery would bring, just to fix the problem.

Mankind is afflicted with a sickness called sin that only one physician can cure and, contrary to what a lot of so-called physicians will tell you, there is only one cure, surgical removal by the blood of Jesus Christ.

For that cure to be effective, people have to come to the same place I was in regards to my gall bladder surgery; tired enough of being sick to be ready to comply with any requirement the physician made, anything, just to get the problem corrected so I could get well. If we aren't there, we won't admit we have a problem, much less go to the physician for the cure.

After surgery, there is always a recovery time, and it is different for each patient. I've been blessed, I have been surrounded by the prayers and offers of help from many, for which I am grateful. We need to surround those who come to the Lord for surgery with our prayers, love and help as well. ...*Pastor Charlie*

**Everyone one is invited** to come for **Good Food and Fellowship!** Club Potluck is August 13 at 12:00 noon at the Avoca Community Building next to the church.

**REMEMBER! REMEMBER! REMEMBER!**  
**Club Potluck is the 2nd Wednesday of every month.**

**Church prayer day for July was canceled due to sickness and August is still in the planning stage. Keep praying and stay tuned for more details.**

## Church Service Times

Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

Thursday 7:00 PM

# THE ANCHOR

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## Prayer List

James 5:14-16



### Remember to pray for the lost.

Jerry Reed Grace Smith Carolyn Rounds Pastor Charlie  
Earl Boen Jennie Munson Pat Holopof Francis  
Please remember to pray for the Pastors and Christians in  
the Congo. Pick up a Euro Up-date from one of the tables  
for the latest on the ministries we support in Africa and  
their prayer needs. Also remember to pick up a weekly  
Voice of the Martyrs prayer list and pray for their requests.  
**Hebrews 13:3 2 Thessalonians 3:1**

**Bring Canned Goods** Please bless others by bringing non-  
perishable items like canned food, toilet  
paper, etc. for our charity outreaches. If  
anyone knows of a family that could use  
help, contact Pastor, Deacon Nick Landowski or Deacon  
Wesley Wilkerson for information. **Proverbs 22:9, 28:27**  
We are currently sending all items over what is needed to  
help those brought to our attention to local ministries like  
the Salvation Army to help feed those in need.



Please note teaching materials used in our  
adult Classes are available to everyone &  
are on the tables or wall racks where all  
materials are. Can't find the materials  
you are looking for? See Pastor or Kerry  
Newman for help.

## WANTED

Your News  
Your Input  
Your Articles  
Your Prayer Requests

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Email: [Pastor@PastorCharlie.net](mailto:Pastor@PastorCharlie.net)

## Announcements

Due to sickness (mine) and a hard drive crash on Nick's  
computer, we are combining the July and August  
newsletters. The accounting below is for July, if anyone  
needs the June figures, contact Nick to schedule a time  
to get the figures later. .... *Pastor Charlie*

## Birthdays And Anniversaries

**July Birthdays:** Timothy Birchfield  
Knikki Newman Triston Newman

**July Anniversaries:** Brian and Stephanie Birchfield

**August Birthdays:** Samuel Wilkerson  
Pastor Charlie Newman

If you would like for your birthday or  
anniversary to be listed in our church  
newsletter, give them to Pastor Charlie or his  
wife Diana

## Accounting For July 2008

**Starting Balance: 2,531.99**

Category	Amount	Balance
Church Cleaning	50.00	2,481.99
Lawn Care	200.00	2,281.99
Water & Sewer	26.29	2,255.70
Electric	25.41	2,230.29
Gas	26.57	2,203.72
<b>Income</b>	<b>1,385.00</b>	<b>3,588.72</b>
Cookson Hills	150.00	3,438.72
Adult Dev Center	100.00	3,338.72
Congo Ministries	100.00	3,238.72
Help Individual w/ Electric	98.00	3,140.72

Ending Totals: 776.27 3,140.72