

THE BOND

SEPTEMBER 2015

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORRIS RELIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP
AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL COMMUNITY CHURCH

*"In things agreed upon unity,
In other things liberty,
In all things the will to be one."*

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MORNING WORSHIP

9:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Good Start Breakfast-September 13

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Is summer over? That time of year when nature holds its breath, humming and slow-dancing all the way to cooler nights, meteor showers and gorgeous moons. September flows from August's molting, fresh and

alive with new purpose and intentions. Ready to shed itself of crusty leaves and brown grass. Anxious to move on and breathe in the starlight and brazen light of dawn. Cicada's ask us, "Where have you been? What have you been doing? Did you miss it?" Everything is moving towards a conclusion.

For the past several months, here in church as part of our worship, we have explored the Holy Spirit, the teachings of Paul, the Parables and the Kingdom of God. These are all part of our history, experience and faith. They work together as a whole and they are never over or fully behind us. Like leaves on the forest floor, they become part of the ground of our growth and being; nurturing and nourishing us.

As we enter into the next season of our life, whatever that might be for each of us individually, we need to ask where we have been and what we have been doing. I truly hope we haven't missed that which we should have gotten, because it is all preparation for where we are now and where we are going. So the question for the fall is, where are we going and what will we be doing? Don't miss it, because rarely, will the moment come again.

-Keith

Remembering to pray for each other

It was suggested that, as a congregation, we should intentionally be prayers for each other. A simple way to do this is through a Birthday Prayer Calendar that will be posted in the weekly bulletin and in the newsletter.

Let us be mindful to pray for each other, especially on our birthdays

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Greyson Wilson	01	Vivian Sadler	07	Louna Koeut	10
Arnie Cohn	10	Amy Bakaletz	12	Jean Jackson	12
Jacob Pierce	13	Bob Gregory	16	Jim Miller	18
Becky Hietala	19	Bill Cook	20	Matthew Borgers	21
Hannah Haverkamp	23	Dara Koeut	26	Melissa Romer	27
Emily Haverkamp	29				

If you notice your birthday (or someone else's) is not posted either in the newsletter or the weekly bulletin, please notify Donna in the office.

Stewardship and Prayer Cards

Our commitment and relationship to the church is in the form of "Prayer Cards" that you can use to indicate how you hope to share with the church: *Prayers, Presence, Service, and Giving*. Please be prayerful and take some time in deciding how you will share this year. Just place your prayer card (no need to sign) in the offering plate. All of these shares are an intention between you and God.

Prayer Cards can be found on the prayer table and in the narthex.

Prayer Group ministry for church & community

A Prayer Group of Fellowship members and friends is committed to praying daily for people and the needs of the church, the community, our country and our world.

The weekly daily prayer schedule is as follows: *Monday*-Rev. Keith Haverkamp; *Tuesday*-the NRF Executive Committee; *Wednesday*-NRF Congregation & Frits' Youth Ministry in Norris; *Thursday*-the Unchurched; *Friday*-the Church-at-large; *Saturday*-Peace; and *Sunday*-People in need in our community.

If you are interested in participating please contact *Jerry Crossno* at 202-5628.

**Deadline is SEPTEMBER 28 to submit to the office all info
for OCTOBER newsletter THE BOND**

We are disciples of Christ.
We sit at the knee...we learn...we follow.

SUMMER VACATION OVER!

Regular church schedule resumes



IN HONOR OF LABOR DAY WEEKEND ...

We have pushed back the date of our...

Good Start Breakfast to 9/13, at 9 a.m.

Get a start on our Fall Season with a marvelous breakfast and terrific friends!

We will also begin Sunday school on 9/13 after breakfast. Our topic of study this fall will be *Stories of Children in the Bible/Stories of Modern Children*. The first 3-week module will be the Story of Moses & the Stories of Modern Day Refugee Children. If you'd like assist please call the church office (494-7131)



Weekly Bible Studies to begin -9/ 8 & 9/9

Join us for study, discussion, reflection, prayer and fellowship at our two weekly Bible Studies led by Rev. Haverkamp. The study groups meet at two different times, both in Keith's Study - Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. and Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m. Hopefully one of these times might be convenient for you.



Prayer Shawl Ministry - 9/17

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursday, September 17 at 7 pm, at the home of Jean McEleney. Bring finished shawls to dedicate and projects in process to work on. New knitters or crocheters are always welcome . - Susan Miller



Women's Study Group will meet 9/21

The Women's Study Group will discuss chapters 4-7 of our book, Finding God in Unexpected Places by Philip Yancey. It is an old book and many used books are available on Amazon.com or perhaps used book stores. We will meet on Monday, September 21 at 5:30 pm at the home of Cynthia Colborn. We always have a light potluck supper followed by discussion led by a member of the group. Newcomers always welcome. For more info, call Susan Miller, 719-2742

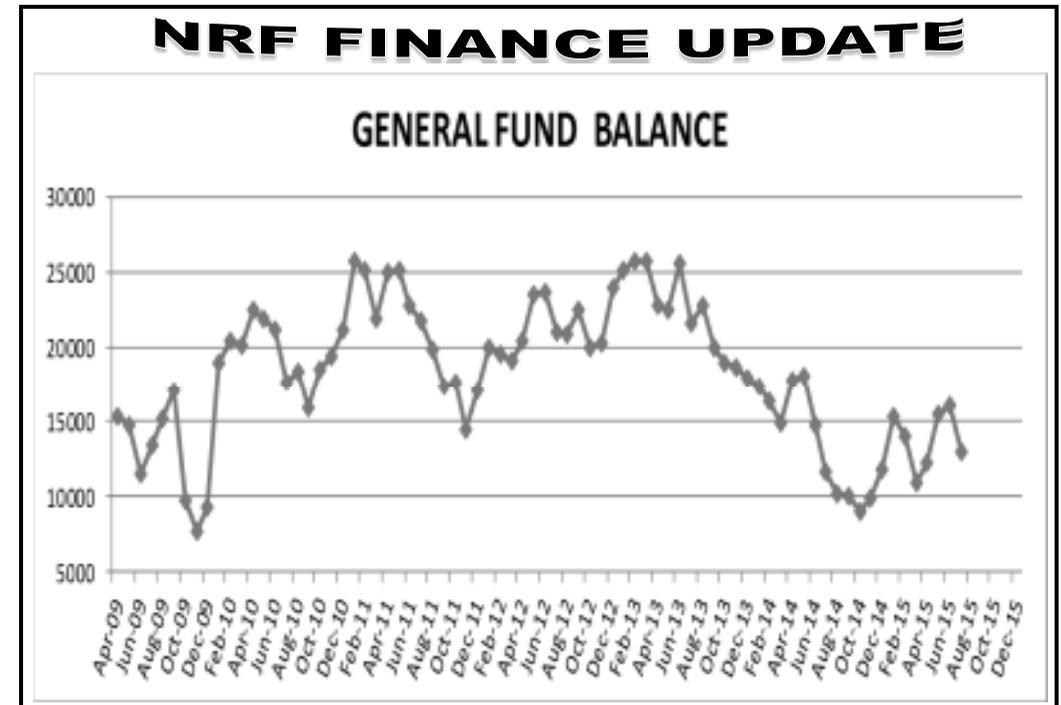
We reach out.

We spread the good news...
We tell our story to others.

Pastor Search Committee receiving & reviewing applications for new pastor

The search committee is in the process of receiving applications for a new pastor. We have advertised at seminaries, the ICCC website, Christian Century publication and word of mouth. We have received inquiries from across the country as well as from Ethiopia.

The committee wishes to thank all who participated in the chat sessions and surveys. We feel like we have a good strong "pulse of the community" to guide us in our search. If you have questions or wish to discuss anything/share info, please contact one of the committee members: *Susan Miller, Jocelyn Borgers, Ed McEleney, Jennifer Moore, York Haverkamp, Amy Bakaletz & Steve Bohanan.*



Men of Integrity Devotional & Other Reading Materials
FREELY AVAILABLE in Narthex

**We are ministers.
We shepherd...we tend the flock.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

All members of the congregation are welcome to attend the Executive Committee Meetings held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in Keith's Study.

To address the Committee, please submit your agenda to the chairman. Your ideas will be presented at the beginning of the meeting. Agendas & minutes are posted on the Fellowship Hall Bulletin Board. Questions/concerns, please see any Executive Committee member.

Next meeting: 7 PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

HIGHLIGHTS OF AUGUST MTG: 1) Treasurer Joe Mawhinney explained that the NRF had a rough July financially coming in \$3,000 plus under budget. This is fairly significant since every other month has been very close to budget. The net loss for the month doesn't look as bad as it shows expenses were \$2130.87 under budget. Unfortunately, the bulk of that is ICCC expenses which haven't been paid out yet (waiting on receipts from lay members and most of minister expenses will be paid next month on the credit card bill). Fishnet took a big plunge in July as well with only two fish caught. Expenses are not out of line but it was just a disappointing month. Youth Group has a good, healthy balance. Rev. Keith Haverkamp stated that Rev. Frits Haverkamp pays for Youth Group kids to eat out once a week.; 2) Rev. Haverkamp explained that three lay persons and he attended the ICCC conference and it was fantastic; 3) Only 20 people attended the NRF Ice Cream Social and there were only a couple of ice creams provided. He suggested having future Ice Cream Socials after dinner on a Wed. night and not at 5 p.m. on a Sunday.; 4) Jim Miller will be called to replace the compressor. Tom Post will speak at church on Sunday regarding needs for the Building Fund: basement floor, compressor, etc.; 5) Tom Post stated that leasing is the way to go on a copy machine. We will get a copier which scans, prints double sided, prints color, prints 30 pages/minute and sends faxes. It's \$92/month to lease. Joe Mawhinney said that Thermocopy is a good company. Executive Committee moved for a lease with Thermocopy.

Nominating Committee presents candidates for approval for Executive Committee

2015 Nominating Committee announces the following candidates to be considered for membership of the NRF Executive Committee:

Jane Stribling (2016), *Jerry Crossno* (2016),
Joe Mawhinney (Treasurer, 2016) ; Interim appointment, Ass't Treasurer, Todd Nelson (2015)

Thank you for serving: Meryl Pierce, Tom Post & Chris Moore as well as Bob Tapp, ass't treasurer.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND ELECTION
AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY, 9/27/14**

We are the hands of God...
reaching into the world offering gifts
of love and sharing God's grace.



**Seniors & Friends
Community
Soup Supper
RESUMES
Wednesday, 9/9**

5:30 pm, in the NRF Fellowship Hall.
Come and bring your friends.
Supper includes: Soup, Salad, Bread,
Dessert, & Drinks.
Suggested donation is \$3



**Men & Women
Breakfast Groups
meet Monthly**

*Join us for good food,
conversation, & fellowship!*

Men's & Women's Breakfast Groups are held 1st Sundays monthly, meeting 9:00 a.m. at Golden Girls Restaurant.
NEXT BREAKFAST-9/6

**ALSO... Join us 9/13 at GOOD START
BREAKFAST in the NRF Fellowship Hall.**



Food Pantry Notes
Next Food Pantry,
Thursday, 9/24

Open for two Sessions
Norris Area A: 9-10:30 a.m.
Lake City Area B: 12-2 p.m.

September Gifts - Household Cleaners
Thank you very much for your support!



Get the Word...
NRF MESSAGE BOARD &
KEITH'S MORNING
PRAYER

To Sign Up...

GO TO CHURCH WEBSITE:
norrisrf.org

CLICK ON MULTIMEDIA and
then EMAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS, or
contact church office.

We are ALSO on Facebook.com.
Please visit & share our page!

About our Fishnet ministry...

The Finance Committee has instituted a new program, called, "*Catching Fish for Ministry*". A fish net with paper fish is in the narthex. On each fish is written a money figure and a corresponding church ministry or need. For instance, a fish might say, Religious Education One Month, \$30.00, or Light Bulbs, \$10.00, or any of a number of options. This is an invitation to you for "*second river fishing*", over and above regular contributions, that is specific and fits your ministry thoughts and desires. Simply, take out a fish and place it in an envelope with your donation and name. That's it.

We fellowship.

We are worthy of our name...

We are companions on a common path.



Women's Fellowship News:

For those of you who missed our meeting on August 16th, I thought I would fill you in.

- We did vote in the budget with few changes from last year.
- We did increase the Good Neighbors amount because they are in need of more donations.
- Clothing Sale - I had thought the renovations to the basement have pretty much killed the hopes of having a clothing sale which made me sad. BUT WAIT I had an epiphany! I thought there is no reason we couldn't add clothing to the fall Bazaar. We could put some racks outside and sell everything for \$1a piece. That adds up fast with clothing. The outside area is sort of like a yard sale anyway and that might pull people out there that otherwise might skip it. If we don't spend too much time sorting I don't think it would add too much more work. Let me know your thoughts on that. Off the top of my head, for the bazaar, I can remember that we need people to head up toys, jewelry, food booth, collect for the auction and Pat needs help with crafts. I am sure I forgot a thing or two so count on many follow up messages about the bazaar. Bring your donations to the shed at the church and I will take care of the rest. Bring it all men's, women's, kid's, shoes, what ever you want rid of. WE CAN MAKE IT WORK!!
- We still need some one or perhaps some two to take the plant sale, but that isn't pressing just yet.

Submitted by Rachel Vann, President

INPUT ASKED FOR TO UPDATE OUR PLAYROOMS & PLAYGROUND AREA

There has been a strong suggestion and offer by Betty Lovell to upgrade and renovate our church playground to be safer and more kid friendly. Betty Lovell would like to donate \$500 to construct a pathway for children to run on by the play area. Discussion followed regarding the benefits of mulch or rubber mulch. Jane Stribling will contact Kathy Decker re: making a winding path children can run on. Some other suggestions include: adding a Teeter totter, Balance beam, Smaller swing set; the whole Playground needs replacing. The Boy Scouts have been asked if there are any scouts looking for an Eagle or Service project to complete. What do you think?

Do you have suggestions? If you do please see any member of the Executive Committee. For a list of items and/or ways needed to improve our playrooms, please see chair, Meryl Pierce.

We worship...

We use our talents to praise and honor...

We raise a joyful noise!

New year begins with Good Start Breakfast

Join us Sunday 9/13 at 9 a.m. for our Annual **GOOD START BREAKFAST** to kick off the new church year and return of Sunday school & many other educational, social activities. Let's get together to eat a delicious breakfast & visit followed by our first Sunday school lesson - The Story of Moses. Our topic of study this fall will be *Stories of Children in the Bible/Stories of Modern Children*.

Thank you to Members & Friends who shared special music

Our Summer Music Program is winding down. Thank you to our August volunteers: Liza Jane Alexander & Steve Cottrell, Tracy Crouch Hubbs, Chip Bailey & Kasey Moore.

Music volunteers are needed for 9/6 & 13.

Choir Practice resumes 9/20, 10 a.m., in the Sanctuary. All singers welcome

Altar Flowers

WOULD YOU LIKE TO
PROVIDE FLOWERS
FOR WORSHIP?



Please volunteer & sign the flower chart posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

You may designate your donation in memory of/in honor of someone.

Coordinator is Lee Borgers.

WHAT IS OUR PRAYER TABLE?

The Prayer Table gives us the opportunity to sign a card with a note remembering someone who is in special need of prayer. We also put our offering plates on the Prayer Table because our gifts to God are prayerful offerings.

The Prayer Table is located in the back of the church.



Our Prayers for the Month

**Ben Hill * Janis Julian * Sue Bohanan * Betty Lovell *
Buddy & Sharon Rogers * Bud & Becky Blackwell * Victims of war &
conflict, pain & suffering, storms & natural disasters.**

We extend our sympathies to Rick & Pennie Rushing on the unexpected death of Rick's brother in west TN on August 24.

We extend our sympathies to Judy Bocknek on the recent death of her husband, Gene Bocknek,

We extend our sympathies to Bill & Robin Bell on the death of Robin's mother on August 30 in west Tennessee.

Come to Soup Supper!

On Wednesday September 9 we've got a wonderful lineup for our first Soup Supper! *Pat Wilcox* and *Lee Borgers* are making soup, *Kathy Deckeris* making dessert, and ELLALYN CROSSNO is making bread.

Come join us for this delightful meal at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall!

In October we've got some wonderful offerings but after that we could use some more volunteers. Here are the volunteers we still need: in *November* - we could use one volunteer; *December* - 2 volunteers; *February* - 2 volunteers, *March* - one volunteer; *April* - 2 volunteers; and *May* - 2 volunteers. If you can help in this once monthly venture contact *Lee Borgers* (216-9229) or *Ellalyn Crossno* (494-7478).

GOOD NEIGHBORS pleased & grateful for terrific response

The response to funding Good Neighbors has been terrific from members of the Fellowship. Good Neighbors now has the financial resources for providing Christmas baskets and gifts for the needy for 2015. As more contributions are received it allows Good Neighbors to fulfill its other mission to help needy people with emergency short term financial needs. In addition, the other short term 2015 initiative for Good Neighbors to reinvigorate the active participation of all the Norris churches in Good Neighbors that it once enjoyed is making progress. All the Norris churches have recently either made financial contributions or are considering a contribution as well as providing a representative to join the Good Neighbors committee. The Good Neighbors committee sincerely thanks you for keeping this 80 year program that goes back to the beginning of Norris and the Norris Religious Fellowship church alive.

Submitted by Larry Beeman

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Have you visited our website lately? We would like you to log on and share the good news of the Norris Religious Fellowship in its faith journey.

We have a number of pages of activities and events to check out.

Every Sunday log on to view the Worship Service LIVE-STREAMING on the internet.

We have a prayer page where you can list prayer concerns and joys that you might have.

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