



# South Meridian Church of God

## ~CONNECTOR~

August 2007

### **PASTORS**

•  
**TIMOTHY M FOREMAN**  
*Senior Pastor*

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**DALE D LANDIS**  
*Associate Pastor*  
*Music & Worship*

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**MICHAEL P SNYDER**  
*Associate Pastor*  
*Student Ministries*

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**VALERIE PETRY**  
*Children's Ministries*

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

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**RHONDA NEIDERT**  
*Administrative Assistant*

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**CINDY BENSON**  
*Administrative Assistant*

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**LOIS HALLETT**  
*Administrative Assistant*

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**BETH ANN BOLTON**  
*Asst. Children's Ministries*

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### **SUNDAY GATHERINGS**

**Worship Celebrations**  
**8:30 and 11:00am**

**Southern  
Hospitality @ 9:15am**

**School of  
Discipleship @ 9:45am**



### **Financial Peace University Comes to South Meridian This Fall**

This life-changing program has taught thousands of folks from churches to classrooms, from military to corporate America how to make the right money decisions to achieve their financial goals and experience a total money makeover. The thirteen week program will meet this fall on Wednesday evenings starting September 5 with dynamic teacher David Ramsey on video along with workbooks and small group activities.

Financial Peace University is open to anyone in the church or community - and can be beneficial to all regardless of age, income, education or marital status. There will be a registration cost for materials however that will be on a sliding scale according to need.

Now is a great time to get educated and take charge of your life. As Christians, money and debt should not control us. So be on the alert - during August there will be a couple of Sundays when you will have opportunity to preview the program and find out more details.

Our church's finance team will host this series - and is committed to make it part of the on-going ministry of South Meridian.

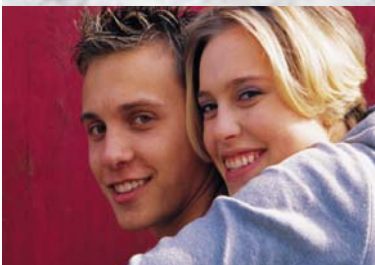
### **More Opportunities for Learning, Growth and Fellowship**



South Meridian's School of Discipleship meets every Sunday. There are eight adult classes along with youth and children's classes. The Discipleship Team gives careful attention to help make each offering a quality experience. New classes get underway in September. A new description of classes and offerings will be available in the Sunday August 12 worship folder and at the Welcome Center after that. The Team will also be recognizing and honoring teachers and care coordinators that day in the worship times. We invite you to discover or re-discover what it means to be a growing disciple of Jesus.

### **City-wide Picnic for Fostering Reconciliation set for Sunday August 19**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Free Picnic spearheaded by Mt. Pilgrim Church and Christian Partners for Racial Reconciliation will be on Sunday August 19 from noon until dusk at Jackson Park, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Raible. The event will include music, free food - hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, cotton candy and snow cones - plus fun things like basketball tourney, moon walk, sack race, egg toss and more. This year South Meridian's Mission Team is providing some financial assistance, our musicians will share some stage time, and the Outreach Team is inviting your support to man the snow-cone booth through out the day. We want our South Meridian folks to come, spend some time, help knock down a wall or two and enjoy the fun! Mark your calendar and join us.



# Right From The Pastor's Heart . . .



## Brief Notes...



You have likely heard of Murphy's Law. Maybe Pareto's Law, or one of a dozen others. But probably you have not heard of *Foreman's Law*. It appears that I need a good agent. A long time ago I coined it – and here it is. **Everything is nearer than you think!**

Christmas is nearer than you think. That project deadline is nearer than you think. The kids leaving home. Retirement. Death. And about this time of year I always sense that *fall is nearer than we think!* At church a lot of things need new starts come fall – while I am usually more ready for a breather after the ragged summer schedules. That is certainly true again this year since we not only had Pastor Dale on sabbatical but we also were short staffed to begin. We really do need growing stewardship and commitments that will help us build our staff and team.

While I am never quite ready for fall there is always a part of me that is glad for it. Ready for more routine – more things that I can count on. I'm glad Dale will be back soon along with rest of the staff. I'll be glad for some new things and some re-starts. There's a lot to be done over the next few days so as always I will value your prayers and encouragement.

Actually today I want to serve as cheerleader for two or three happenings you'll also see promoted elsewhere in this Connector. *First*, I want to encourage South Meridian folks to be in the forefront of the city-wide reconciliation picnic on Sunday August 19 at Jackson Park. With my strong encouragement and support the mission team is offering financial support, the outreach team is helping sign up volunteers especially with the snow-cone machine. And we will participate in the music stage. Still we need your participation and your prayers. Step outside your comfort zone if necessary – and be a bridge builder. As Sam Hines used to say reconciliation is God's agenda. He is always working to reconcile people to himself and to each other. Oh, and do make it a fun day!

*Second*, if you are not currently a part our Sunday morning School of Discipleship I want to encourage you to find a place where you can learn and grow. SOD is not just for super spiritual folks but for all of us! Check out the new descriptive brochure for 2007 – 2008.

*Third*, I want this fall's Financial Peace University to have a great launch. It really can be a life changing experience for many. You can stop living with guilt, frustrations and heartaches that come with finances out of control. But unless you *do* take charge, money and debt *will* control you. I am anticipating that FPU will become a long term commitment that will become part of the DNA of our church which will over time actually change the fabric of our people's lives, finances and stewardship. I am glad that the finance team is taking this pro-active step.

I always appreciate opportunities to honor faithfulness! Just a while ago I got a call from Gil telling me that his father Rev. D.C. Stafford had just passed away at age 90. I know he has been a faithful servant of the Lord in many congregations over the decades— with his last ministry here at South where he served as visitation pastor into his 80's along with his wife Arietta. I salute him and his faithfulness. I hope that those who come behind us will find us faithful too!

I look forward to seeing you in worship! By the way if we have not yet connected I hope you will make yourself known to me. And as always I covet your prayers.

*You are loved! Pastor Tim*

### Our Sympathy and Prayers for . . .

. . . Arietta Stafford and family in the passing of Rev. D.C. Stafford on August 2nd, 2007.

. . . Brad & Beth Rector in the loss of their adopted baby daughter, Isabella, in Guatemala.

. . . Earl Jarrell in the passing of his son.

### Vital Stats for July

Worship Celebrations	370
Sunday School	229

(YTD for 4 months)

Budget Income	\$195,373
(Budget Needs)	\$225,795)
Capital Funds	\$7,733
Dedicated Funds	\$18,280
Faith Promise Income	\$21,283
(Faith Promises)	\$21,150)

- Fantasy League Football Draft gathering (sponsored by the Connections Team) will be held on August 26th from 3-6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Open to all.
- Operation Love says "Thank you for your generous offering of \$1500 for the second quarter of 2007." More recently in order to meet an ongoing need we have sent a special \$1000 donation for Bibles and Jesus videos for their clients!
- Our kitchen has a new automatic ice machine with half of the cost funded by the WCG treasury.
- Mark your calendar—Operation Love's Community Fair will be Saturday, Sept. 29 at Shady Side Park. Currently they are looking for folks to join the Walk-a-thon to raise funds for this vital ministry. Call 644-2121 to sign up or get more information.
- Just a reminder . . . Be sure to ask for library stamps whenever you shop at the Family Christian Stores then leave them at our church library. These stamps help provide many excellent books for the church library!
- Gina Shaner has accepted a call to serve at East Side Church of God as director in church life. She goes with our deep appreciation, love and prayers.
- Louis & Gladys Mitten are celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on August 11th. Friends and family are invited to send cards and well-wishes to Jan Beaty, 171 Nursery Rd., Anderson, IN 46012, by August 8th.
- The Herald Bulletin had a great front page story in the July 6th edition on John Clark titled "A Life Redeemed!"
- Four Men from our church will be going to HOPE HILL Children's Home in Kentucky on August 15 through August 18th to do some cabinetry work. These men are Ron Wheeler, Fred Gaskill, Dale Lechlütner and Dave Albea.
- There are new Thank You notes posted in the Welcome Center from the Garrett's and Sheila Jackson.

## Area Ministry Job Opportunities . . .

### Children of Promise

The Children of Promise, Inc. announces the search to fill the position of Administrative Assistant on a part-time (30 hrs per week) basis. An application may be obtained at the office located at 1201 E. 5th Street in Anderson, or by phone at (765) 648-2111. You may direct your inquiries to Dr. Paul Maxfield, Executive Director, Children of Promise.

### Christian Center Rescue Ministry

A Faith based organization seeks one full-time and one part-time self-motivated individual with a strong work ethic and ability to thrive in a fast paced, multi-tasking environment. Successful candidates will share 45 hours per week in our Receptionist/Community Assistance position. The candidate must be professional, personable, and computer literate. A background check and drug test are required. Resumes will be accepted by email only at [stacket@ccrmrescue.org](mailto:stacket@ccrmrescue.org).

### Operation Love Ministries, Inc.

Operation Love Ministries, Inc. has an opening for an experienced part-time bookkeeper who has a desire to work in a positive environment dedicated to serving Christ and serving those in need in Madison County. Experience with payroll, QuickBooks, Excel and Microsoft Word is needed. Not-for-profit experience is beneficial. For more information or to apply, contact Joy Plummer at 644-2121.

## Upcoming...

- THE LIVE IN THIS MOMENT TOUR...** Steven Curtis Chapman, with special guests Sanctus Real & Bethany Dillon will be in concert on Saturday, October 6th at 7:30pm in the Reardon Auditorium at Anderson University. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the Reardon Auditorium Box Office and all TicketMaster locations or you may charge by phone by calling (765) 644-3131. Tickets are \$20 for Reserved Seats and \$25 for Gold Circle Reserved Seats. For more information, please call 765-641-4140.
- GAITHER HOMECOMING—GIVE IT AWAY TOUR 2007...** will be taking place on Thursday, December 6th, 2007 at 7pm at the John E. Worthen Arena in Muncie, Indiana. Tickets for this event are on sale now and can be purchased in person at the John E. Worthen Arena Box Office, by logging on to [www.gaither.com](http://www.gaither.com), or by calling 765-644-3131. This tour features special guests at each venue and those who will include the Gaither Vocal Band, Ernie Haase & Signature Sound, Gordon Mote, Ben Speer, Ivan Parker, Lynda Randle, Kevin Williams, Jeff & Sheri Easter, The Isaacs, Mark Lowry, Russ Taff, and Reggie & Ladye Love Smith. Get your tickets soon if you want to be a part of the homecoming concert!
- NEW CHURCH OF GOD HERITAGE BOOKS IN LIBRARY...**  
*Enriching Mind & Spirit* is a history of higher education in the Church of God focusing on Anderson University, Warner Pacific College, Warner Southern College, Mid-America Christian University plus other American and international institutions. The book was written by Barry Callen and gifted to the church at the recent General Assembly.  
*The Book of Noah—Memoirs from our Past* This is a book on the Church of God beginnings! Noah Byrum was an Indiana farm boy who began working with the Gospel Trumpet family at age fifteen first in Grand Junction, Michigan then Moundsville, West Virginia and Anderson, Indiana. He was a friend of D.S. Warner for the last ten years of Warner's life. They walked, talked and fished together. For more than ten years Noah kept a daily dairy that is the basis for his story. Dale Stultz has filled the book with scores of great pictures as well. Pastor Tim says it is fascinating reading! Check it out.

## Church Calendar...

**Sunday, August 12th**  
 8:30 and 11:00am Worship the Lord  
 School of Discipleship  
 promo and recognition  
 9:15am Southern Hospitality  
 9:45am School of Discipleship  
 6:00pm Community Revival of Heart

**Monday, August 13th**  
 10:00am Care and Share  
 6:30pm Discipleship Team Meeting  
 7:00pm Community Prayer Service

**Tuesday, August 14th**  
 6:00pm Connections Team Meeting  
 6:30pm Outreach Team Meeting  
 6:30pm Missions Team Meeting

**Saturday, August 18th**  
 8:30am New Beginnings—Big House  
 7:00pm Hispanic Worship Service

**Sunday, August 19th**  
 8:30 and 11:00am Worship the Lord  
 Children Sunday School Promotion  
 12:00—dusk Reconciliation Picnic  
 @ Jackson Park (22nd & Raible)  
 12:30pm Financial Peace Univ.

**Monday, August 20th**  
 6:00pm Stephen Ministry Con. Ed.

**Thursday, August 23rd**  
 9:00am Rise & Shine

**Saturday, August 25th**  
 7:00pm Hispanic Worship Service

**Sunday, August 26th**  
 8:30 and 11:00am Worship the Lord  
 9:15am Southern Hospitality  
 9:45am School of Discipleship  
 3:00pm Fantasy Football League  
 (Draft sponsored by Connections Team)

**Tuesday, August 28th**  
 6:30pm Council Team Meeting

**Friday, August 31th**  
 4:00 pm Labor Day Youth Camp

**Sunday, September 2nd**  
 8:30 and 11:00am Worship the Lord  
 (Report—Tammie Tregallas)

**Monday, September 3rd**  
 Happy Labor Day!

**Wednesday, September 5th**  
 6:30pm Financial Peace University

**Friday & Saturday, September 7th—8th**  
 10:00am WCG Retreat  
 6:00pm The ZONE

**Sunday, September 9**  
 8:30 and 11:00am Worship the Lord  
 9:15am Southern Hospitality  
 9:45am School of Discipleship  
 6:00pm Community Revival of Heart

Sundays

August 12th

School of Discipleship  
Recognition

August 19th

Children's Sunday School  
Promotion

August 26th

Ordinary People  
Sermon Series Finale

September 2nd

Labor Day Weekend—  
Mission Report  
Tammy Tregallas



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## Jr. High-Rite of Passage 2007

August 10th 6:30pm to August 11th 2:00pm

The first annual Junior High Rite of Passage is for incoming 6th Graders and students who will be in 7th and 8th grade during the 07-08 school year. The activity *will not* involve any embarrassing initiation whatsoever. We will be tent camping Friday night, August 10th, and return to the church at 2:00pm on Saturday, August 11th, so bring a sleeping bag, toothbrush, Bible, pajamas, a change of clothes, deodorant, and anticipation! *Eat dinner prior to arriving!* Parents (especially of 6th graders), if you have any special concerns that Pastor Mike needs to be aware of, please contact the church. The cost of this event is \$15 and includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, camping, and mysterious surprises!

**SMY's Labor Day Camp is the most talked about,  
life-changing youth event of the year.  
And this year we're discussing IDENTITY!**

- Invigorate your relationship with God through powerful worship, spiritual challenge, and quiet reflection!
- Have a blast with team competitions, hilarious follies, spontaneous bag skits, thrilling night games, camp fire, swimming pool, basketball, soccer, ping-pong, time with friends, great food, snacks, etc.
- Get connected with other great students and crazy counselors.

The Campers: 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

The Dates: Labor Day Weekend - August 31 thru September 3, 2007

We will be leaving promptly at 4pm on Friday and returning at 4pm on Monday.

The Cost: \$70\* Regular Rate - until August 23<sup>rd</sup> \*\$25 non-refundable deposit included

(\$10 Off Regular Rate for Siblings - 2 or more attending from the same family.)

\$80\* Late Rate - after August 23<sup>rd</sup>

(August 26<sup>th</sup> is the last day to register- pending availability of spots!)



Who Do You

Think You Are

