

# The Witness

## Red Bank United Methodist Church

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Your Word have I  
treasured in my heart...

Psalm 119:11

*Pastor Jeff*

**Zephaniah 3:14-17** <sup>14</sup> Shout for joy, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! <sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away His judgments against you, He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You will fear disaster no more. <sup>16</sup> In that day it will be said to Jerusalem: " Do not be afraid, O Zion; Do not let your hands fall limp. <sup>17</sup> "The LORD your God is in your midst, A victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy. NASU

Shout for joy! God is with us! Isn't it good to know God is with us? We serve a God who will never leave us or forsake us. We serve a God whose abiding presence we can count on every moment of every day. He is the friend that sticks closer than a brother. He is the God who takes joy in His children. I can relate to the idea of taking joy over your children. My children bring me a tremendous amount of joy. Watching them play when they were little, laugh, learn and grow has been one of the most joyful and fulfilling things in my life. God must feel the same way when we worship Him and grow in our faith. Zephaniah tells us that God will rejoice over you with shouts of joy. Imagine that. God experiences great Joy as we worship Him. When we gather together to sing, pray and hear from God's Word it pleases God so much that Zephaniah proclaims that God actually rejoices over us with shouts of Joy. When was the last time our worship was so pure and heartfelt that it caused God to shout for joy?

When we worship let us always remember that God is the audience. We are singing to Him. We are praying to Him. He is the central focus of our heart and soul at that moment. There is something beautiful, worshipful and deeply spiritual about gathering together with the saints of God to focus on God rather than self. I believe God honors that. Let us gather in His name and bring so much joy to God that He rejoices over us with shouts of joy.

Healing and Communion Service  
at 8:40 and 11:00 this Sunday  
7:00 *To Save A Life* shown in Fellowship Hall



Check out the website at  
[redbankumc.org](http://redbankumc.org)

### Service Opportunities

1. Spread mulch on the playground, Sat. Aug. 21—10:00
2. Bring calculators for Red Bank Middle School (or cash).
3. Bring snacks for Memorial North Park ICU waiting room. Please leave snacks or monetary donations in Armstrong-Lyons Classroom.
4. Prayer Walk at Red Bank Middle School on Sunday, August 8, following the 11:00 worship service.
5. Trustees need volunteers to help paint the rooms at 3802 Redding Road in preparation for rental income for church.
6. Bring coupons to share; leave on table outside office door.

### A Healthier You!

Psalm 139:14

**"I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made... I know that full well"**

**Know that you are a physical miracle from God (Psalm 139:11); therefore, empower yourself with healthier behaviors!**

#### Nutrition

Think about your day....Did you eat fruits, vegetables, grains and nuts? Healthy eating for a healthy weight stresses ingesting fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, calcium-rich foods (fat-free milk, yogurt, cheese) and baking, grilling meats.

Add color to your plate, sit and enjoy your food, drink water throughout the day!

Healthy eating is about balance! For more information, see [http://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/healthy\\_eating/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/healthy_eating/index.html)

We are a caring family seeking God's direction through prayer to reach the lost and grow through Christ, for Christ and in Christ.

Rev. Jeff Lambert, Pastor  
(Home 842-1151, Cell 653-7982)  
David Brackett, Program Director  
Linda Towers, Administrative Assistant  
Marti Redden, Children's Director  
Ken Powell, Music Director  
Adolph Canales, Sexton  
Greta Satterwhite, Preschool director

# Celebrate

...I will celebrate before the Lord. 2 Samuel 6:22b

## To Save A Family Campaign

### Sunday Evenings in August and September

5:00 Small Groups

6:15 Church Dinner

7:00 Worship Service

Families are under pressure! In the face of divorce, financial struggles, hectic schedules and peer pressure, raising a strong family can be tough.

Plan to attend the seven-week series featuring inspiring scenes from the movie *To Save A Life* and messages that will help you understand one another, fight fair, forgive and leave a legacy.

The movie, *To Save A Life*, will be shown in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, August 1, at 7:00.

#### Topics:

- 8/8 Strong Families Know Each Other!
- 8/15 Strong Families Fight Well!
- 8/22 Strong Families Raise Good Decision Makers!
- 8/29 Strong Families Forgive!
- 9/12 Strong Families Have Faith!
- 9/19 Strong Families Leave a Legacy

August 29 there will be a Sunday School Celebration. All adult classes will meet together in Fellowship hall for snacks, fellowship, and joint lesson led by David Brackett. The Cross Ties Class will host.

**The first day of school** is just around the corner. Please begin purchasing calculators for our Red Bank Middle School students. \$1.00 or \$1.50

**Remember**, August 6—8, is the TAX FREE HOLIDAY for school supplies and clothing.

**Scholarship Applications** are available outside the church-office door.

**There will be a** meeting of the Wednesday Nighter cooks on Monday, August 9, at 10 p.m. Please attend this very important meeting.

**There is a strong need** for snack items and monetary donations to help fulfill our mission at North Park Hospital. It is important to families to have the snacks provided in the ICU waiting room. The Armstrong-Lyons Class is taking care of this project.

## Kid's Korner

Marti is hosting a "Think Tank" on August 9, 6—9:00. This is our annual planning meeting. Nursery and light supper will be provided. Anyone interested in what the children will be doing is encouraged to attend. We will be scheduling VBS, all events, and talk about the new playground. We would like to have input from all parents (at least one from each family). RSVP the church office by August 8 if you plan to attend.

August 8 is Promotion Sunday at the 11:00 service.

Stephen Owens is going to the 3 & 4 yr. class.



Scott Donahue & Jeremy Conry will go to the grade 3 & 4 class.

Ben Jones, Patrick Redden & Johnny Scott are moving to the Youth Department.

## The Church Bus

There have been some recent discussions concerning the funding of maintenance for the Church Bus.



First, we want the membership to know that maintenance of the Church Bus is covered as a part of the operating budget that is approved each year by the Church Council. The budget for this work is covered by the Trustees in the Vehicle line item. The operating expense for fuel for the bus is paid by the department using the bus.

Second, we want the membership to know we received this bus as a donation from Red Bank Baptist Church. This was a most gracious gesture on the part of our fellow Red Bank Church! After the bus was donated, it was necessary for some repairs/improvements to be made. These repairs were paid for by donations to a designated fund. Beginning in 2009, maintenance became a responsibility of the Trustees and the operating budget. Since 2009, total maintenance expenses have been \$331.

Third, we want the membership to know that when the Church Bus or any of the Vans leave the Church for a trip that a copy of the Church Credit Card be carried by the person leading the trip. One of the spare credit cards can be obtained from Linda. As we all know, "stuff" happens on the road and emergency repairs are sometimes necessary. Having the Church Credit Card available for every trip ensures that in the event of unexpected problems, a method of payment is available to the leader of the trip. To borrow a phrase from American Express, *Don't leave home (church) without it.*

Finally, while the maintenance of the Church Bus is funded as a part of the Church Operating Budget, as with all expenses of the Church, all donations are welcome to help defray the cost.

Any questions? Contact Mel Willett or Jim Jenkins

**Youth Calendar  
August**

- 1 9:45 Cornerstone Sunday School (Brackett)  
 11:00 Worship  
 4:45 Youth Mentor meeting—Loft  
 5:15 Rock Café  
 5:30 Open Gym  
 6:00 Foundation Bible Study—Stonewall Review  
 7:00 *To Save A Life* movie
- 4 6:30 The Wall Program & Coolidge Park—Loft
- 7 10:00 Free Car and Dog Wash
- 8 9:45 Cornerstone Sunday School (Brown)  
 11:00 Worship  
 5:00 Foundation Bible Study  
 6:15 Church Supper  
 7:00 Evening Worship  
 7:30 Sir Goony's
- 11 6:30 The Wall Program & swimming at Wanda  
 Markum's home—meet in Loft
- 13-15 Spiritual Life Retreat at Camp Vesper Point  
 "Defying Gravity"
- 15 9:45 Cornerstone Sunday School (Chase)  
 11:00 Worship  
 5:00 Foundation Bible Study—Loft  
 6:15 Church Supper  
 7:00 Evening Worship
- 18 6:00 Planning Meeting  
 6:15 Church Supper
- 22 9:45 Cornerstone Sunday School (Hardin)  
 11:00 Worship  
 5:00 Foundation Bible Study—Loft  
 6:15 Church Supper  
 7:00 Evening Worship
- 29 9:45 Cornerstone Sunday School (Brown)  
 11:00 Worship  
 12:30 Youth Family Picnic for all Youth and their  
 Families at the Pumpkin Patch on Signal  
 Mountain  
 5:00 Foundation Bible Study—Loft  
 6:15 Church Supper  
 7:00 Evening Worship

**Young-at-Heart Activities  
in August**

Tuesday, August 10, 11 a.m. Southern Star for lunch and trip to the Regional History Museum.

Thursday, August 26, 10:30. Catered lunch and speaker, Barry Steelman.

**The Wednesday Nighters will resume  
September 1**

**Meal at 5:30; programs and studies at 6:30**

**The price of meals will be as follows:**

Catered Meal (Southern Restaurant)	\$ 7.50
Children's Meal (prepared in kitchen)	3.00
Children's Meal (Catered)	7.50

**The family price of \$18 is for parent(s) with children 18 years old and younger. The children must eat the food that is prepared in our kitchen at this price.**

**Begin making plans for October...**

There will be a Senior Adult Retreat on October 7 – 9. The theme will be *Tough and Tender II*.

See David for more information and for a brochure.