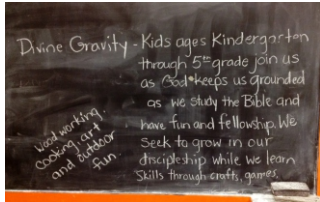


Wednesday, July 16

5:30 DIVINE DINING  
Pork Tenderloin  
Macaroni Salad, Little Green Peas  
Your Wonderful Desserts  
Please bring a guest!

6:30 DIVINE GRAVITY - *Grounded by God!*  
K-5G



6:30 YOUTH GROUP

6:30 DIVINE DISCOVERY - Adult Bible Studies  
Led by Jennifer Slusser

7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

*Friends, Food, Fellowship, Faith--Simply Divine!*

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#### Setting the Thermostat

I think we should install a thermostat on every pew. We could label them: "72", "80", and "65". Or maybe we would be better served by calling them: "Warm", "Cold", "Icy", "Beach" or the like. Of course I know that is not practical, but it would be nice because no matter what the temperature, it will suit some more than others. Somebody has to set it, and that somebody will be the hero of some and villain of others. Lots of things are like that.

"Have It Your Way!" is the theme of one fast food chain hoping to lure us into its doors with the promise we can all be made happy. We don't buy it. We have learned that contentment cannot be found in a hamburger or in having things our way.

Ultimately God is, in a way, setting our collective thermostat. We are not happy at all with much of what He does. We want more money, better health, more of this, or less of that. Our Bible is filled with unhappy people and nations at war. In the end we all die and then what? If we believe the Bible, the end far outweighs whatever price has to be paid along the way.

We are told to be anxious for nothing but instead pray about everything.

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I think those are good words to remember when we are unhappy, anxious, discontent or feel things are not going our way. "Have It Your Way" may be good for selling hamburgers, but it just doesn't work in our life with God.

Rev. Joe Wilburn

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Dear Divine Street Members,

The first half of 2014 has been very interesting.

We have reshingled the roof on our historic 100 year old church building - which remains presently dry, safe and cool. The Trustees have earmarked several additional projects to be accomplished during the second half of the year.

Giving totals are less than 2013 in a six month comparison, however giving has been adequate to maintain budget.

- Pledged giving is at 52.02% of the yearly total, collected and in hand. This equates to 1.02% above expected averages and results in \$5,170.65 above expected receipts.
- Non-pledged giving by members and loose plate cash is at 74.34% of the yearly total, collected and in hand. This equates to 24.34% above expected averages and results in \$15,510.61 above expected receipts.
- Total giving is at 56.47% of our budget. This equates to 6.47% above expected averages and results in \$20,681.26 above expected receipts.
- Spending has been controlled at 98.5% of our yearly budget without our church being behind the spending curve on any major item. This equates to 1.5% less than budget and results in \$4,795.30 less spending than budgeted.

I am cautiously optimistic that we will make budget on gifts and pledges. I opine we will need to increase the budget to cover expenditures as they occur.

Typically, our giving as a church wanes during July and August. The budget, however, will continue to be expended. Our funds must be available to support the need when it occurs.

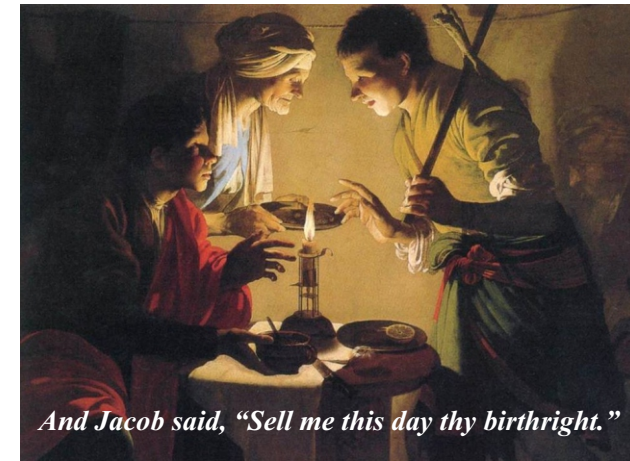
You will receive a six month statement in the next two weeks. For our members that pledge, this statement has information regarding your pledge at the end of the six months. For our members that do not pledge, this statement has information regarding your giving at the end of the six months.

Thank you all for your continued support of the ministries and operational budget of Divine Street.

Rhett Raynor

Finance and Stewardship Chair

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*And Jacob said, "Sell me this day thy birthright."*

July 13, 2014

*Divine Street United Methodist Church*

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Meagan Vizard, Youth Minister  
Melanie Leslie, Director of Music Ministries  
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*A Place to... Belong... Believe... Become*



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
*July 13, 2014 • 11:00 AM*  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**ENTRANCE**

*The people come together in the Lord's name.*

**GATHERING • CANDLE LIGHTING • PRELUDE**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE "O How I Love Jesus" UMH 170

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANTHEM "Holy and Mighty" Choplin

**PROCLAMATION**

*The Scriptures are opened to the people.*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON • CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

SCRIPTURE Romans 8:1-11

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SCRIPTURE Genesis 25:19-34

SERMON "First Things First" Rev. Joe Wilburn

**RESPONSE**

*The people respond with acts of commitment and faith.*

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION "Seek Ye First" UMH 405

**COMMUNITY JOYS, CONCERNS AND PRAYERS**

**OFFERING**

Offertory

\*Doxology UMH 95

\*Dedication of the Offering

**SENDING FORTH**

*The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's blessing.*

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" UMH 672

\*BENEDICTION • CHORAL RESPONSE

\*EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES

\*TRINITY CHIMES • POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of Almighty God and in celebration of Joe, Melanie and the Divine Street Family who have welcomed us home so graciously by Ric and Dava Anderson.

**SUPPORTING THE CHURCH**

**BY OUR PRAYERS...**

Unless otherwise requested, prayer requests remain on this list for thirty days. We have an active prayer chain. If you have need for immediate prayer, please call the church office or Joanne Taylor at 910-892-7034.

Lou Allred	Anne Johnson	Frances Opperman
Mary L. Blalock	Sue Johnson	Rochelle Pope
Jill H. Brown	Marie Leslie	Nancy Thomas
Chris Byrd	Janice Lever	Family of
Elliott Gifford	Evelyn Morgan	Rodney Johnson

**BY OUR SERVICE...**

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

July 20 Brenda Johnson  
 July 27 Anne B. Allen

**ALTAR GUILD**

July Martha Smith\*, Mary Lemuel Blalock  
 August Sharon Hundley\*, Patti Quiapo

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS**

July 13 Willie Ferrell  
 July 20 Melanie Crumpler

**FINANCE VOLUNTEERS**

July 13 Mickey Hollingsworth, Willie Ferrell

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

July 13 Kim Schmidlin  
 July 20 Joanne Taylor

**USHERS**

July Herman Medlin, Larry Opperman  
 Steve Parker, Paul Perry  
 August Rhett Raynor, Jim Schmidlin  
 Dal Snipes, Sherrell Taylor  
 September Blount Whiteside, Cory Wilson  
 James Best, Richard Bond

**YOUTH SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY DINNERS**

July 13 \*\*\*

**WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS**

July 16 Fall Planning Meeting

**BY OUR ATTENDANCE...**

**RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS LAST WEEK:**

Sunday School Attendance	23
Worship Attendance	71
Offering Received	\$ 5,186.93
Needed Weekly For Budget	\$ 6,133.75

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**CALENDAR**

*Sunday July 13*  
 9:00AM Chapel Prayer  
 9:30AM Courtyard Coffee/Juice  
 9:45AM Sunday School  
 10:45AM Sanctuary Music  
 11:00AM Worship Service  
*Our nursery is staffed from 9:00AM until 12:30PM.*  
 12:15PM Cherub Choir  
 5:00PM Youth Group  
 6:30PM SPRC Meeting

*Wednesday July 16*  
 5:30PM Experience  
 Divine

6:15PM Children/Youth  
 Parent's Meeting\*

\*Join us to discuss our children and youth ministries.

6:30PM Youth Fall Planning  
 7:30PM Fuzzy Peach Social

*Sunday July 31*  
 Youth Day Trip to Gaston Lake

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**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

July 1 Jim Schmidlin	July 15 Paul Perry
July 3 Mary Susan Welch	July 16 Irma Apel
July 5 Larry Nunnery	July 16 Steve Parker
July 6 Melanie Leslie	July 18 Christian Spell
July 8 Melanie Crumpler	July 20 Anna-Grace Welch
July 9 Ligon Creel	July 21 Kay Parker
July 9 Donna Duval	July 22 Brenda Johnson
July 10 Will Murphy	July 25 Meagan Vizard
July 11 Linda Medlin	July 26 Larry Opperman
July 12 Ellen Dunbar	July 28 Kathy Gower



\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.