

# The Beacon

July 2010



A Thank-you note from  
Judy & Don Stancil



We want to extend our prayers and sympathy to Dawn Lewis and her family in the death of her aunt.



Please join us  
for vacation  
Bible School  
and be sure to  
bring a friend  
with you.  
June 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 PM—  
8:45 PM  
This is for all  
ages!



Congratulations to  
Tina and John Blomberg  
and their family  
on the birth of their baby girl!

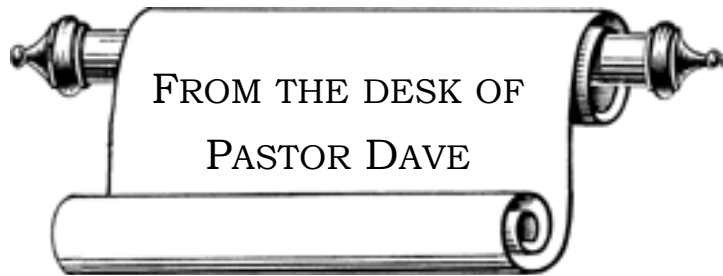
*Olivia Marie Ellis Blomberg*

*June 21, 2001.  
8lbs and 1oz  
21in. long.*



Welcome new members by baptism:

Carol Carden,  
Andrew Green,  
Scott Green  
Jacob Myers.



FROM THE DESK OF  
PASTOR DAVE

As we celebrate the Fourth of July this month I want to share an article that I read that was very eye opening. I pray it will open your eyes as well, and we will not be ashamed to stand up and live for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The article is taken from the "Answers Update" newsletter Volume 17 Issue 4 and written by Ken Ham:

Almost all Americans have heard the phrase "separation of church and state." It has been used as something of a club to "beat down" and eliminate Christianity from public places, including symbols (like crosses), disallow Bible reading and prayer in public schools, and stop the teaching of creation in science classes.

Now, where does the phrase "separation of church and state" come from? It is not a part of the original U.S. Constitution of 1787, as most people falsely believe, or in any of its amendments. In reality, the idea of a "wall of separation" between church and state came from a private letter from President Thomas Jefferson, and it has sadly been misused to slowly, but surely, eliminate Christianity from the public sector—and replace it with an anti-God religion.

The Establishment Clause in the First Amendment was intended to protect the church from (federal) government, not the government from the church. Therefore, no "national" church or religion is allowed to be established by the federal government.

I will underline key words of the First Amendment:

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ...*

You can see that the "separation of church and state" phrase is nowhere in the Amendment (or the rest of the Constitution). The 1802 letter from Jefferson was sent to the Danbury Baptist Association in Connecticut in response to the group's letter to him. Jefferson was trying to assure the Baptists that the federal government would never be permitted to interfere with the church. In fact, in his letter, Jefferson states:

Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between man & his god, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, thus building a wall of separation between church and state.

Today, secular scholars have lifted the Danbury letter out of its entire historical context and have turned the so-called "wall" metaphor completely on its head.

"Separation of church and state" is now used to protect the government from the influence of the church—establishing a policy of freedom "from" religion, which in reality has become "separation of Christianity and state." This would have been an entirely foreign and unintended concept to the Founding Fathers.

Sadly, because many Christians have falsely believed that there can be a neutral position, and have also been duped regarding the so-called "separation of church and state," they are not prepared to boldly and unashamedly stand on the Word of God as they confront issues like abortion, "gay" marriage, racism, etc. By shrinking back, believers have allowed the secularists to impose their anti-God atheistic religion on the public schools—and the culture as a whole.

May we challenge Christians to publicly and unashamedly stand on the Word of God. Only then, from the basis of the Bible's absolute authority, will Christians be able to effectively combat the immorality that plagues our nation.

I say Amen to this article!

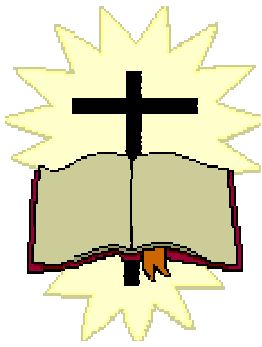
For His glory,

*Pastor Dave*

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# BIRTHDAYS & CHURCH EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
<b>4</b>  No Evening Service  <i>Phillip Ellis</i>	<b>5</b>     <i>Leigh Watson</i>	<b>6</b> Baptist Women's Prayer Circle 7:00p	<b>7</b>     <i>Dawne Lewis</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
Vacation Bible School—For All Ages — 6:00—8:45p						
				<i>James Ellis</i> <i>Lane Ellis</i>		<i>Sheila Compton</i>
<b>18</b> Sunday School Leadership Mtg 4:00p  <i>Linda Weaver</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Youth Mission Trip						
			<i>Jacob Jackson</i>	<i>Joe Glenn</i>	<i>Chris Turner</i>	<i>Hank Taylor</i> <i>Mary G. Oakley</i> <i>Teresa Wrenn</i>
<b>25</b> Trustee's Mtg 5:00p  <i>Lloyd Gresham</i>	<b>26</b> GROW Out- reach 6:50p  <i>Ruth Ashley</i> <i>Greta Ellis</i> <i>Doris Gresham</i>	<b>27</b>     <i>Colton Watson</i>	<b>28</b> Baptist Men's Prison Ministry   <i>Lorri Dunn</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



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As the summer months are upon us there are a lot of things that fight for our attention; work, traveling and vacation. It is hard sometimes to stay focused on the things that God calls us to do. We need to ask for guidance in what we do, that we are staying in Gods will. I pray we will continue to serve our God, our church and our church family.

We will be going to the Guess Road prison on Wed. July 28th to serve the men there in fellowship and snacks. If you have never been I hope this is the time that you will be able to attend, it is truly a blessing to them and those that go. We can take 10 to 12 people (men and women), If interested please let me or Rodney know by July 18th. We need snacks and drinks to take, so this is another way that you could serve. Snacks need to be at the church between 6:00 to 6:30 on Wed the 28th.

There will be no breakfast in July because of the July 4th holiday.  
 God's love,  
 Wally



## Nursery & Toddler Schedule

July	Morning Nursery	Morning Toddlers	Night
S 4	Marcie & Karsyn Ellis	Don & Connie Garrett & Mika Smith	Garnet Ellis
W 7			Norma Bowen & Mollie Huff
S 11	Lane & Wanda Ellis	Cindy Jeffries & Joyce Chambers	Bill & Ann Johnson
W 14			Michael & Lindsey Brack
S 18	Marcie & Karsyn Ellis	Wesley & Christy Davis /Megan Laughinghouse	Joe & Joyce Glenn
W 21			Laura Pryor & Diana Koutsis
S 25	Sarah Sheaffer & Tracy Ellis	Penny Pendleton & Ashley Lewis	Sheila Sanders & Melody Myers
W 28			Ray & Gerry Moore

## Children's Church

July	Preschool (3-4)
4	Dawne & Ashley Lewis
11, 18	Jeff, Mika & Chris Smith
25	Joy Cummings & Wanda Ellis



July	K-3
4	Debbie Clayton & Karma Karangelen
11, 18	Melody Myers & Justin Wilson
25	Amy Capel & Youth Member TBD