



## Life and Ministry Together – August 27, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last few weeks, as August has continued to unfold, I have driven by a number of our Triad high schools, and seen young men running, practicing, and sweating, led by coaches pushing them to get in shape, learn the plays, and prepare for the upcoming challenges of another season of football. The same has been true on other fields, as I have seen soccer players, both young men and women, carrying out the same almost torturous regimen as they whipped their bodies, minds, and souls into shape.

Here at JPC, we are at that same time of year in our congregation, though I am not going to pull out my old football cleats or my coach's whistle to try to get any of us to run wind sprints. Rather, I am going to ask you and challenge you to join in for our KICKOFF of the fall season of programs! We have a great line up scheduled, as the Christian Education team will share with us this Sunday morning.

So, to get us going, you need to first remember this – WE ONLY HAVE ONE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, AT 10:00 AM IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER. During that service, we will focus on our work together reflecting on our Mission in the Name of Jesus Christ, with the South Africa Mission team sharing a time of reflection with us. In like manner, I will be preaching a sermon entitled *Being A Missional Church*, based on Acts 1 and our call to be witnesses.

Then, at 11:00 AM, we will follow with an NFL Kickoff of all our CE options – Our NEW FALL LINEUP!!!!!!!!!!!!

To help out, bring your favorite tailgate food, wear your jersey of your sports icon team, and celebrate in worship and sharing with us! The Christian band, UNKUTZ, will be with us, and share during the Half Time festivities.

I promise you, you have not seen anything like this before! As they say in the street – this is not your Mother's Rally Day but a new day of CE opportunities unfolding before us as we meet together.

Also, I need to share with you that one of our dear friends and church members, and long-time church secretary, June McGhee died today, and was promoted to the Church Triumphant. I had the honor of being with her and members of her family on Wednesday night, leading them and sharing The Lord's Supper with her. She was cognizant of my visit, perking up, and enjoying the meal of our Savior. She then continued to decline and died this morning.

I met with the family this morning, and the tentative plans are that her Memorial Service will take place on Monday, August 30, at JPC, in the Sanctuary, at 2:00 PM. Please look in the newspaper and other church announcements for confirmation of this date and time.

So, as we enter this weekend, let us give thanks for June McGhee, her ministry, and that of so many others who have joined our Lord in the great cloud of witnesses, as seen in Hebrews 12:1-2, and let us, as they did, look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, and continue to run the race with perseverance, as our Guide and Strength.

Yours in Him,

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