



The Patrick Press

Personal Comings & Goings

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Many of you are experiencing adjustments at this time of year—adjustments in schedules, taking on new responsibilities, getting involved in different activities with your kids—perhaps very different from your routine just a year ago. We're excited about what the Lord has in store for us this year as we change things up a bit here at the Patrick home.

After Katie's summer of swimming, she was eager to continue in the sport during the school year. She is now a Montgomery Barracuda and will practice and compete on their Bronze team. We have featured Katie's swimming progress in the summer league in previous issues of our newsletter, and we're not about to stop now. Look for more updates (and pictures!) in future newsletters.

Katie has also graduated to the Awana T&T club. Although reluctant to leave Sparks (especially when she saw all the cool new Sparks stuff!), she came home from club the first night with her Start Zone in hand determined to complete it and become an official T&T clubber. She's growing up, and we're left wondering when that happened.

We're transitioning from one school year to the next (school really never ends in the Patrick home), and Daniel has taken the next step in his education by dual-enrolling at Faulkner University in Montgomery. He'll take one class a semester, which should give him a total of 18 hours of college credit by the time he graduates from high school. Daniel continues to play his violin and participate in the Montgomery Youth Orchestra. The kids' activities take us into Montgomery, but we're trying to minimize trips. Daniel will be sixteen in January, and although it's difficult to imagine him driving, we're pushing him in that direction. When kids can take themselves where they need and want to go, the parents' schedules get some

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Ministry Headlines

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
Ephesians 1:3

We are approaching our Fall Awana & Children's Ministry conference season, and the Patrick home and Awana office are both bursting at the seams with materials and supplies for the conference days. Melanie and I are also full of anticipation and enthusiasm as we continue to pray and prepare for our conferences, the workshop leaders, and the participants. All of the details for the conferences are coming together, and we are getting excited about what God is doing this year. The first conference will be Sep 20th in Calera AL at Calera Baptist Church, and the second is scheduled for Oct 11th in Destin FL at Village Church—within walking distance of the beach.

Most of the workshops for Calera are finalized, but we do still have a couple of areas that we are working on and hope to be able to post a tentative workshop schedule on the website within the next two weeks. Our keynote speaker for

Calera is a pastor that I first met while we were serving as leaders in club in Columbus GA. He is now at a church in Double Springs, and I know that you will be blessed as he shares from his heart with us. We will also have missionaries from Louisiana conducting workshops as well as many leaders from around the territory. I trust that you are making plans to attend the conference of your choice now. Registration forms can be downloaded from the website at: http://www.dsawana.com/registration_forms.htm. Please pray with us that the conferences will be a source of spiritual refreshing resulting in a renewed passion and urgency to faithfully communicate the gospel of Christ to the young people God brings to their Awana club. We have a precious privilege and responsibility to be messengers of reconciliation—God's grace extended to us through the blood of his precious son, Jesus.

The summer is drawing to a close, and so is the training schedule. As I prepare this update, I am concluding my summer training schedule with a training in Childersburg AL. This summer, over 600 leaders will have participated in the Awana Ori-

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relief. He'd like to also resume playing on a homeschool soccer team, in which case, a driver's license is even more desirable.

Michael finished his summer classes successfully at Central Alabama Community College in Alex City. He's now taking a full load which necessitated his leaving his job at the Foundation for Moral Law in Montgomery. He was so blessed to work with Godly men who love the Lord and challenged Michael in his daily walk. He continues to work at Walmart while attending school. Although he's taking a full load, he was able to schedule his classes so that he only has to go to the campus on Tuesdays and Thursday. These days are full, but he's able not only to save on gas, he's also able to have a more stable work schedule.

We had another first this summer. Andrew decided to stay in Birmingham for the summer break. He was able to come to one of Katie's swim meets with his girlfriend, Jenn, and he made a few other trips to Wetumpka, but the summer was not the same without him. More

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entation. Several summers have gone by since we trained that many leaders in the short summer months. Last weekend was an exciting weekend for training. While I was in Sneads FL conducting what I thought was a good group of leaders of around 50, David Cash and Billy Moore had a spectacular group at Liberty Church in Pensacola. Billy had about 70 to attend Basic Training Orientation, while David had a test run on his *Sharing Christ with Kids* Seminar with around 50 in attendance. David will be offering this training at both of the Fall Conferences, but we will need to limit the size of the class somewhat. If you want to attend this training, please let us know in advance so that we reserve a place for you.

Clubs are beginning around the territory, and it looks like they are off to a good start. Leaders have been reporting large numbers of clubbers as they start their clubs this year. This past week I attended our church and saw the first night of club. I was very sur-

change! Now, he's back to school at Southeastern Bible College while he continues to work at Firebirds, a local restaurant.

We've been watching the excitement of the Summer Olympics over the past few weeks, and we've been thrilled over the performances of many of the athletes. We also witnessed the disappointment of some of the athletes who didn't finish so well or who were not able to finish at all. As I watched, God brought to mind so many of the lessons of life He is teaching us. He wants us to finish well...for His glory. Please pray with us that our kids, and yours, and those to whom we minister through various ways, will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior, follow Him, and live to glorify Him with their lives!

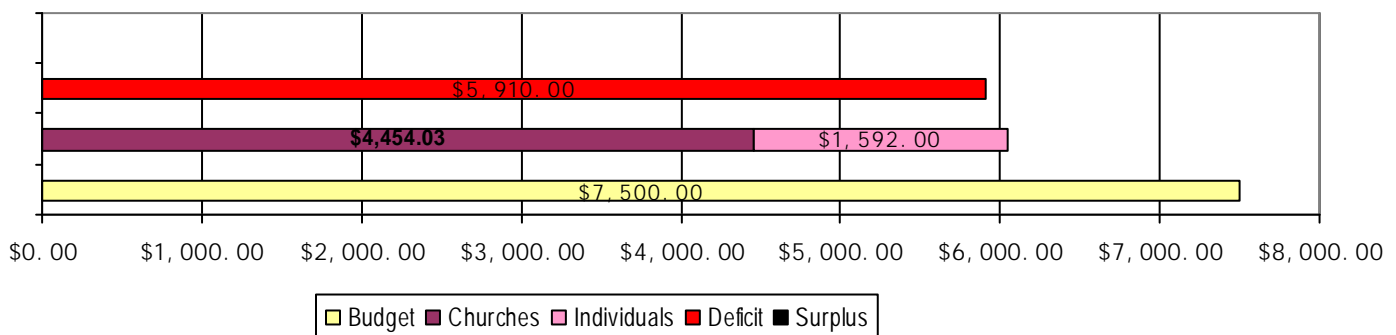
We've been so blessed this summer to see and talk to many of you, our friends, and we thank you for your prayers for us and the encouragement and example you are to our family. May God bless you as you trust and serve Him in the coming days.

prised to see a very large group of T&T, mostly girls, and a good group of Cubbies and Sparks, and they all seemed to be excited to be there. I know that Katie had reservations about moving into T&T, but she is eager and excited after attending the first meeting.

We are also beginning to plan for the second annual Commander College 101 scheduled for January 15-18, 2009 in Montgomery, AL. Our plan is to have all the details available at the conferences this fall. Last years CC101 was such an encouragement to all who attended, and we are hoping to have another good group this year.

Those of you who check our website will be glad to see that my calendar has been updated and hopefully will stay that way. As you can see from the calendar I have not started planning many clubs visits yet. If you would like for me to come and visit your club, call me and we will set a date. Please call early as I am sure dates will fill quickly.

Our Financial Picture



Projected Monthly Budget Amount	\$ 7500.00	# Churches	46
July Giving (Churches)	\$ 4454.03	# Individuals	28
(Individuals)	\$ 1592.00		
July Shortage	\$ 1453.97		
Balance in Ministry Account	\$ -5910.00		



Patrick Prayer Page



Our Monthly Praise and Prayer

Blessings

- ⇒ For the safety and health of our four children and the blessing they are to us
- ⇒ For leaders who are burdened to train warriors for Christ in today's society.
- ⇒ For the opportunities that God provides us to minister to His people. May we always be faithful in doing our very best for Him.
- ⇒ For the many leaders who will be teaching at this year's conferences.
- ⇒ For God's provision and blessing in our lives.
- ⇒ For safety through our travels this summer
- ⇒ For the wonderful trainings that we have been a part of this summer and the new leaders who are excited about beginning the Awana ministry.
- ⇒ For the reliable and affordable car for Michael.
- ⇒ For the new ministry partners who support us in prayer and have by faith committed to support us financially.



Prayers

- ⇒ For wisdom and direction as we plan for fall leadership conferences.
- ⇒ For the many leaders who will attend the conferences this fall. Pray that the training would be timely and relevant and used of God to bear fruit for His kingdom.
- ⇒ That God would be glorified through our lives, and that we would rest in Him for every provision in our lives
- ⇒ For even more ministry team members to help us in ministering to the nearly 300 churches in the Dixie Shores Territory. We especially need additional help in the Central and Northern areas.
- ⇒ That God would continue to lead those to partner with us in faith to bring our support level to 100% and that He would use the leaders of the territory to eliminate the debt through a one time love offering this fall.
- ⇒ That we would pass along a heritage of faith to our children through trusting God for every need.
- ⇒ For God's provision of a reliable vehicle for the family.

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But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:57-58



DixieShores Awana Missionary Calendar

September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- Sep 1 Labor Day w/family
- Sep 4 Pastor Visit in Birmingham
- Sep 15-19 Conference Preparation
- Sep 20 Calera Conference, Calera, AL
- Oct 6-10 Conference Preparation
- Oct 11 Destin Conference, Destin, FL
- Nov 2 Club Visit in DeFuniak Springs, FL
- Nov 10-15 Regional Missionary Conference in Chicago
- Nov 19 Club Visit in Atmore, AL
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Day w/family

October 2008

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Please remember to call early to schedule club visits. Although the calendar is not full at present, it will fill up quickly as another Awana club year begins.

November 2008

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