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ANNOUNCEMENTS

C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

We are taking the summer off, but please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts when we start back up in the fall.

Brotherhood

We invite everyone from the Church to come join us at Bandana's on Tuesday August 15th at 6:00 pm. Please let Ronnie or George know if you plan on attending.

Women's Fellowship Church Wide Garage Sale

The church garage sale will be held this fall, late September or early October. Please save & mark your items to help the sale go smoothly. Please consider serving during the sale!

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Recharge: A Midweek Music Service

Please join us for Recharge on Wednesday August 23th at 6:30 pm.

OWLS

We will not be meeting in June, July, or August.

VBS 2017 is in the books!

Thank you to everyone who helped in any capacity, we couldn't have done it without you!



From The Pastor's Desk

“BECOMING KINDER”

Where has our summer gone? It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating the last day of school! Well with school looming just around the corner, as well as a multitude of visitors coming to our city for the eclipse, I wanted to share with you about becoming kinder people. I just recently addressed the word, kindness, in my last portion offering, and after an occurrence took place while we were in Texas, I thought I would talk just a little more about it.

For those of you who didn't know, I was part of a group of 15 who attended Student Life Camp in Arlington, Texas. Our group was part of a group of about 1200 who attended the camp. As part of our daily schedule, we had a morning celebration/worship time, and an evening worship time.

Now as you may not know, each group's aim is to get to the place of worship early enough so that they can save seats for their group as close to the front as they can get them. This differs greatly from what you see in your average churches on a Sunday morning. Now sometimes you have groups that are willing to work with you on which rows you both need...and sometimes you don't.

On the last night of our stay in Arlington, we had two of our leaders make their way to the worship center to hold seats for our group. They did a remarkable job of making their way to around the fifth row. Suddenly they were confronted by a leader from a large group that had come from Texas. She walked right up to our leaders and proceeded to “remind them,” as if they knew, what church they were and that it was “understood” that the front seats were theirs.

Now our leaders had two options: **1. Stand their ground and argue.** And this is what a lot of us would have done. We would have basically told them “first come first serve” and that they would have had to deal with it...even though the other group had the rows in front of them and needed the seats in our row to complete their numbers. **2. Relinquish the seats and find another row.** As leaders, our job is to model for our students, Christ. It's not like there were any bad seats in the room.

We are minutes away from worship beginning, what good does it do to be arguing in front of a group of 1200 people plus staff, the band, and members of the University of Texas at Arlington arena staff?

Rick Warren says that there are two very profound lessons about kindness that we should all know. First, Kindness doesn't happen on **your** schedule, it happens on **their** schedule. That's why they need kindness. At that moment, you've got to drop everything and stop. Love is often inconvenient, and kindness takes time. Our leaders could have made a big hurrah about our students never getting the opportunity to sit close, and how we have traveled so far away, but they showed kindness...not on their schedule, but when this lady started the incident. God intentionally puts hurting people in our path so that we will learn kindness. The second lesson we learn in becoming kinder is that we must be willing to take risks. Anybody can stand and argue with another person, but the bigger person shows kindness and doesn't allow things to escalate. It's scary walking away. Being labeled a coward, or a softy, or thinking people don't see you as someone who stands up for what they believe...but kindness is knowing what is really important and what is not. Our leaders knew that this was not a battle to fight, especially with a lady that was showing quite an ugly attitude. The onlookers noticed the ugliness of that lady and the Christian “Kindness” attitude of our leaders.

So how will you respond the next time you encounter a situation like that? Will you really lay into that person? Will you blow them off? Or will you seize the moment to show kindness? It's what the world could use a lot more of!

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

You are invited to the

"After"



Wedding Shower



For Brian and Molly Kidwell



Sunday, August 6, 2017
From 2:00 to 5:00 P.M.

At Faith United Church
3025 Karnes Road
St. Joseph, MO

Hosted by Teresa and Doug Kidwell

Come join us in celebrating
George Fischer's
90th Birthday!



Everyone is invited!
Saturday, August 19th
From 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Thank You's

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, visits, and Best Wishes.
God Bless you!
George Fischer

Student Life Camp 2017



Calendar of Events

Aug. 1st - Visitation Committee 11:15
 Aug. 1st - Pastor Jim on Vacation 1st- 8th
 Aug. 4th - Steve is out of the office
 Aug. 6th - Wedding Shower Brian & Molly Kidwell
 2-5 in the Fellowship Hall
 Aug. 8th - Food Kitchen 5:00 pm Team #2
 Aug. 8th - Election Day
 Aug. 13th - Church & Ministry Taco Bar 11:30 am
 Aug. 15th - Brotherhood @ Bandana's 6:00 pm
 Aug. 17th - Leader's night 7:00 pm
 Aug. 19th - George Fischer's 90th Birthday Party
 2-4 in the Fellowship Hall
 Aug. 23rd - **Recharge 6:30 pm**
 Aug. 25th - Steve is out of town until the 31st

Communion Assistants

Aug. 13th - Debbie Demuth & Carolyn Sagaser

Acolytes

Aug. 6th - Josh Oswald & Rawlins Brant
 Aug. 13th - Jordan Hill & Brodie DeSchepper
 Aug. 20th - Montana Frakes & Josh Oswald
 Aug. 27th - Rawlins Brant & Montana Frakes

Van Drivers

Aug. 6th - Corey
 Aug. 13th - Brent
 Aug. 20th - Corey
 Aug. 27th - Roy

<u>Report</u>	<u>Current Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
June 25 th -	\$1,016.00	\$160.00
July 2 nd -	\$3,111.14	\$335.00
July 9 th -	\$1,079.00	\$75.00
July 16 th -	\$1,493.00	\$55.00
July 23 rd -	\$1,512.00	\$35.00
Totals:	\$8,211.14	\$660.00

\$11,860.00 needed each month to meet current expenses.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
June 25 th -	69	21
July 2 nd -	66	17
July 9 th -	73	15
July 16 th -	62	24
July 23 rd -	83	23

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline"

2 Timothy 1:7

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God's continued presence in the World & never absent; friendships formed through our relation to God and his Son, Jesus Christ! Vacations that refresh & renew. B.I.G's trip to Student Life Camp in Texas; George Fischer's recovery from his heart surgery.

Cancer Patients: Rob Gregory; 13 year old Riley Whittington-chronic cancer; Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); anonymous friend- recently diagnosed with cancer and very distraught; Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart)- inoperable brain tumor; Roy Nolan's cousin, Christie Amos (40) -breast cancer; customer of Denny cobb diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer; Dale Arn's brother, David- cancer has returned; Garren's Aunt Lupe- Pancreatic cancer; Jim Christenson- stage IV (Jamie Deffenbaugh's father); Ron Kempa- rare type of blood cancer.

Other: Continued prays for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends & his son, Brett, is being deployed for a year in Kuwait; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Tom Vanlone- home with home health; the family of Linda Trapp & decisions she needs to make; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; Carole McClellan's brother- Gary Battelle –has been placed in a nursing home for rehab after a week in the hospital, he is weak & the dementia has progressed; Carole McClellan's neighbor's son is having surgery and has other health issues & is high risk; All suffering from severe depression; The Catron Family; Elizabeth Schoenlaub; Darline Langemach- rehab after hip surgery; Pastor Jim's aunt Margie- Complications from knee replacement; Scotty Sharp's dad- fluid around his heart; Lorrie Derc- broken shoulder; Ashley West; Trudy Lewis's daughter in law, Dayna, Breast biopsy benign, but having surgery to remove a radial scar; Vera Johnson (Tom's mom); Krista- car accident- broken wrist & ribs; David Mejia's 2 younger brothers- health problems; Jackie Ritter- on Hospice.

Traveling Mercies: Andrew Powers (K-State Grad) going to India to do mission work; Pastor Jim, Julie & the family on vacation to Orange Beach.

Sympathy: Family of 3 yr. old- Waylon Hardy who passed from E.coli (cousin of Amy Bryson's); Family of Mike Stroud (FPN); Banter family whose wife passed (acquaintance of Glenn Spitzer).

Finally: all our people & programs; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; VBS; our church staff & their families; attitudes- may we live as Jesus told us- "love one another as I have loved you"; be open to compromise and **DO Something!**