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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood

We are meeting on Tuesday, August 21st, at 7:00pm

OWLS

We are taking the summer off, see you in the fall.

C3

We will be back in the Fall, see you soon!

In Context Bible Study

We will be starting back up soon, be looking for details as we will be starting in the New Testament

Recharge

We will be returning soon.

Guideline for Prayer

- A- Acknowledgement of God
- C- Confession of our sins
- T- Thanksgiving
- S- Supplication (humbly asking for our needs)

Submitted by Kenneth Vogt

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Communion Services

We will have a separate tray with gluten free crackers for those who need them during our communion services. Please note they will look different from the bread squares.

Thank You's

Tom Taylor would like to thank the church for prayers and the many cards. "My walker is my sidekick!"

Card Sunday

Card Sunday will be August 26th. Please be sure to sign all the cards for our shut-ins.

**Come join us Sunday, August 12, 2018 immediately after the service
For Church & Ministries Annual Taco Bar Luncheon!**



From The Pastor's Desk

“Inside Out”

Over the course of the last couple of weeks, I've been preparing lessons for Miracle Hills Camp. I love the fact that no matter what we choose our theme to be for that particular year, there are always a wealth of Bible Stories that will speak to it. Why? Because our God is the God of creation and He is in all things.

The next part of the task is figuring out how to narrow down what it is that God wants me to say to these children over the course of four lessons, two devotions and two quiet times. Because our theme here at Faith for 2018 is, “Of Good Courage,” I thought that this might be a good theme for our camp as well and a good place to start. So the final four Bible stories I chose to tell are of Joshua and Caleb, found in Numbers 13-14; David and Goliath, found in 1 Samuel 17; the story of Esther, found in the Book of Esther; and the story of Peter, found throughout the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles and in 1 and 2 Peter. Between these four stories we found “Courage to enter a New Place,” “Courage to face our Giants,” Courage to stand up for what is right,” and “Courage to follow Jesus.” And really all of these stories are a testament to our last “talking point.” In every story, or circumstance, you have to find the courage to follow Jesus. And it is a change that begins on the inside and comes out!

Courage begins by relying more on what Christ can do, and less on what I can do. Proverbs 3: 5-7 says, ***“Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. ⁷ Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the LORD and turn away from evil.”*** In each story that is exactly what our characters did. Joshua and Caleb went against the flow of the other 10 spies and reported to everyone that although the new land seems overwhelming, we can do this with God's help! David was a poor shepherd boy who watched the family's sheep when he notices a giant bullying the Israelite soldiers, who included his brothers. With five smooth stones in hand and only needing one to do the job, the giant was defeated. Esther was a beautiful woman in a

faraway land. She learned of a plot that was going to wipe out the entire Israelite nation and went before the king not knowing if he would listen to her, or have her put to death. And Peter was a fisherman minding his own business while working in the family trade of fishing when he encounters Jesus asking him to, “Come follow me and I will make you a fisher of men.” Each was given an overwhelming task. Each could have very easily minded their own business and went forward with what everybody else wanted to do, but instead “Trusted in the LORD” to guide them on to a new path. At the time I don't think any of them really understood what they were saying, “Yes” too, but they pushed forward down the “right” path anyway. All of them had a change within that they let out! God used each of them to completely change the direction of their lives as well as of all the people who were involved. Joshua and Caleb ended up leading the people into the Promised Land. David became the greatest King of Israel because of his heart for God. Esther stood up and faced a powerful king and saved the lives of her nation! Peter became the foundation for which the church was built, just as Jesus said he would be.

How is the change working in you? Are you trusting the LORD with your life and letting His wisdom and love guide you down the path you are to take, or are you leaning more on your own wisdom? As we talked about last weekend in church, it is only in our weakness that God's strength truly shines through. Paul wrote to the church in Galatia, ***“I myself no longer live, but it is Christ who lives in me.”*** Let the change happen and see what path it is that God wants you to stroll down. Most importantly remember, you will never be walking down that path alone because you will have Christ in you!

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 5th - Communion Sunday
- Aug. 7th - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Aug. 7th - Election Day
- Aug. 12th - Church & Ministry Taco Bar 11:30 am
- Aug. 14th - Food Kitchen Team #2 5:00 pm
- Aug. 16th - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- Aug. 18th - Dilley/Gabriel Wedding 4:00pm
- Aug 21st - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Aug. 26th - Card Sunday

Communion Assistants

- Aug. 5th - Teresa Kidwell & Amy Bryson

Acolytes

- Aug. 5th - Jordan Hill & Josh Oswald
- Aug. 12th - Rawlins Brant & Brodie DeSchepper
- Aug. 19th - Josh Oswald & Montana Frakes
- Aug. 26th - Jordan Hill & Rawlins Brant

Van Drivers

- Aug. 5th - Corey
- Aug. 12th - Brent
- Aug. 19th - Corey
- Aug. 26th - Roy

<u>Report</u>	<u>Current Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
July 1 st -	\$3,594.00	\$135.00
July 8 th -	\$2,219.00	\$45.00
July 15 th -	\$2,121.02	\$30.00
July 22 nd -	\$2,502.00	\$400.00
Totals:	\$10,436.02	\$610.00

\$11,291.00 needed each month to meet current expenses.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
July 1 st -	103	26
July 8 th -	80	27
July 15 th -	106	19
July 22 nd -	91	27

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

1 Peter 5:7

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: We are truly Children of God – His own Chosen Ones; Praise that Tom Taylor is home & walking with a cane; Ashley West got her visa to go to Russia; Praise for the wonderful turnout for the Ice Cream Social; Praise for Elizabeth Schoenlaub's 90th birthday celebration on July 28th.

Cancer Patients: Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart) – is in remission with an inoperable brain tumor; Ryan Frakes (brother of Jack) – cancer; Tricia (friend of Donna Wood) – Hodgkin's Lymphoma; Lance (Julie Oswald's cousin in Houston, TX) – brain cancer- doctor were able to remove 90% of the tumor; Leonard McCall's cousin, Joyce's youngest son, Craig Wright – advanced cancer; Steve Hall (48) – (brother-in-law of Steve Haskey) – diagnosed with colon cancer; Sean Abersold- cancer & starts radiation; Miranda Nill starting chemo (friend of Angela Cobb)

Other: Continued prayers for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Donna Brooks- chronic health issues; Debi Haskey- chronic health issues; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; The Catron Family; Elizabeth Schoenlaub & family; Brothers of Joanie Shaw – Ronny with diabetes; Andrew Powers (a K-State grad) – spending 3 years teaching in India (2020); Gracie Abersold- at Diversicare for rehab; The Bryson family- family issues; Scotty Sharp family- family issues; Jill Frakes- eye diseases; Courtney Hill- anxiety; Carole McClellan's friends Ellen Koch & Laurie Kallenbach- serious health issues; Emmett Ritter (Jackie Ritter's great grandson) – preemie-gaining weight 2lb. 8oz. at Children's Mercy – Dan & Tabitha; Donna Van Biela fell & sprained thumb & finger on her right hand & broke a bone in her left elbow; Penny Johnson recovering from surgery on her left shoulder; Eunice McConnel- broken bone behind kneecap in rehab (Scotty Sharp's aunt); Jim's cousin Todd- in rehab

Traveling Mercies: Ashley West teaching in Russia; Jenna Oswald- Young Life Camp (working this summer) in Oceanside; The Blanton's traveling to TN; the Arn's traveling to OK to see grandson

Sympathy: to the families of Glen Wayne Lyons; Gwen Montgomery; and Willow Maxwell (Carol Wood's sister); families of the 17 that died in Branson, MO

Finally: all our people & programs; VBS & Miracle Hills; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; In Context bible Study; our website; our music director, Steve Haskey; our youth Director, Alex King; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families; be **Of Good Courage!** – No opportunity is too small!

