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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood

We will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 20th at the church. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

In Context Bible Study

Our Bible Study will be taking the summer off. Please plan to join us in the fall.

Faith Circle

We have taken the summer off, please plan to join us in the fall.

C3

We will be meeting on Thursday, August 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for crafting, fun, and fellowship!

Women's Fellowship

Our next meeting will be in September.

Taco Bar

Church and Ministry will be hosting their annual Taco Bar on Sunday, August 11th, following the worship service. Please plan to attend.

Ice Cream Social

Lay Life will be hosting their 2nd annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 25th from 5-7 pm. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors for this fun evening of fellowship and great ice cream!

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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.

Nursery Help

Church and Ministry is looking for a few people to serve as substitute nursery workers when Melissa is unable to be here. If you are interested and would like to be added to our list, please call or email the church office.

Card Sunday

Church and Ministry need your help! We need cards that are suitable to send to our shut-ins, our supply of cards has run dry! If you have cards like this, please drop them off in the church office.

Jessica Blanton has been moved to the Buffett Cancer Center in Omaha, NE. You can show your love and support by mailing cards and letters to:

Jessica Blanton
505 South 45th Street
Buffett Cancer Center
Omaha, NE 68106
Room #61236

From The Pastor's Desk

“MIRACLE HILLS CAMP IS FULLY ALIVE”

The second part of John 10: 10 says in the NIV, ***“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”***

Our theme for Miracle Hills Camp this summer is the same one we are using this year for our church, **“Fully Alive.”** My hope is that the children will come to know the fullness of life they can have in Christ. We will be sharing with them four lessons from the Bible that will help them to understand the fullness of life.

The first story we will go over will be the Creation story found in Genesis 1. Life began when God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, together formed this world we live in. How do I know that it was the Triune God? The Bible says in the beginning of Genesis 1: 26, ***“Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us?”*** Vs. 27 goes on to say, ***“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”*** In the Genesis 2: 7 account of creation the author writes, ***“Then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person.”*** We are seeing here the actual creation of beings with God breathing our lives into existence. We go on to learn that God not only creates and breathes life into us, God also created and breathed life into **ALL** of the rest of creation too. This is truly feeling “fully alive.”

The second story we will be talking about is the life of Elijah. This guy suddenly appears in 1 Kings 17 and we are instantly drawn in to his story when we hear that he predicts that it won’t rain or produce dew for the next few years. We also learn that he is being fed by ravens and drinking from a brook. Elijah’s story is “fully alive.” He is “at war” with the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah. He is going up against the evil of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He lives with a widow woman and her son for

a time, and keeps them from starving to death. He parts the waters of the Jordan, and his life ends not by dying, but is instead taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire. What a life!

Our third story is about Lazarus found in John 11. We know that he and his sisters, Mary and Martha, are good friends of Jesus and that he suddenly falls ill. Our story is a part of the seven signs found in the Gospel of John and helps foreshadow what Jesus will do later. Talk about a story full of emotion, this one is “fully alive.”

Our final story will be about the life of Jesus. I can’t even begin to tell you all about Jesus in this article. But the children will learn all about him from his incredible birth to his incredible resurrection. We will learn that all of this took place so that we could be forgiven of our sins and given the opportunity to spend eternity with Him in heaven...if we only choose to believe. Only when we give our lives to Christ and choose to believe and follow Him that we will truly experience what Jesus told his disciples in John 10: 10 that ***“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”***

Thank you church for giving us the opportunity to spend 48 hours pouring Jesus into these 27 children, plus 10 high school student counselors, plus 3 college student counselors, plus 10 adult workers. We do truly feel “fully alive” when we are serving God and helping His Gospel message to fall on the ears of so many through our words and actions. I have been asking for prayer for this camp for so long now and we will finally be able to see the answers to those prayers come to fruition in the next few days!

Thank You church! A big thanks to Herb and Peggy Iffert for having the foresight to plan ahead to help provide the monetary resources necessary so that we can offer up this camp free of charge!

Be God’s!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 4th - Communion Sunday
- Aug. 6th - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Aug. 11th - Church & Ministry Taco Bar 11:30 am
- Aug. 13th - Food Kitchen Team #2 5:00 pm
- Aug. 15th - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- Aug. 20th - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Aug. 22nd - C3 7:00 pm
- Aug. 25th - Lay Life Ice Cream Social 5-7 pm

Communion Assistants

Aug. 4th - Teresa Kidwell & Amy Bryson

Van Drivers

- Aug. 4th - Corey
- Aug. 11th - Roy
- Aug. 18th - Brent
- Aug. 25th - Jack

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
June 30 th -	\$3,524.00	\$265.00
July 7 th -	\$3,544.00	\$250.00
July 14 th -	\$1,428.00	\$50.00
July 21 st -	\$2,144.00	\$425.00
Totals:	\$10,640.00	\$990.00

\$11,765.75 needed each month to meet current expenses.

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
June 30 th -	98	45
July 7 th -	70	28
July 14 th -	101	17
July 21 st -	96	33

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

“My Flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

Psalm 73:26

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God’s amazing love; work being completed in the new addition; large number of visitors; Debi Haskey received a good report on her Mayo visit; Elliot DeSchepper’s dance trio placed first at Nationals; Wilk Catron is finally home

Cancer Patients: Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Ryan Frakes (brother of Jack) – cancer; Lance (Julie Oswald’s cousin in Houston, TX) – brain 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); Jo & Trish (friends of Donna Wood) – cancer returned & spread throughout body; Emily (Teresa Kidwell’s niece) 36 yr. old- mastectomy 11/5/18- will be receiving radiation & chemo; William Davis: Gayle Davis- Leukemia (family of Jordan Davis who is a friend of Jessica Vogt); Renee (co-worker of Teresa Kidwell)- on hospice; nurse friend of Carole McClellan- cancer treatment- having a hard time; Delores Collins (sister of Linda Trapp)- starting chemo & radiation; Marlene Canterbury- stage 4 (lung & bone); Whitney (grade school granddaughter of a swim friend- inoperable brain tumor; Byron Myers- prostate- chemo; Mike Williams (Missy West)- stage 4 pancreatic cancer; Lorey Schank (friend of Steve & Debi Haskey)- breast cancer returns after 28years & metastasized to her bones

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; The Catron Family; Jill Frakes- eye diseases; Leonard McCall’s aunt Evelyn- not taking meds, disoriented, not doing well; Debbie Demuth- macular degeneration diagnosed; Scotty Sharp’s Aunt Eunice- on hospice; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp’s great-nephew)- 15 yr. old- needs a heart transplant; John Shaw (SIL of Carole McClellan)- Lupus; Tom Johnson- mother, Vera- on hospice; Alex King; Jessica Blanton- Still in ICU in Omaha; Garron Daniels- foot surgery; Donita Sunderland’s cousin- Brian- heart surgery on 7/9/19; Hazel Johnson (Debi Haskey’s mom)- COPD & CHF;

Traveling Mercies: Katharine sharp; Ashley West; Gage Blanton- to fishing tournament;

Sympathy: the family of June Book; Melisa Robert and her family- her father passed away; the family of Alex Davis who passed away at age 38 from massive stroke

Finally: all our people & programs; living more **Fully Alive in 2019**; our Music Director, Steve Haskey; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families