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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

We are meeting on Thursday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
Please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts.

### Brotherhood

We are meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

### Faith Circle

Join us for Faith Circle's Valentine's Dinner at  
Bandana's 6:00 pm on Thursday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

### OWLS

We will be meeting on Friday Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at  
LaPeep's.

### Yard Signs

We have Faith United yard signs still available in the  
Lobby. Please feel free to stop by and pick one up for  
your yard.

### Faith Circle Valentine's Dinner

Faith Circle will be having their Valentine's Dinner at  
Bandana's on Thursday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. If you are  
interested in going please contact Diane Pulley ASAP.

### Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting canned food and  
non-perishable foods for food pantry, so please bring  
your canned food items and place them on the side of  
the table next to the team you think or hope wins the  
Super Bowl this year.

### "In Context" Chronological Bible Study

Please consider joining us for the awesome Bible Study  
every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We are studying the  
Major and Minor Prophets.

### Recharge: A Midweek Music Service

Please join us for Recharge on Wednesday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30 pm.

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### Women's Fellowship Program for March

Sarah Elder, Director of Collections at the St. Joseph  
Museums, Inc., will present the program for the Women's  
Fellowship meeting on Tuesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the  
fellowship hall. All members of the church and friends are  
welcome to attend. A brief meeting to elect officers for the  
coming year and a time of fellowship and refreshments will  
follow. Please plan to attend.

### Thank You's

Thank you for the use of the church for our family dinner. We  
really appreciate it.  
The Bartlett Family

Dear Pastor Jim and all who helped with the funeral  
luncheon-

Thank you all for the support and love you shared with our  
family as we celebrated our mom's life! The service was just  
as mom would have wanted, the luncheon was AMAZING!  
And your kindness more appreciated than I have words to tell  
you. Also the dedicated van drivers who patiently brought our  
mom to and from church for so long! Mom loved those van  
drivers. Thank you to each of you who helped make her feel  
loved! We appreciate all you do!  
Steve, Dennis, Patti, & Mike Ritter

We would like to thank Carol Wood and Karen McClellan for  
their visit before Christmas. Also for the cookies and  
beautiful lap robe that they brought us.  
Darline Langemach & June Book

Thank you to our Faith church family for the cards, prayers,  
and sympathy sentiments at the passing of our Mother, Wilma  
Sagasar.  
Sincerely,  
Robert & Carolyn Sagasar and family

## From The Pastor's Desk

### “IT’S GOING TO TAKE ALL OF US!”

Ephesians 4: 16 says, *“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”* As I mentioned in last month’s article, I thought that we would end 2017 in the black...and we did! God has continued to show Himself to us year-in and year-out and we are continuing to strive to see Him and follow His lead as we grow together as the body of Christ. It took **all of us working together** to finish the year strong. As you read at the beginning of this article, the Apostle Paul is teaching the church in Ephesus about the importance of the church working together as one body. To build on that Rick Warren writes that there are some things that we can never learn on our own.

He says that we can only learn these things in community:

1. To grow and develop our potential we must learn from other people.
2. We can only learn about forgiveness through relationships.
3. We can learn only about loyalty in relationships.
4. We can learn only about love in relationships.
5. Rick concludes that we cannot learn about kindness, faithfulness, graciousness or unselfishness without others.

And where is the best place to develop relationships, in the Body of Christ, the church.

God knows when to place the right people into the right places at the right time in our lives. These people are used to help shape us, both in good and bad situations, in order to develop our character and our ability to live as Christ did. And in the same way that God has placed these individuals in our lives to help shape us, we have been placed in certain circumstances to help shape others. God wired us to need each other and to learn from each other so that we can become the people God created us to be.

2018 is going to be an incredible year and I can’t wait to see where we are at this time next year...**but it’s going to take all of us to reach our potential.** God is going to lead many people to walk through our doors in the coming months and who knows, they could be the missing part of the body that God has led to help us learn more about growth and development. They could be the very ones that God uses to teach us more about forgiveness. They could be the very ones that God uses to teach us more about loyalty and love. They could be the very ones who teach us more about kindness, or faithfulness, or graciousness, or unselfishness and the same is true in all of these situations the other way around. It’s usually never a comfortable time when God is trying to teach us something, but as I quoted a couple of weeks ago in my sermon from John Maxwell, **“If we are growing we are always going to be outside of our comfort zone.”** So let’s continue to grow a healthy body of Christ that is full of love. Let’s be “Of Good Courage” and be ready go wherever God leads us. **“It’s going to take all of us,”** so let the journey begin!

Be God’s!

Pastor Jim

**Calendar of Events**

- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Communion Sunday 10:15 am
- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Souper Bowl Sunday 10:15 am
- Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - Faith Circle Valentine Dinner @ Bandana's 6:00 pm
- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> - Food Kitchen Team #3 5:00 pm
- Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
- Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> - OWLS @ LaPeep's 11:30 am
- Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> - President's Day
- Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - C3 Meeting in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm
- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> - **Recharge 6:30 pm**
- Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm
- Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> - Annual congregational Meeting 11:30 am

**Communion Assistants**

- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Rose Mary Seuell & Carole McClellan

**Acolytes**

- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Josh Oswald & Montana Frakes
- Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> - Jordan Hill & Josh Oswald
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - Rawlins Brant & Montana Frakes
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - Brodie DeSchepper & Jordan Hill

**Van Drivers**

- Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> - Brent
- Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> - Corey
- Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> - Brent
- Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - Roy

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> -	\$1,990.00	\$180.00
Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup> -	\$4,429.00	\$2,055.00
Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> -	\$2,713.00	\$2065.00
Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup> -	\$2,014.35	\$61.00
Totals:	<b>\$11,146.35</b>	<b>\$4,361.00</b>

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

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Dec. 31 <sup>st</sup> -	46	0
Jan. 7 <sup>th</sup> -	55	18
Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> -	64	23
Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup> -	66	24

**ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!**

*"Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord"*

**Psalms 31:24**

**In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

**Praises:** We are truly Children of God – His own Chosen Ones; the church finished the year “in the black” and paid \$5,500 back to the Memorial Fund.

**Cancer Patients:** 13 year old Riley Whittington-chronic cancer; Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart)- inoperable brain tumor; Roy Nolan's cousin, Christie Amos (40) –breast cancer; Dale Arn's brother, David- cancer has returned; Sonya & Tony Tannheimer – (she- breast cancer) (he- recent diagnosis- stage 4 Melanoma)- (Johnson's.)

**Other:** Continued prayers for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends & his son, Brett, who is deployed for a year in Kuwait; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Donna Brooks- chronic health issues; Tom Vanlone- home with home health; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; All suffering from severe depression; The Catron Family; Elizabeth Schoenlaub; individual & family- blood transfusions; Brothers of Joanie Shaw – Ronny with diabetes & Jim with congestive heart failure; Andrew Powers (a K-State grad) – spending 3 years teaching in India (2020); Baby Emerson- surgery at children's Mercy; Baby Chloe- friends of Darren & Amanda Wood; Reggie West- his mother, Emily, who suffered a stroke- put on hospice; Ermal Gottswieler- back at Living community; Darline Langemach- pneumonia; Gracie Abersold- at Diversicare for rehab; Gary Langemach- had shoulder replacement surgery; Missy West- Niece, Carrie, in hospital in Arkansas: Prayers for Miranda Nill, a friend of Angela Cobb, as she is facing tests for tumors; Prayers for Steve Haskey as he is in the hospital with chest pains and is having tests run; Prayers for Sharon Wagner, a friend of Mina McCall's who fell; Prayers for students' safety while away at college; All those seeking jobs; All flu sufferers.

**Traveling Mercies:** Ashley West in England; Debbie Demuth & Jack Holt- 10 day trip to Mexico.

**Sympathy:** Robert & Carolyn Sagaser & family- Robert's mother passed away; Rose Mary Seuell- loss of her sister,

**Finally:** all our people & programs; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; attitudes- may we live as Jesus told us- “love one another as I have loved you”; 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!