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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood

We will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, January 15th at the church. All men of the church are welcome to attend

In Context Bible Study

We will be starting back up our study of the New Testament on Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us.

Faith Circle

Come join us on Thursday, January 10th, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

C3

Join us on Thursday, January 24th, at 7:00 pm for fun, fellowship, and crafting.

T-Shirt Sunday

Join us Sunday, January 6th by wearing your favorite Christian t-shirt and also help with taking down of the greens. A pizza lunch will be served afterwards.

Annual Membership Meeting

Please join us following the service on January 20th, for our annual membership meeting. A meal will follow.

Food Kitchen

If anyone is interested in helping on one of our four teams that work at the food kitchen or if you would like to change the team you work with, please let Steve Pulley or the church office know.

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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

Thank you for all your prayers, support, and gifts after David passed away. Our church is such a loving family. We are truly blessed to be a part of it.
The Bryson Family

Thanks to Olga Besig, Mary Brinson, Carole Caw, and others for the gift of a number of handmade banners to the church. One set in purple has been on display in the Fellowship Hall during Advent. Others will be displayed in the future. They are beautiful and greatly appreciated.
Thank you again!
Furnishings committee

Van Drivers

We are looking for more volunteers to be van drivers. If you are interested please let Corey Vulgamott or the church office know.

From The Pastor's Desk

“A YEAR TO REMEMBER!”

I was looking back at last year's newsletter for this time of the year and I am blown away at how God has showed himself again this year. 2018 past by very quickly and we were able to accomplish a lot of things.

Our theme song for this past year was, “No Longer Slaves.” At the conclusion of last year we saw some horrible shootings take place in Las Vegas and at a church in Texas. We saw the aftermath of what hurricanes can do in Texas and Florida, and we were seeing the devastation left by the wildfires in California, and Oregon. We were also facing possible threats from a madman in North Korea who was lobbing missiles into the Sea of Japan like they were fireworks. And guess what, we saw a lot of the same things occur this year as well. In February, we saw one of the worst school shootings take place in our history in Parkland, Florida. We saw devastating hurricanes sweep through the Gulf coast in Florida, and we again saw wild fires rage out of control in both Oregon and California. Life continues to throw at us curve balls that are meant to shake us at our core and drive us to be afraid and live in fear, but we have a God who came in the form of a baby and he was labeled the “Prince of Peace.” We saw his power over creation when he walked on the Sea of Galilee during a horrific storm and calmed another one by just the sound of his voice. We saw his calmness during the times the Pharisees were trying to trick him or when his own town wanted to stone him.

One weapon we need to remember we keep in our arsenal is faith. Faith opens the door to miracles. If you study the Bible and history, you find that every time God moves on Earth and does a miracle, it's because somebody believed. In Mark 11: 22-24 Jesus said, ***“Have faith in God! If you have faith in God and don't doubt, you can tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it will. Everything you ask for in prayer will be yours, if you only have faith”*** (CEV). Do you hear that, **Faith can move mountains!**

Does God still perform miracles today? Of course he does. Every time you stretch your faith, God does miracles — *every single time*. My question for you is this: What's the mountain in your life that needs to be moved? What are the things you need to do in

order to experience life “fully alive”?

Do not doubt or underestimate what God wants to do in your life. Why? The Bible tells us in Matthew 13: 58 that when the town of Nazareth failed to believe who Jesus claimed to be, ***“And so he did only a few miracles there because of their unbelief.”*** If you are telling yourself, “I don't see many miracles in my life,” then how would you answer this question: Are you seeing with eyes of fear, or are you seeing with eyes of faith? Faith opens the door to miracles.

Remember that our theme for 2019 is, “Fully Alive.” Don't let the things that you see, and will continue to see, in our world dictate how you live! Choose instead to increase your faith in God! We are seeing God's hand move in our church day in and day out. We had around 10 people join our church this year! We had again had incredible attendance at our Easter Egg hunt, VBS, Miracle Hills Camp and Harvest Party! We truly enjoyed an awesome Christmas Eve service! I have been told that our pledges for the 2019 budget are now at 93%! God is good and for us to be “fully alive” in 2019 we must continue to walk in faith and know that God is blessing us for it! As for 2019, I believe it is going to be another amazing year in the life of our church and I hope that you will not only want to be a part of it, but are willing to invite others to come and do the same.

My family and I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Be God's!

Pastor Jim, Julie, Jill, Jenna and Josh

P.S. I want to thank the church for all of the individual gifts that my family and I have received over the holiday, as well as for the monetary gift on Christmas Eve! We are truly humbled and blessed to be here at Faith! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you this past year!

Calendar of Events

- Jan. 1st - New Year's Day- Offices closed
- Jan. 5th - Teresa Kidwell using Fellowship Hall
- Jan. 6th - T-Shirt Sunday
- Jan. 6th - Taking down the Greens
- Jan. 6th - Communion Sunday
- Jan. 8th - Food Kitchen Team #3 5:00 pm
- Jan. 10th - Faith Circle 7:00 pm
- Jan. 15th - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Jan. 17th - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- Jan. 20th - Annual Membership Meeting
- Jan. 21st - Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 23rd - In Context Bible Study Starts 6:30 pm
- Jan. 24th - C3 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Communion Assistants

- Jan. 6th - Ruth sharp & Linda Trapp

Acolytes

- Jan. 6th - Montana Frakes & Josh Oswald
- Jan. 13th - Rawlins Brant & Montana Frakes
- Jan. 20th - Josh Oswald & Rawlins Brant
- Jan. 27th - Montana Frakes & Josh Oswald

Van Drivers

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

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Nov. 25 th -	\$2,439.00	\$145.00
Dec. 2 nd -	\$12,151.65	\$355.00
Dec. 9 th -	\$1,967.75	\$155.00
Dec. 16 th -	\$3,770.00	\$1,625.00
Dec. 23 rd -	\$1,778.00	\$50.00
Totals:	\$22,106.40	\$2,330.00

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

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Nov. 25 th -	No Church	
Dec. 2 nd -	87	35
Dec. 9 th -	113	42
Dec. 16 th -	90	40
Dec. 23 rd -	102	34

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for

the LORD!"

Psalm 31:24

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God's amazing love; Karen Trump (friend of Jimmy Blanton)- tumor removed successfully & was benign

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) – PET Scan clear; 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 (friend of Donna Wood) – cancer returned & spread throughout body; Missy West's sister's mother –in-law – just diagnosed with aggressive bone cancer; Emily (Teresa Kidwell's niece) 36 yr. old- mastectomy 11/5/18; Angie Hernandez uncle diagnosed with lung & liver cancer; Krystal Blessing- terminal cancer (friend of Debbie Demuth)

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; Andrew Powers (a K-State grad) – spending 3 years teaching in India (2020); The Bryson family- family issues; Scotty Sharp family- family issues; Jill Frakes- eye diseases; Ashley West – teaching in Russia; Edison School – need shoes for pupils – child size 5 thru men's adult size 9 ½; Edison 6th grader Corbin- home- has port for meds- school a few days a week; Leonard McCall's aunt Evelyn- not taking meds, disoriented, not doing well; Ace Wilton McFall (grandson of C.W. Townsend)- born 10 weeks early- in NICU at Children's Mercy; Devera Lambing- having back surgery; Debbie Demuth- macular degeneration diagnosed; Tom Taylor- having heart surgery soon; Kaylyne Bryson- test Jan. 3rd at Children's Mercy; Scotty Sharp's Aunt Eunice- on hospice; Larry Bryson's cousin, Rick- in hospital low oxygen levels; Barbara Freeman (sister in law of Ila)- on hospice; Berlene Herrick (friend of Penny's)- on hospice; Hill's friend at Mayo for tests

Traveling Mercies: All traveling for the holidays

Sympathy: Abbey (Courtney hill's roommate)& the family of her friend who passed; The family of Darlene Christians; The family of Basil Hoehn

Finally: all our people & programs; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; In Context Bible Study; 2019 Stewardship Campaign- **Fully Alive**; our website; our Music Director, Steve Haskey; our youth Director, Alex King; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families

