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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood

We will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, July 16th 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.

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We are taking the summer off, join us in the fall for crafts and fellowship.

Women's Fellowship

Our next meeting will be in September.

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.

Miracle Hills Camp

Our children's camp will be July 25-27. You will be able to sign up your children on our Website.

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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.

Everyone is invited to a reception for Colton & Megan vulgamott at Green Acres, on July 5th, at 7:00pm

From The Pastor's Desk

“ACCESS”

Romans 5: 1-2 says this, ***“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.”***

Our theme for Student Life Camp this summer is **ACCESS**. Access is defined as “a means of approaching or entering a place.” In our lives we are constantly trying to gain access to something. In our homes, we try to gain access to our Wi-Fi because we have installed our modem passwords into our phones and computers. When we travel to new locations, we often ask the owners of those spots how we can gain access to their internet connection. They then give us some kind of code to enter and we are then granted access. On the other hand, there is nothing more frustrating than when you can't remember your password and you are denied access to an account. I think I must have a hundred account notecards scattered all around in different locations to help me remember passwords to accounts I constantly need access too. But in life, the most important thing that we need to gain access to is God.

God provided a way. We are denied access to God in our beginning because Romans 3: 23 tells us that we ***“all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.”*** The definition of sin is anything we do that separates us from God and His Word. Romans 6: 23 goes on to tell us that the ***“wages of sin is death.”*** Death, without a relationship to God, is eternal separation from Him. But Romans 5: 8 tells us that God has a solution for this dilemma. ***“But God demonstrated His great love for us, by sending Christ to die for us, while we were still sinners.”*** John 3: 16 says, ***“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.”*** God's incredible love for us is so great that no matter what we have done in our past to deny us access to Him, it is

removed when we believe that Jesus died on the cross for us. **Belief is the access key.** Romans 10: 9 says, ***“if we confess with our mouth that Jesus is LORD, and believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead, then we will be saved.”*** Do you know how ***“then we will be saved”*** can be defined in today's terms? Take that phrase and replace it with ***“then you will be granted eternal access to God.”***

The last part of the scripture found in Romans 5: 1-2 says, ***“And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.”*** Remember, worldly hope can be taken away or fades with time. The world places its hope in possessions, pleasures, money, looks, popularity, reputation, friends and family, or even job promotions. Each of these will one day be lost. Money runs out, looks deteriorate, people pass away, and we can lose our jobs at any moment. Christian hope is everlasting. Hope = Jesus. Because of what Jesus did on the cross and His resurrection, we can rejoice in knowing that our eternal future with God is guaranteed. Our access to Him is eternal.

If you are not a believer and want to know how you can gain access to God, then I would love to sit down and talk with you about how you can do that. I can lead you to the access key. If you are a believer, then be “boasting” about what God has done for you and sharing His love with all those around you. Be praying for our students and leaders this coming week as we will be with a crowd of about 900 other believers. Be praying that God will open our hearts and minds to His will. Pray that we will grow in our faith, and that we can share that with others.

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- July 1st-7th - Pastor Jim on Vacation
- July 2th - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- July 4th - Independence Day- Office Closed
- July 9th - Food Kitchen Team #1 5:00 pm
- July 14th - Communion Sunday
- July 14th-16th - Steve Off
- July 16th - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- July 18th - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- July 25th-27th - Miracle Hills Children's Camp

Communion Assistants

July 14th - Ruth sharp & Linda Trapp

Van Drivers

- July 7th - Brent
- July 14th - Roy
- July 21st - Corey
- July 28th - Brent

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
June 2 nd -	\$5,034.25	\$4,265.00
June 9 th -	\$3,738.00	\$540.00
June 16 th -	\$1,282.00	\$40.00
June 23 rd -	\$666.00	\$555.00
Totals:	\$10720.25	\$5,400.00

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

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
June 2 nd -	225	No S.S.
June 9 th -	79	41
June 16 th -	83	20
June 23 rd -	71	32

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken."

Psalm 62:6

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God's amazing love; Ken & Marian Vogt named Andrew County Volunteers of the Month

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

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; Riley Whittington (a friend of the Tolbert's)- must receive monthly infusions for life for an autoimmune illness; George Fischer- continued healing; John Shaw (SIL of Carole McClellan)- Lupus; Tom Johnson- mother, Vera- on hospice; Alex King; Mina-HBP; Keith Rumpf- heart issues; Donita Sunderland's cousin, Brian- heart surgery July 9th;

Traveling Mercies: The Sharp's traveling to san Antonio to attend Uncle's services; Darren & Amanda Wood- moving

Sympathy: the family of Mary Root who passed; the family of Elizabeth Schoenlaub who passed; both were long time members of Faith United Church

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