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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Fellowship

We will meet on Tuesday June 6th, at 6pm for a Salad Supper (Please bring salads), Program at 7pm "Memories". We need you to bring your earliest baby picture, place it in an envelope and turn in to Joed, Linda, or Carolyn for a game to guess each picture for prizes! Also bring a photo of one of your favorite places you've visited. It's also election time. We need women to step up and help out.

New Generation Singers

Please join us on Sunday, June 11th during the worship service as New G's will be leading worship!

Vacation Bible School

VBS has been moved to July 10th-14th. We still need volunteers to help with building items for VBS. Please contact Joed or the church to get signed up!

Card Sunday

Starting on Sunday June 25th we will have a table set up in the lobby with cards to be signed by the congregation for all of our shut ins. This is being done by Church and Ministry and will be done on a quarterly basis. Please take a minute to stop and sign the cards!

C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

Please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts. This month we will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday June 22nd at 7:00 pm.

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Recharge: A Midweek Music Service

Please join us for Recharge on Wednesday June 21st at 6:30 pm.

Brotherhood

We invite all the men of the church to come join us. We will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday June 20th.

OWLS

We will not be meeting in June, July, or August.

Faith Circle

Join us at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 19th for a cookout at the Hills.

Graduate Reception

We will be having a reception for all of our graduates on Sunday June 4th immediately following the Worship Service in the Lobby.

Faith United Church's 2017 Graduating Seniors!

We inadvertently left off the names of some of our Graduates last month.

We apologize for this mistake! This is the corrected names.

Stetson Brant

Mid Buchanan High School

Braydon Haenni

Mid Buchanan High School

Beth Hernandez

Missouri Western State University

Audrey Catron

University of Missouri

Aaron king

Central High School

Austin Nolan

Missouri State University

From The Pastor's Desk

“ALL THINGS FOR THE GOOD”

This week I've been struggling with how to react to this terrorist bombing in London. My initial feelings are one of anger and revenge. How can such cowards go to a place where children are having fun, and enjoying a concert, and blow them up? When I take this event, and place it with the other tragedies I deal with as a Pastor: like hearing that a five-year old has only a short time to live because of cancer; or that someone has a parent who is struggling with Alzheimer's and it is only getting worse; or hearing about marriages that are on the brink of falling apart and the impact that it could have on their children and grandchildren; or the increasing influx of people who have chosen to take their own life rather than feel that they could turn to someone for help; or a family dealing with a job loss...and the list can go on. Life often brings us matters that are difficult to process.

The Bible tells us that God is up to something good even when we can't see it. God is actively working to bring good out of whatever happens in our lives. To hold on to hope in the middle of these tough times means that we must hold on to God's truth, His Word. The Bible says, ***“We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.”*** Romans 8: 28 (NLT).

The Bible isn't saying that every event in our life will be good; we all know that's just not true. But it does say that when we look at our life as a whole, every piece of it works together for good. Let me see if I can use an analogy. I am someone who has particular tastes when it comes to what I eat. I know you are thinking that that can't be true by looking at me...but it is. There are certain things I order when I go to certain restaurants and there are certain things that we have at home. I'm not a picky eater, but I'm not a “hey let's try this” kind of guy. Anyway, I know there are times when Julie makes something new and she has me try it. I will be amazed at how great it tastes and then I always ask the dreaded question, “What's in it?” As she explains to me the ingredients I am somewhat taken back by some because I usually wouldn't have eaten them by themselves, but when she combines them with everything else it produces something amazing. God wants our life to be that

amazing end product, but we must understand that he will have to use some of those distasteful and bitter events to do it.

God doesn't say that every event in our life will happen **like we want it too or that it will end happily.** The reality is that evil is in the world. The reality is that five-year olds, as well as many others have to fight to stay alive against the cruel cancer disease. The reality is that not every marriage is going to last “forever.” The reality is that our children struggle with an insane world and can become overwhelmed by it...and they need us to listen and love them. The reality is that we lose jobs and our friends can let us down and our church may not always be exactly like we want it...but this verse tells us that with absolute confidence that our Creator causes everything to work together for the good ***for those who love God.*** From our vantage point, life can look like a complete disaster. But God's view of our life isn't the same as ours. Jeremiah 29: 11b says, ***“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”***(NLT)

So join me in stepping back and trying to look at things in a broader spectrum. Understand that despite whatever you may be dealing with in your life right now; God is mixing it in with the rest of the events in your life. Trust that God has your future in His hands...there's no better place to be!

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

Pictures of New Construction



Diaper Shower for Kyle & Melanie Vulgamott
June 4th
2 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Calendar of Events

- June 2nd - Pastor Jim out of the office
- June 4th - Communion Sunday 10:15 am
- June 4th - Graduate Reception 11:30 am
- June 4th - Diaper Shower for Kyle & Melanie
Vulgammott 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- June 6th - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- June 6th - Women's Fellowship Salad Supper 7 pm
- June 11th - New Generation Singers 10:15 am
- June 13th - Food Kitchen team #4 5:00 pm
- June 15th - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- June 17th - Garden Gate Using Fellowship Hall 4pm
- June 18th - Father's Day
- June 19th - Faith Circle cookout @ Hills 6:00 pm
- June 20th - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- June 21st - **Recharge 6:30 pm**
- June 22nd - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm
- June 25th - Card Sunday

Communion Assistants

- June 4th - Ruth Sharp and Linda Trapp

Acolytes

- June 4th -
- June 11th -
- June 18th -
- June 25th -

Van Drivers

- June 4th - Corey
- June 11th - Brent
- June 18th - Corey
- June 25th - Roy

Financial Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
April 30 th -	\$983.50	\$35.00
May 7 th -	\$4,092.00	\$365.00
May 14 th -	\$2,216.00	\$120.00
May 21 st -	\$2719.00	\$70.00
Totals:	\$10,010.50	\$590.00

\$11,860.00 needed each month to meet current expenses.

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
April 30 th -	69	20
May 7 th -	62	13
May 14 th -	80	22
May 21 st -	80	33

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God's continued presence in the World & never absent; friendships formed through our relation to God and his Son, Jesus Christ! All our graduates; Jim & Julie Oswald's Anniversary; Jill Oswald's mission trip work with children in Honduras

Cancer Patients: Rob Gregory; 13 year old Riley Whittington-chronic cancer; Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); anonymous friend- recently diagnosed with cancer and very distraught; Co-worker of Missy West, the Lockridge family- recently learned wife has cancer and has been given 6 months to live; Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart)- inoperable brain tumor; administrator at Living Community; Roy Nolan's cousin, Christie Amos (40) -breast cancer; Shelby Erb, Rick Tolbert's 16-yr-old cousin, must have her leg amputated- malignant tumor found after her fall; customer of Denny cobb diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer; Peg McGinnis- return of stage IV breast cancer metastasized to her bones.

Other: Continued prays for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends & his son, Brett, is being deployed for a year in Kuwait; Donna Brooks- health issues & is anxious about her move to Wesley Center; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Tom Vanlone- home with home health; the family of Linda Trapp; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; Carole McClellan's brother- Gary Battelle –dementia & his wife Lee, having trouble walking & standing; Janice Curran- bone graft surgery postponed; All suffering from severe depression- especially one lady in Andrew County.

Traveling Mercies: Jill Oswald to Honduras (Mission); Andrew Powers (K-State Grad) going to India to do mission work; the McCall's to North Dakota; The Woods to western Kansas for Donna's 50 year graduation reunion.

Sympathy: Julie Oswald and her family in the unexpected death of her aunt.

Finally: prayers for our city, our country and the world; Faith United church- all our people; Safety during construction on new addition to our building; our church staff & their families; attitudes- may we live as Jesus told us- "love one another as I have loved you"; be open to compromise and **DO Something!**

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken."

Psalm 55:22