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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood

We will be meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 19th at the church. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

In Context Bible Study

Please join us as we study the New Testament on Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Faith Circle

Come join us on Thursday, March 14th, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, we will be making bags for shut-ins a visit.

C3

Join us on Thursday, March 28th, at 7:00 pm for fun, fellowship, and crafting.

Women's Fellowship

We will be meeting on Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The program will be given by Steve Gingery on the Civil War Fort Smith, in St. Joseph. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a brief meeting after the program to elect officers for the 2019-20 year. Refreshments will be served.

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.

St. Patrick's Day youth Fundraiser

The youth will be serving their annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Sunday, March 17th, right after the service. Please plan to attend and help them raise money for their trip to Student Life Camp!

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.

Recharge

Please plan to attend Recharge this month on Wednesday, March 27th, at 6:30 pm. Come enjoy great music and a message from Steve Haskey.

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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's

I want to thank you for all the remembrances on my 80th Birthday. The cards, phone calls and gifts leave me with no words to express my heart filled love and appreciation for each of you. The day or should I say days were filled with a lot of joy, hearing from so many of you, celebrating with friends and family. I can barely say 80 without thinking of all the years that make up my 80. I am overwhelmed with gratitude at the blessing, guidance, protection, family and friends that the Lord has given me. I hope to see you soon.

With Love in Christ,

Trudy Lewis

Thank you for the use of the Fellowship Hall for my family's Christmas party and Vance's birthday party. We really appreciate it.

Teresa Kidwell

Thank you for your \$1,330.75 donation to the YWCA Shelter. Because of your support, the Shelter will continue to be a place where hope starts – and where a new journey can unfold, free of fear and abuse.

Thank you again,

Tammy L. Killin, CEO

From The Pastor's Desk

“WHY WORRY?”

Some of you may not know this but I am a world class worrier. Some might even say, “Professional.” On a scale of 1-10 I’m right around a 12 when it comes to worrying. I have always been a worrier. My parents will tell you that they never had to worry because I worried enough for the whole family. My wife will tell you that she has never had to worry because I was able to worry enough for the both of us. But as I’ve matured in my old age (haha), I have discovered that worrying is pretty worthless. In fact the more I study Scripture, the more that I’ve learned just how petty worrying is. One of the first things that the Bible teaches us is that if we begin to worry, we should pray. Prayer has a power that comes with it that helps us change our perspective on situations. Prayer changes hearts, and prayer changes lives. Worrying, on the other hand, has no redeeming quality what so ever. Rick Warren gives us five reasons why we should not worry and I would like to share them with you:

1. **Worry is unreasonable.** It is irrational. We typically worry about the wrong things: how we look, what we say, who we are associating with, if we are or aren’t accomplishing stuff that really doesn’t matter five years down the road. Worrying about stuff we can’t change is illogical. If you can’t change it, why worry about it? Matthew 6: 27 says, *“Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”*
2. **Worry is unnatural.** We weren’t made to worry. Nature doesn’t worry. Human beings are the only creatures that worry. Matthew 6: 26 says, *“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”* Have you ever seen a bird walking around the backyard worried that it might not find a worm to eat? If birds don’t have to worry about how God takes care of them, then neither should you.
3. **Worry is unhelpful.** It doesn’t change anything. Worry cannot make you bigger or

smaller, thinner or fatter. Worrying about any problem will never move you one step toward a solution. All it does is make you tired and stressed. Proverbs 12: 25 says, *“Worry weighs us down.”*

4. **Worry is unnecessary.** Worry is assuming responsibility that God never intended for you to have. Every time you worry, it comes from the fact that you misunderstand the goodness of God. Worry is a caution light warning that you’ve forgotten how good God is. If God can be trusted for our salvation, than God can be trusted to take care of everything else. 1 Peter 5: 7 says, *“Give all of your worries and cares to God, for he cares for you.”*
5. **Worry is unbelief.** God has promised to take care of all your needs. When you doubt that, you actually become an unbeliever in that moment. You’re acting like there is no God and there are no promises to Scripture. Philippians 4: 19 says, *“You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need.”* What’s not included in everything? Nothing! God knows about your physical needs, your social needs, your career needs, and your family needs. There is nothing you could ask God for that he does not already know that you need.

So there you have it. Are you still going to worry? Sure. And so am I. But now we have some tools in our belt to help us fight off those times when we begin to worry. If you don’t remember anything else then remember this, it all starts with prayer! So join me as we enter this Lenten season to strive not to worry. Together, let’s make a real effort to turn all of our problems over to God, besides, he has the shoulders for it!

Be God’s!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- Mar. 3rd - Communion Sunday
- Mar. 5th - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Mar. 5th - Women’s Fellowship 7:00 pm
- Mar. 6th - Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm
- Mar. 10th - Daylight Savings Begins
- Mar. 12th - Food Kitchen Team #1 5:00 pm
- Mar. 14th - Faith Circle 10:00 am
- Mar. 15th - Punzo/Moore Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 pm
- Mar. 16th - Punzo/Moore Wedding
- Mar. 17th - St. Patrick’s Day Youth Fundraiser 12:00p
- Mar. 19th - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Mar. 21st - Leader’s Night 7:00 pm
- Mar. 27th - Recharge 6:15 pm
- Mar. 28th - C3 7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Communion Assistants

- Mar. 3rd - Debbie Demuth & Carolyn Sagaser
- Mar. 6th - Ruth Sharp & Merry Sharp

Van Drivers

- Mar. 3rd - Corey
- Mar. 10th - Brent
- Mar. 17th - Corey
- Mar. 24th - Roy
- Mar. 31st - Corey

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Jan. 27 th -	\$2,839.00	\$135.00
Feb. 3 rd -	\$5,785.60	\$245.00
Feb. 10 th -	\$1,270.19	\$45.00
Feb. 17 th -	\$1,567.00	\$35.00
Feb. 24 th -	\$4,144.00	\$135.00
Totals:	\$15,605.79	\$595.00

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

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Jan. 27 th -	96	34
Feb. 3 rd -	63	28
Feb. 10 th -	65	27
Feb. 17 th -	64	30
Feb. 24 th -	99	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; the beauty of God’s creation seen in the beauty of the snow; Glenn Spitzer’s new grandson; Courtney Hill- selected to work on a project in her field at k-State; Debi Haskey recovering from knee surgery and back attending church.

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; 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; 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); 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; Leonard McCall’s aunt Evelyn- not taking meds, disoriented, not doing well; Debbie Demuth- macular degeneration diagnosed; Tom Taylor- procedure at KU; Scotty Sharp’s Aunt Eunice- on hospice; Mina McCall- recovering from procedure on back; Leon Brinson- problem with his legs/trouble getting up; high blood pressure; Stetson Brant- injured ankle- in a boot; Debbie Hamilton (Diane Pulley’s niece)- had a tumor removed from her kidney; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp’s great-nephew)- 14 yr. old- needs a heart transplant

Traveling Mercies: Donna & Jim Woods traveling East to visit son & family/

Sympathy: The family of Ron Kempa (Joanie Shaw’s brother)- who passed away this past week; the family of Barbara Freeman (Jim Freeman’s sister-in-law)- who passed away last week

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

