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ANNOUNCEMENTS

C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

We are meeting on Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 pm. Please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts.

Brotherhood

We are meeting on Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 pm.

Faith Circle

Join us on Thursday, May 10th at 10:00 am for our trip to the Patee House museum.

OWLS

We will be meeting on Friday May 18th at 11:30 at LaPeep's.

“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.

Iffert Scholarships

Grades need to be turned in ASAP to any committee member after the spring semester or after graduation, before checks will be issued. Seniors in High School need to submit their grades as well. Applications for the fall semester MUST be turned into a committee member NO Later than 7/1/2018.

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Congregational meeting

We will be having a short congregational meeting following the service on Sunday, May 6th. The meeting is to approve funds from the McClellan Building Fund to use in finishing the new building addition.

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.

Recharge: A Midweek Music Service

Please join us for Recharge on Wednesday May 23rd at 6:30 pm.

Thank you

To all the church members,
Thanks for the anniversary card and the gift card. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.
God Bless,
Don & Mary Root

Faith United's 2018 Graduates

Austin Nolan
Missouri State

Katharine Sharp
University of Missouri

Matthew Sharp
DeKalb High School

Jordan Hill
Central High School

Gage Blanton
Central high School

Josh Oswald
Bode Middle School

Rawlins Brant
Mid Buchanan Middle School

Montana Frakes
Bode Middle School

From The Pastor's Desk

I read this devotion from Greg Laurie of the Harvest Church, and it made me really think so much that I wanted to relate it to you. He writes: I heard a story once about a man who desperately wanted to get married. He found a girl he was in love with, and he took her home to meet his parents. But his mother didn't like her. So he went out and found another girl and brought her home. Still, his mother didn't like her. Then he found a girl who looked like his mother, talked like his mother, and dressed like his mother. In every way, this girl was just like his mother. Then his father didn't like her.

Like it or not, people create an opinion about God based on how we live as followers of Christ. Being a follower is walking with Jesus in such a way that you can say to someone else, "Follow my example." Even though we mess up sometimes that never excuses us from being examples. The Apostle Paul wrote, ***"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."*** (1Corinthians 11: 1)

The Apostle Paul began his life by being one who set out to destroy the emerging church and all of the Christians that were involved. But an encounter on the road to Damascus with Jesus changed everything and Paul's life went in an entirely different direction. From that moment on, Paul knew that his life reflected that of Christ and wanted everyone on the outside to see Christ through him. As believers and followers of Christ that should be our goal as well.

What if the church were filled with people just exactly like you? Would the world see the church as a place of good character? What if everyone in the church read the Bible as faithfully as you do? Would we be a Bible studying church? What if everyone in church worshipped God just like you do? Would we be a worshipping church? What if everyone in the church gave of their finances as faithfully as you do? Would we have a supported church? What if everyone in the church shared the Gospel as often as you do? What would the church be like? What if other believers were just like you?

It is easy for us to point our fingers at someone else and judge where they are according to our "faith" scale, but are other people doing the same thing to you? The Bible tells us that we are all a part of the body of Christ. Each of us has our own unique gifts and strengths to offer to His church. We all cannot teach the same way, or give the same way, or serve the same way, but we can all use the talents and gifts that God has given us to serve God in such a way that others can see Jesus in us!

It has been an awesome 2018 so far and I know that God has so much more blessing to shower us with this year! Continue to show love and encouragement to all of those who walk in through our doors each Sunday, and to those all around you each day and each hour of every week and as Luke wrote in the Acts of the Apostles, ***"God will continue to add to our numbers daily those who are being saved."***

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- May 1st - Visitation committee 11:15 am
- May 5th - McCauley's Graduation Party for Granddaughter 1-4 pm
- May 6th - Communion Sunday
- May 6th - Congregational meeting 11:30 am
- May 8th - Food Kitchen Team #3 5:00 pm
- May 10th - Faith Circle to Patee Museum 10:00 am
- May 12th - Jordan Hill's Graduation Party 4-6 pm
- May 13th - Mother's Day
- May 15th - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- May 17th - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- May 18th - OWL's Luncheon @ LaPeep 11:30 am
- May 19th - Blanton's Graduation Party 12-5 pm
- May 20th - Graduation Reception Following Service
- May 23rd - **Recharge 6:30 pm**
- May 24th - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 28th - Memorial Day

Communion Assistants

- May 6th - Teresa Kidwell & Amy Bryson

Acolytes

- May 6th - Jordan Hill & Josh Oswald
- May 13th - Montana Frakes & Brodie DeSchepper
- May 20th - Rawlins Brant & Jordan Hill
- May 27th - Josh Oswald & Montana Frakes

Van Drivers

- May 6th - Brent
- May 13th - Corey
- May 20th - Roy
- May 27th - Brent

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Mar. 25 th -	\$4,284.00	\$656.00
Apr. 1 st -	\$3,742.00	\$318.00
Apr. 8 th -	\$2,192.00	\$417.00
Apr. 15 th -	\$1,954.00	\$205.00
Apr. 22 nd -	\$3,580.00	\$69.88
Totals:	\$15,752.00	\$1,665.88

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

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Mar. 25 th -	109	30
Apr. 1 st -	143	No S.S.
Apr. 8 th -	67	23
Apr. 15 th -	76	28
Apr. 22 nd -	100	29

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Romans 8:31

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: We are truly Children of God – His own Chosen Ones; those being touched by our B.I.G. group at McDonald's (manager); safe return of Donna VB from her trip; new attendees bringing friends to Sunday worship; good attendance

Cancer Patients: Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart) – is in remission with an inoperable brain tumor; Shelby Erb-Terminal; Ryan Frakes (brother of Jack) – cancer; Trudy Lewis- Sassy has 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; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp's great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; The Catron Family; Elizabeth Schoenlaub; individual & family- blood transfusions; Brothers of Joanie Shaw – Ronny with diabetes; Andrew Powers (a K-State grad) – spending 3 years teaching in India (2020); Reggie West- his mother, Emily, who suffered a stroke- put on hospice; Gracie Abersold- at Diversicare for rehab; Prayers for Miranda Nill, a friend of Angela Cobb, as she is facing tests for tumors; The Bryson family- family issues; Scotty Sharp family- family issues; Mina McCall- has back pain; Leonard McCall- first cataract surgery on April 23rd, second on May 14th; Kim Dilly's granddaughter, Emily; Denny Cobb- pinched nerve in neck; Courtney Hill- anxiety; Heather Near (McCall's granddaughter)- medical tests; Jan Evans- recovery & healing; Prayers for students' safety while away at college; All of our graduates; Mindy Johnson Pettegrew- job search; Connie Newton- (Karen McClellan's friend) thyroid removed & waiting on test results; Darren Wood- new job & training; Shelly Abersols- tumor found- further tests needed; Evan Steele (LHS senior)- in bad car accident- had surgery on April 22nd; Pastor Jim's cousin, Todd suffered a stroke- loss of mobility on his left side

Traveling Mercies: Ashley West in Australia;

Sympathy: Trudy Lewis & family in the death of her brother, Roy; The family of Diane Pulley's niece's husband who died this past week; the family of LHS senior Darius Harris

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!

