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ANNOUNCEMENTS

C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

We are meeting on Thursday, Oct. 26th at 7:00 pm.
Please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts.

Brotherhood

We are meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21st at 7:00 pm. All men of the church are invited to join us!

Faith Circle

We will be meeting at 9:00 am on Nov. 9th and will be Atchison, KS.

OWLS

We will not be meeting in November & December. See you in 2018!

Stewardship Sunday and Luncheon

Sunday Nov. 19th is Stewardship Sunday. Our theme this year is; "Of Good Courage." Please prayerfully consider your tithes and offerings for the upcoming year and please join us immediately following the service for lunch.

Ham & Bean Dinner, Craft and Bake Sale

Please join us and invite your friends for our Annual Ham & Bean Dinner from 5:00-7:00pm on Friday Nov. 10th in the Fellowship Hall. We will also be having a Craft and Bake Sale going on at the same time.

Fall Garage Sale

The garage sale was a success, bringing in \$740.00. The money goes to Women's Fellowship & will be used to further the programs of the church. We want to thank everyone who donated items, helped set-up each day, worked at the sale & helped pack up & deliver what was left. The clothing & soft goods went to the Salvation Army as they were working to collect these items that weekend. The other items were taken to Goodwill.

Thanks,
Carolyn & Debbie

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Recharge: A Midweek Music Service

Please join us for Recharge on Wednesday Nov. 29th at 6:30 pm.

"In Context" Chronological Bible Study

Come join us for this fun, informative & educational bible study every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Custodial Position Open

We are currently accepting resumes for the open custodian position. Please drop off your resume or send it to the church office as soon as possible, so that the personnel committee can set up interviews.

Thank you

Thank you to those who sent cards and expressed sympathy for the loss of my brother, and my girl's uncle, Gary on Sept. 30th.

It is much appreciated,
Carole McClellan

Custodial Position

We are accepting resumes for a permanent part time custodian for the church. Please turn your resume into the church office or email it to jeanv@albaughllc.com.

Lawn Service & Snow Removal

We are currently accepting bids for 2017 snow removal and 2018 lawn service and snow removal. Please mail your bids to the church at 3025 Karnes Rd. 64506 or turn them into the church office.

From The Pastor's Desk

“FROM THE WATER TO THE WILDERNESS?”

Each year I return from the Catalyst Conference with something that is stuck within me that I just can't shake. This year I heard one Pastor preach about “From the Water to the Wilderness.” I have talked a lot about it from the pulpit upon our return and it is still rolling through my mind just as fresh as the first time that I heard it. The idea that we often go from a very “high” place...for example having new families join our congregation, or returning from Student Life Camp, or Miracle Hills Camp, or Advent season, or Easter and then being taken out into the “wilderness” explains a lot. The more I listen to others who have experience in the “church” world, or in life in general, our lives are made up of ups and downs, hills and valleys. In fact, Rick Warren says that *“often when life is going well, we miss the warning signs of an impending fall.”* Pride blinds us. So does the spotlight. Rick says that he often tells people that when they have encountered some kind of success in their life that they need to go home and *“change some diapers, mow their own lawns, and wash their own dishes.”* He goes on to say that this will help them to stay in touch with their roots and not let themselves think they are bigger than they really are.

In our Bible study on Wednesday evenings, “In Context,” we have learned about the kings who thought they were really something and found out that they were nothing without the LORD. The Book of Daniel even tells us about the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, who was given a dream from God about what was going to happen to him if he took credit for all of his success. Daniel tells Nebuchadnezzar, **“King Nebuchadnezzar, please accept my advice. Stop sinning and do what is right. Break from your wicked past and be merciful to the poor. Perhaps then you will continue to prosper.”** Usually the signs are there, do we see them?

I pray every day for this church and for the people who make up this church. I pray that God will add to our church daily. I pray for strong relationships. I pray that God would point us all in the same direction so that it will be easier to follow His lead. I pray that God puts the words in my mouth that He wants me to preach every Sunday, to teach every Wednesday, and to share every week in our “Portions” presentations. I pray that we will achieve all that God lays out for us to do. Over the course of my eight years here at Faith, it seems that when we begin something new and see growth or happiness in that area that something comes along to create some waves and we seem to head

back out into the wilderness. This year we have had great things happen. We have had around fifteen people join our congregation! We had a highly successful Easter Egg Hunt followed by a wonderful Easter Service. We had a highly successful Vacation Bible School followed closely by an awesome youth trip to Student Life Camp in Arlington, Texas. We followed that trip with a very successful Children's Camp at Miracle Hills Ranch. Our Wednesday night Bible study has grown as we continue to see God at work through the generations. We have introduced the weekly devotion, “Portions,” to our Facebook and web page in order to give people from all over the world an opportunity to know Jesus. We have introduced a monthly worship time called, “Recharge!” that has been a way to boost our morale, faith, and spirits, when sometimes we just need a mid-week pick me up. God has been good and I feel that we are in the water and we are coming out and God is saying “You are loved! You are children of God and I am pleased with you!” But what wilderness lies ahead? Are there any signs?

November is stewardship month! No one likes to be hounded for money and we don't do that here at Faith. On November 19th we will be turning in our pledge cards in hopes of getting about 85-90% of our planned budget. Pray hard about what you should give. Remember Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar these three things **“Stop sinning, do what is right, and show grace.”** As is always the case with our God those words of warning come with a promise. God says that if you do that then you will continue to prosper.

My prayer now is that God won't turn our Stewardship month into a time when we enter into the wilderness. My prayer is that God will use that month as a way of introducing us to a time of prosperity. That we have put away those things that have turned us away from Him and back to what God wants for us. That we show grace to the world around us in such a way that people are drawn to give their lives to the LORD. That we are willing to take a step out in faith even when it may feel a little uncomfortable. Join me as we enter into these last final months of 2017 looking for ways to “Do Something” that will bring honor and glory to God! Continue dedicating yourselves to him through the giving of your time, tithes and talents. Let's experience all that God has planned for us and remember that it is He who will receive all the glory!

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 3rd - B.I.G. Video Game Competition
- Nov. 5th - Communion Sunday 10:15 am
- Nov. 7th - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Nov. 7th - Election Day
- Nov. 9th - Faith Circle Trip to Atchison, KS 9:00 am
- Nov. 10th - Veteran’s Day Observed
- Nov. 10th - Ham & Bean Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm
- Nov. 10th - Craft & Bake Sale 5:00-7:00 pm
- Nov. 11th - Veteran’s Day
- Nov. 14th - Food Kitchen Team #1 5:00 pm
- Nov. 14th - Garden Gate Meeting Fellowship Hall 7pm
- Nov. 16th - Leader’s Night 7:00 pm
- Nov. 19th - Samaritan’s Purse Due
- Nov. 19th - Stewardship Sunday & Luncheon
- Nov. 23rd - Thanksgiving
- Nov. 28th - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Nov. 29th - **Recharge 6:30 pm**
- Nov. 30th - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm

Communion Assistants

- Nov. 5th - Debbie Demuth & Carolyn Sagasar

Acolytes

- Nov. 5th - Brodie DeSchepper & Josh Oswald
- Nov. 12th - Montana Frakes & Jordan Hill
- Nov. 19th - Josh Oswald & Rawlins Brant
- Nov. 26th - Rawlins Brant & Brodie DeSchepper

Van Drivers

- Nov. 5th - Roy
- Nov. 12th - Corey
- Nov. 19th - Roy
- Nov. 26th - Brent

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Oct. 1 st -	\$4,910.00	\$350.00
Oct. 8 th -	\$1,218.00	\$55.00
Oct. 15 th -	\$1,953.00	\$100.01
Oct. 24 th -	\$2,483.10	\$35.00
Totals:	\$10,564.10	\$540.01

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

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Oct. 1 st -	86	20
Oct. 8 th -	67	26
Oct. 15 th -	82	29
Oct. 24 th -	70	24

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”

1 Peter 4:10

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; Robin Carolus – safely home from medical mission in Nepal.

Cancer Patients: 13 year old Riley Whittington-chronic cancer; Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart)- inoperable brain tumor; Roy Nolan’s cousin, Christie Amos (40) –breast cancer; Dale Arn’s brother, David- cancer has returned; Garren’s Aunt Lupe- Pancreatic cancer; Kenny Ortman (Jim Wood) – recovery from removal of a brain tumor; Sonya & Tony Tannheimer – (she- breast cancer) (he- recent diagnosis- stage 4 Melanoma)- (Johnson’s)

Other: Continued prays for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends & his son, Brett, is being deployed for a year in Kuwait; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Tom Vanlone-home with home health; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp’s great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; All suffering from severe depression; The Catron Family; Elizabeth Schoenlaub; Jackie Ritter- on Hospice; Larry Bryson- Ulcerated foot is infected & he’s diabetic; Aaron King- in boot camp; Sharon Catron in Texas- her mom had a stroke; Tom Johnson’s mom- Vera- on hospice; individual & family- blood transfusions; Jake Frakes- recovering from surgery; Truman DeSchepper- recovering from surgery; Mina McCall - recovering from surgery; Richard Sharp – recovering from surgery; Julie Oswald – Badly sprained ankle, on crutches; Alene Tourbier – recovery from pneumonia; Brothers of Tony Shaw – Ronny with diabetes & Jim with congestive heart failure; Kelly Berthiaume – eye surgery; Andrew Poweres (a K-State grad) – spending 3 years teaching in India (2020).

Traveling Mercies: Ashley West in England; Woods & Pulleys vacationing; Alex & Jody King to Texas for Aaron’s Basic Training Graduation.

Sympathy: Family of Denny Cobb in the loss of his uncle; the family of long time member, Verne Schuett; Carole McClellan, Karen McClellan & family in the passing of Carole’s brother; Teresa Kidwell & family in the loss of her mother in law.

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 open to compromise and **DO Something!**