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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood

We are meeting on Tuesday, October 16th, at 7:00pm

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Come join us for some food, fun, and crafting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 29th.

In Context Bible Study

Please come join us for our study of the New Testament every Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30pm.

Faith Circle

Come join us on Thursday, November 8th, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for Thanksgiving bingo and outing together cancer baskets

Women's Fellowship

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting at the Downtown Abbey, 1202 Felix St. The parking lot is located on the south side of the building. Look for the big Blue front door. The program will be given by Gary Westcott, local historian, about Noma Lights in St. Joseph. All women and interested men are invited to attend and enjoy fellowship with us. Refreshments will be served and a brief meeting will follow.

For those needing a ride; Please meet at the church by 6:15 pm.

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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.

Stewardship Sunday

Stewardship Sunday will be Sunday, November 18th. Be looking in the mail for your letter and pledge card. Be in prayer as to how God will lead you in giving this next year.

Celebrating 50 Years of Happiness and Love!

Please join us on Saturday, November 10th, at 2:00 pm, at the church for the Vow Renewal Ceremony of Steve and Dianne Pulley and wish them well as they celebrate 50 years of marriage!

Harvest Party

Our annual Harvest Party was a huge success! We had over 200 people enjoying games, food, and fellowship! The Lay Life and Christian Education commissions would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this year's event a success!

From The Pastor's Desk

“Cast Your Bread Upon the Water”

Ecclesiastes 11: 1 says, “*Cast your bread upon the water, for you will find it after many days.*” What does that mean? The interpretation is that if a person is generous and shares with others, God will reward him or her. Others interpret this to mean that you shouldn't refrain from an action because you fear the future. Our church went through a couple of lean years a few years back and we had to borrow from our Memorial Fund in order to make ends meet. As a church we had a decision to make, either pull back and live in fear, or keep *casting our bread upon the water!* As a church, we kept on *casting our bread on the water* and God has rewarded us. We have begun to reap what we have sown!

The last two years we finished in the black and began paying the Memorial Fund back what we owe it and this year will be no exception. Currently we are \$9200+ in the black with three months remaining in this year.

Our theme for 2018 has been “Of Good Courage” and we have been faithful in our giving all year long. Why...because we have kept *casting our bread upon the water*. We have invited the community to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt, to hear the New Generation Singers, for the Ice Cream Social, Vacation Bible School, Miracle Hills Children's Camp, Harvest Party, Brotherhood Ham/Bean Dinner, Women's Fellowship Bake Sale, as well as opening our doors to all for worship every Sunday morning and to

participate in our Wednesday night Bible Study. We are also active in the Valley View Food Kitchen where we serve the second Tuesday of every month. These are ways we have been *generous and shared with others*. We didn't host any event so that we could be recognized as a church, but instead to show God's love in a practical way. We wanted to extend to the community the very same love that God has so graciously showered on us.

So let's finish the 2018 year strong! We don't know who will be walking through our doors on any given Sunday, but God does. So let's keep *casting our bread upon the water!* We need to continue to love without fear and let our actions speak to our great love for our LORD! Thank you for your hearts that serve! Thank you for your hearts that give! And thank you for showing others the grace that they too may receive when they come to know Jesus like we do! Thank You church for being the church that the Bible describes in Acts 2 & 4!

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- Nov. 4th - Communion Sunday
- Nov. 4th - Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov. 6th - Election Day
- Nov. 6th - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Nov. 8th - Faith Circle 7:00 pm
- Nov. 9th - Ham & Bean Dinner & Bake Sale 5-7 pm
- Nov. 10th - Pulley's Vow Renewal Service 2:00 pm
- Nov. 11th - Veteran's Day
- Nov. 13th - Food Kitchen Team #1 5:00 pm
- Nov. 13th - Garden Gate Meeting 6:00 pm
- Nov. 15th - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- Nov. 18th - Stewardship Sunday
- Nov. 20th - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Nov. 22nd - Thanksgiving
- Nov. 25th - First Sunday to order poinsettias
- Nov. 28th - Recharge
- Nov. 29th - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm

Communion Assistants

- Nov. 4th - Rose Mary Seuell & Carole McClellan

Acolytes

- Nov. 4th - Montana Frakes & Josh Oswald
- Nov. 11th - Rawlins Brant & Montana Frakes
- Nov. 18th - Josh Oswald & Rawlins Brant
- Nov. 25th - Montana Frakes & Brodie DeSchepper

Van Drivers

- Nov. 4th - Corey
- Nov. 11th - Roy
- Nov. 18th - Corey
- Nov. 25th - Brent

<u>Report</u>	<u>Current Fund</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Sept. 30 th -	\$2,592.00	\$135.00
Oct. 7 th -	\$3,444.00	\$190.00
Oct. 14 th -	\$2,920.06	\$275.00
Oct. 21 st -	\$2,737.00	\$80.00
Totals:	\$11,693.06	\$680.00

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

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Sept. 30 th -	79	39
Oct. 7 th -	88	32
Oct. 14 th -	83	38
Oct. 21 st -	84	34

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

"I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand,

I will not be shaken."

Psalms 16:8

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God's amazing love; new visitors; Harvest Party Saturday; Fall Membership Meeting & meal; our beautiful Autumn weather

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; Tricia (friend of Donna Wood) – Hodgkin's Lymphoma; 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); McClellan's neighbor – lung cancer; Karen Trump (mother of Jimmy Blanton) – surgery to remove brain tumor (KU); Jo (friend of Donna Wood) – cancer returned & spread throughout body; Missy West's sister's mother –in-law – just diagnosed with aggressive bone 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; Andrew Powers (a K-State grad) – spending 3 years teaching in India (2020); The Bryson family- family issues; Scotty Sharp family- family issues; Maci Trapp- personal; Jill Frakes- eye diseases; Ashley West – teaching in Russia; Tom Taylor- in the hospital; Larry Bryson- new spot on other leg; Edison School – need shoes for pupils – child size 5 thru men's adult size 9 ½; Prayers for Maci Trapp; Matt Cole- continued healing at home; Hill family friend- serious health issues- possible stroke; David sparks & family- David is diabetic & has a non-healing sore on leg- amputation recommended; David Bryson (Amy's uncle)- in ICU again with collapsed lung; Edison 6th grader Corbin- home- has port for meds- trouble holding down food- sleeps a great deal- mom is missing a lot of work; our Nursery attendant, Melissa- mom fell- cracked some ribs & other health issues; Carla Archdekin (Joed Hill)- hip replacement surgery Oct. 25th- had heart surgery recently; Leonard McCall's aunt Evelyn- not taking meds, disoriented, not doing well

Traveling Mercies: Craig McCauley flying home from Mrs. McCauley's funeral

Sympathy: Ronnie & Eilean McCauley & family in the death of Ronnie's mother Sunday morning 10/7/18

Finally: all our people & programs; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; In Context Bible Study; 2019 Stewardship Campaign; our website; 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!

