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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Brotherhood

We are meeting on Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm

### OWLS

We will be meeting at 11:30 am on Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>, at LaPeep's. Please join us for lunch.

### C3

Come join us for some food, fun, and crafting at 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### In Context Bible Study

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

### Recharge

Join us for Recharge at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Faith Circle

Faith Circle is back! We have many exciting things planned for the coming year and will have several evening events planned for the Ladies who work during the day. This month we will be working at the church cleaning the kitchen and Sanctuary on Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am. A soup lunch will be provided.

### Fall congregational Meeting & Luncheon

Our Annual Fall congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, immediately following the service. After the meeting we will be having a pot luck dinner. Please plan to attend!

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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.

### Harvest Party

Our annual Harvest Party will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, from 4-6pm. Please plan to attend. We are also needing donations of candy & pop.

### Thank You's

We would like to thank everyone who attended our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and those who sent cards. We are blessed to have such a wonderful family and friends. Our church family is a blessing from God. Thank you all!

Larry & Phyllis Cole

Carol Wood will be celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. Her husband, Roy will be celebrating his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on the same day! They will be celebrating with a family fish fry. They also will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

## From The Pastor's Desk

### “Table Fellowship”

Table fellowship is one of the great treasures in life. In this day and age, we don't seem to value it as much as we used to. Growing up in my home, we all knew that when it was dinner time we were all going to sit around the table and take in what happened to everyone else that day. As I got into high school, I felt like there were times when I didn't have time for it, or that it wasn't important enough for me to give up my time. All I wanted to do was just grab a “quick bite” and head off to work, school, a game or just to hang out with my friends, but each time I remember staying and being glad that I did. It was at that time when someone in my family really needed us to be there for some kind of support for something, or just needed everyone around the table so that we could make each other laugh.

As I grew up, married, and had a family of my own, table fellowship became a part of my family's life. We would all sit around the table, whether we wanted to be there or not, and be required to share at least one good thing, and one bad thing, that happened to us that day. Usually once the opening awkwardness was shed, the fellowship began to flow. I often wondered if sitting around the table met as much to my family as it meant to me, and I got my answer when my daughters grew up. I discovered that whenever they come home, they ask for their favorite meal to be cooked and that we all sit around the table so that we can “catch up.”

In the Old Testament, it was around table fellowship that Abraham was told by the angels that he and Sarah were going to have a son, even in their old age. It was around a table where Queen Esther shared with King Xerxes that his number one man, Haman, had made a plan to eliminate her people. By using the table setting, she broke down the wall of “king and subject” and therefore saved her people's lives. Even Jesus knew the importance of table fellowship and you see it especially in the Gospel of Luke. If he wasn't sitting around the table with some Pharisee sharing a Parable, he was inviting himself to someone's house for a meal, like Zacchaeus. Jesus knew that when you sat down with someone you were immediately breaking down any walls that would keep you from engaging with your host. In fact one of the last things Jesus did before he was arrested, beaten, and crucified was share a meal with his disciples. One of the first things he did after his resurrection was show himself to them in a room where they had been staying and then sharing a meal with them on the beach. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read that one of the first things the early church

incorporated into their lives was sharing meals, aka table fellowship. People felt comfortable coming and hanging out with their family and friends with no pressure of having to “join” something to be included. As they grew more comfortable with their setting, we are told that the LORD added to the churches numbers daily. How cool is that?

Here at Faith, we also know the importance of table fellowship. Throughout different months in the year, we invite others to come to the table with us. This past month we enjoyed the Potato Bar that was hosted by our Board of Stewards. Over the summer months we were invited to an old fashion picnic one month and a taco bar another. All of these meals were well attended as was the ice cream social. As a church we know the importance of breaking bread and getting to know your brothers and sisters in Christ. It's a chance to not only share and laugh together, but be there if someone is really hurting.

In the next couple of months, we have four venues where we would like to invite you to come and join us for a meal. First, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, we will be hosting our annual Harvest Party. This will be for the whole community and will give us an opportunity to show God's love in a practical way. We will have games and food, what better non-threatening way to show God's love? The very next day we would like to invite the church to join us for our Fall Membership meal that immediately follows our meeting. After discussing the upcoming 2019 year, the new commission members, and the budget, we will sit down and share a meal. And in November we have two more events. The first is on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November. Brotherhood will be hosting the annual Ham and Bean Dinner from 5-7 pm and will coincide with the Women's Fellowship Bake sale. This is another outreach where the whole community is invited. Later on in the month, November 18<sup>th</sup>, we will share a meal to celebrate our Stewardship campaign.

I hope that you plan to join us for these times of table fellowship. I hope that you may have someone in mind who you can invite to come and join us for one of these events. We want to follow the examples that God's Word, and the early church has set for us, and sharing these meals is crucial. The Bible promises that if we are obedient to His Word, then He will add to our numbers daily! I look forward to sitting down with you soon!

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

**Calendar of Events**

- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> - Stratford Place Meeting 6:00pm
- Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Catalyst Conference Jim, Alex, Steve
- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - Communion Sunday
- Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> - Food Kitchen Team #4 5:00 pm
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> - Faith Circle 10:00 am
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> Steve & Debi gone to Mayo Clinic
- Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> - Leader's Night 7:00 pm
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - OWLS Luncheon @LaPeep's 11:30 am
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Party 4-6pm
- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - Fall Congregational Meeting 11:30am
- Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> - Recharge 6:30 pm
- Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - New Members Class 11:30am

**Communion Assistants**

- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - Ruth Sharp & Linda Trapp

**Acolytes**

- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - Montana Frakes & Josh Oswald
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Rawlins Brant & Montana Frakes
- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - Josh Oswald & Rawlins Brant
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - Montana Frakes & Brodie DeSchepper

**Van Drivers**

- Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - Corey
- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Roy
- Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> - Corey
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - Brent

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Aug. 26 <sup>th</sup> -	\$2,121.00	\$130.00
Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup> -	\$	\$
Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> -	\$1,707.00	\$55.00
Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> -	\$2,672.00	\$20.00
Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup> -	\$1,474.00	\$20.00
Totals:	<b>\$7,974.00</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>

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

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Aug. 26 <sup>th</sup> -	102	45
Sept. 2 <sup>nd</sup> -	74	35
Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup> -	94	44
Sept. 16 <sup>th</sup> -	106	43
Sept. 23 <sup>rd</sup> -	87	27

**ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!**

*“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”*

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**

**In Our Thoughts & Prayers**

**Praises:** Baby Emet got to finally come home; friend of the Oswalds, Matt Cole, who was injured in a serious auto accident, has been dismissed from the hospital.

**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; Mason Trapp family – family issues; Jill Frakes- eye diseases; Ashley West – teaching in Russia; Jason DeSchepper – injured his leg in a fall at home; Brother of Joanie Shaw – Ronny with diabetes; Norman (Buddy) Moore brother of Linda Trapp – fall & concussion; Trevor Maag, Sr. at Savannah High – serious football injury to knee; Wendall hill (Brent’s dad) – injured in fall at home; The Heiser family (Missy West); Edison School – need shoes for pupils – child size 5 thru men’s adult size 9 ½; Prayers for Maci Trapp; Teresa ( friend of Donna Woods) – granddaughter, Gabby – has a birthmark that is growing; David Shaw (Carole McClellan’s grandson) – wife, Jaelyn – having a allergic reaction to antibiotics

**Traveling Mercies:** McCall’s traveling to North Dakota for a football game

**Sympathy:** Ronnie McCauley’s cousin, Connie Joe’s family; Cindy Gentry Moger of Houston, TX killed in accident in Atchison, KS

**Finally:** all our people & programs; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; In Context bible Study; Catalyst Conf. for Pastor Jim, Alex, & Steve; Fall Congregational Mtg.; 2019 stewardship campaign; Harvest Party; 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!

## Cancer Patients Packets

Faith Circle is putting together packets for cancer patients. These will be available upon request for any of our members to take to friends and relatives that are enduring this terrible illness.

In doing so, we are asking for any donations of the following items:

Small hand sanitizers

Small hand lotions

Fuzzy socks

Hard candy

Chapstick

Small Kleenex

Seek and find books

You may bring these items to the church at any time and we will have a basket at the back of the church earmarked for Faith Circle.

Thank you!

