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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

We are meeting on Thursday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.  
Please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts.

### Brotherhood

We are meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. All men of the church are invited to join us!

### Women's Fellowship

Auto surprise! Our meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend our meeting with special guest, Marilyn Griggs. She will be sharing her antique car & information with us! Come to learn, have some fellowship & enjoy refreshments!

### Faith Circle

We will be meeting at 10:00 am on Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Card Sunday

We will have cards for everyone to sign on Sunday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to sign them all. They go to our members who are shut-ins.

### OWLS

Please join us at 11:30 am on Friday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> At LePeep's for lunch.

### Annual Potato Bar

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> following the church service.

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### Recharge: A Midweek Music Service

Please join us for Recharge on Wednesday Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

### Chronological Bible Study

Our weekly Bible study will be starting back up at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. We are also changing the name to, "In Context." Please consider joining us for this fun, informative & educational bible study!

### Financial Report

At the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, June 30, 2017, the financial statement showed that we had a positive balance of \$297.10. Thanks to everyone who is keeping up on their pledged giving & others who so generously donate towards the work of the church. The end of July 2017 shows a deficit of \$1,700.14, possibly due to summer vacations, etc. We ask that you prayerfully consider your giving so that we are able to continue to meet the needs of the church and return to a positive statement.

Thank you,  
The Board of Stewards

## From The Pastor's Desk

### “MILE-WIDE, INCH-DEEP FAITH”

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I was given the opportunity to attend Student Life Camp with our high school, and middle school, students this summer. The speaker, David Nassar, spoke quite a bit about having “mile-wide, inch-deep faith.” That quote really stuck with me. In fact it has stuck with me so much that I made sure that when I taught at our Miracle Hill's Children's Camp this year that I emphasized the importance of increasing our faith. Jesus even said in Matthew chapter 17 verse 20, ***“I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it would move. Nothing would be impossible.”*** Where are we on the “faith meter?”

If faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains, then how small is our faith? We read time and time again in the Gospels about the faith of people who had never grew up in “the church” like us, yet they told Jesus that if he only spoke the words, then their child would be healed. They knew that if they only touched his robe that they would be healed. They knew that even if the storms were tossing them to and fro, or if a riotous group was about to stone them that Jesus could step in and calm the storm...why don't we have that kind of faith?

I think a lot of it has to do with today's culture. We have grown up in a generation where we hang on every word that is being said about us...whether on some message board, Facebook page, or rumor that may be passing around. We would rather score high there than in our walk with Christ. Sure we may make it to church for a few of the dinners, or show up on the holidays, or when some special program or event is scheduled, and claim to our friends that we attend church, but where are we in our spiritual walk? The mile-wide faith may be what is bringing down today's church. We step in and plug ourselves into so many activities and groups and burn ourselves out before we realize that we were never feeding our spiritual hunger. Our faith, in the meantime, was only running an inch deep. So what should we do?

I know that I don't have all of the answers but I believe I know where to start...priorities. What are the five most important things going on in your life? In that list is personal Bible study or worship included? Are you seeking out what God has planned for you? Rick Warren says that all of us possess a combination of spiritual gifts, heart, passion, and interests. He says, *“Why do you think you have those interests? Because God gave them to you. And if we all liked to do the same things, there would be a lot less accomplished in the world.”* And that is one of the hurdles. We spread ourselves so thin doing all this other

stuff that we may not even be gifted in that we miss what God has planned for us. God has a plan for each of our lives that centers on what our particular interests are, but he is not going to force us to do his plan. Many of us than waste our lives using our gifts on personal and self-centered things and total miss God's blessing that he has in store for us. It's a real tragedy. And that's why we get so frustrated! We're trying to be something somebody else wants us to be rather than what God wants us to be. We're measuring our success on how others grade us rather than how God sees us.

But there is still time to do something about it! God has a life mission for you that nobody else on this planet can do. Maybe you've missed that mission. Maybe you've missed serving God. But you can start today to make the rest of your life the best of your life. God will never ask you to do anything that he hasn't already given you the ability to do. I've told you the story before of the woman who realized on her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday that she had been living her life only for herself and not for what God had planned for her. So when she blew out her candles she told God that whatever time he had left for her on earth that she would live for him and God has richly blessed her for it and continues to bless her well into her seventies.

Iranaeus was a great Christian leader in the second century. He once said, *“The glory of God is a human being fully alive.”* What makes God smile is him looking down and seeing you using your talents, studying his word and worshipping him for his glory. If you didn't bring glory to God, you wouldn't be alive. So start today digging deeper in your faith. Discover ways that you can trim those activities that maybe you aren't totally gifted for so that you can fully concentrate on those things that God has richly gifted you in. Dedicate yourself, and your family to God, and to discovering his specific purpose in your lives, then you will begin to grow deeper in your faith and discover a richness and blessing from God that you never knew existed!

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

**Calendar of Events**

- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Communion Service 10:15 am
- Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day- Offices Closed
- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> - Women’s Fellowship 7:00 pm
- Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> - In Context Bible Study 6:30 pm
- Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> - Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:00 pm
- Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> - Food Kitchen Team #3 5:00 pm
- Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - In Context Bible Study 6:30 pm
- Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> - Faith Circle 10:00 am
- Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> - OWLS @ LePeep’s 11:30 am
- Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> - Brotherhood 7:00pm
- Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> - In Context Bible Study 6:30 pm
- Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> - Leader’s Night 7:00 pm
- Sept 24<sup>th</sup> - Card Sunday
- Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> - Board of Stewards Potato Bar 11:30 am
- Sept 27<sup>th</sup> - **Recharge 6:30 pm**
- Sept 27<sup>th</sup> - In Context Bible Study 7:30 pm
- Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm

**Communion Assistants**

- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ruth Sharp & Linda Trapp

**Acolytes**

- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Montana Frakes & Josh Oswald
- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - Brodie DeSchepper & Jordan Hill
- Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - Rawlins Brant & Montana Frakes
- Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> - Josh Oswald & Jordan Hill

**Van Drivers**

- Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Corey
- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - Roy
- Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - Brent
- Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> - Roy

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
July 30 <sup>th</sup> -	\$2,249.15	\$25.00
Aug. 6 <sup>th</sup> -	\$3,414.00	\$390.00
Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup> -	\$2,087.00	\$1,545.00
Aug. 20 <sup>th</sup> -	\$897.00	\$35.00
Totals:	<b>\$8,647.15</b>	<b>\$1,995.00</b>
<b>\$11,860.00</b> needed each month to meet current expenses.		

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
July 30 <sup>th</sup> -	100	16
Aug. 6 <sup>th</sup> -	74	19
Aug. 13 <sup>th</sup> -	87	21
Aug. 20 <sup>th</sup> -	71	17

**ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!**

*“Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken”*

**Psalm 55:22**

**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! Vacations that refresh & renew; Katherine Sharp- awarded an Ag Scholarship at Mizzou; the wonder of God’s creation- the recent Eclipse; George Fischer’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday; Darren & Manda Wood welcomed their first child, Aurellia Marie Wood. New Members who came forward Sunday: The Frakes Family (Jack, Jill, Madi and Montana), and Donna Van Biela.

**Cancer Patients:** Rob Gregory; 13 year old Riley Whittington-chronic cancer; Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); anonymous friend- recently diagnosed with cancer and very distraught; Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart)- inoperable brain tumor; Roy Nolan’s cousin, Christie Amos (40) –breast cancer; customer of Denny Cobb diagnosed with stage IV cancer; Dale Arn’s brother, David- cancer has returned; Garren’s Aunt Lupe- Pancreatic cancer; Jim Christenson- stage IV (Jamie Deffenbaugh’s father); Ron Kempa- rare type of blood cancer; Greg Leslie (Jim Wood)- stage 4 Pancreatic cancer; Jack Frakes- surgery at KU to remove mass on Right Kidney; Shelby Erb (Rick Tolbert’s 16 year old cousin who lost part of her leg earlier this year to cancer- 3 tumors on her lung; Tammy- lung cancer.

**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; the family of Linda Trapp & decisions she needs to make; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp’s great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; Carole McClellan’s brother- Gary Battelle –has been placed in a nursing home for rehab after a week in the hospital, he is weak & the dementia has progressed; All suffering from severe depression; The Catron Family; Elizabeth Schoenlaub; Darline Langemach- rehab after hip surgery; Ashley West- her new adventure & travel; Jackie Ritter- on Hospice; Courtney Hill’s roommate, Abby- for peace & comfort following suicide of her close friend; Joyce Shad ( Leonard McCall’s cousin)- multiple injuries & surgery due to an auto accident in Idaho; Burton Shad ( Joyce’s son)- moderate injuries suffered in same accident.

**Traveling Mercies:** Students returning to college; Ashley West traveling to Italy

**Sympathy:** Family of Larry Shad, Husband of Leonard McCall’s cousin, Joyce Shad- he was killed in the car accident in Idaho (family lives in Iowa); family of 8 yr. old girl killed in a bike accident in Iowa.

**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”; be open to compromise and **DO Something!**