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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brotherhood

We will be meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 17th at Bandana's. Everyone is welcome to attend. Let George Fischer or Ronnie McCauley know if you plan to attend.

In Context Bible Study

We will be starting our Bible study back up on Wednesday, September 11th, at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be starting with 2 Thessalonians.

Faith Circle

We will be meeting next month on Thursday, October 10th, at 7:00 pm.

C3

We will be meeting on Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for crafting, fun, and fellowship!

Women's Fellowship

Join us on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our program will be on the Senior Abuse Hotline given by Jamie Roe. Everyone is invited to attend.

Potato Bar

The Board of Stewards will be holding the annual Potato Bar after the service on Sunday, September 22nd. Everyone is invited to join us for food and fellowship.

Community Action Partnership

CAP is asking for donations to help area families and children in need. They need:

Bar soap Razors Tooth paste
Tooth brushes Deodorant Feminine products
Hand sanitizer Travel shampoo & conditioner
They would really appreciate your support!

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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.

Card Sunday

Church and Ministry need your help! We need cards that are suitable to send to our shut-ins, our supply of cards has run dry! If you have cards like this, please drop them off in the church office.

Wedding Shower

The church is invited to the wedding shower of Erin Feller (Austin Nolan's Fiancé), on Saturday, September 7th, at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall hosted by Kaylin Nolan and Jean Vulgamott, RSVP by September 1st. They are registered at; Amazon, Bed Bath and Beyond, and Crate & Barrel.

5th Sunday

We will be having activities and snacks for children preschool through 6th 5th grade during the morning worship service on Sunday, September 29th. If you have children or know of some children who would be interested in attending and finding out more about what we do during children's Sunday school, please plan on attending.

Harvest Party

Mark your calendars now our annual Harvest party is just around the corner and will be held on Saturday, October 12th, from 5-7 pm.

From The Pastor's Desk

“WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?”

In this day and age, there is a lot to be afraid of. It seems that random violence in our society can happen anywhere and at any time, as we have seen recently in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio. God knows that everyone has fears. I love the fact that God's Word capitalizes on that emotion quite a bit. You see, whenever God himself, or an angel of the LORD, appears to someone the first thing they always say is, “***Do not be afraid.***” In fact that phrase is found more than 44 times in the Bible beginning with God telling Abram in Genesis 15: 1b, “***Do not be afraid, Abram, for I will protect you, and your reward will be great.***”

But your real problem isn't that you're afraid, it's how do I handle fear when it comes over me? Jesus tells us in John 8: 32, “***And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.***” There are a number of different ways that the Bible teaches us to get over our fear, but I'm going to share with you two ideas that Rick Warren suggests in one of his writings.

1. **Practice the presence of Jesus:** You have to begin reminding yourself every single moment of every day that “God is with me.” Before you begin every task for every day tell yourself, “God is with me.” The more you say it, the more you realize that God is always with you. You begin to realize that you don't have to set aside any time for God because you are spending all your time **with God!** When you become aware of God's presence in your life, fear will go away. When God is near, you lose your fear. Why? Because God is love and the Bible tells us “***Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear.***” The more you feel loved by God, the less you'll fear.

2. **Move against the fear:** When we play the game, “Going on a Lion Hunt” with the children at Miracle Hills, part of the

hunt is facing your fear, no matter what it may be (tall grass, fast moving rivers, high mountains, or even dark caves). You sing, “Can't go around it, can't go over it, can't go under it, gotta go **through it!**” You need to face what you fear the most. That's called **faith**, and we talked about “Faith in the Fire” a couple of weeks ago in church. You need to open the closet door and see for yourself that the bogeyman isn't in there, or even as big as you thought. Our fears are always worse than our realities. The fear of failure is worse than the failure. Failure is no big deal. You just get up and start over. The fear of rejection is worse than the rejection. The fear of embarrassment is worse than embarrassment. Why? Because our fear goes on for hours, days, and sometimes even months and years. Fear is “**False Evidence Appearing Real.” Fear is a fake!**

So remember, we all have things that we fear in our lives. Knowing how to deal with that fear is what separates us from everybody else. These two ideas will not only help you deal with your fear, but give you solutions to share with others, you know, who are dealing with their fears. So don't be afraid! Why? Because you, “***KNOW the TRUTH***” and the “***TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE!***”

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 1st - Communion Sunday
- Sept. 2nd - Labor Day
- Sept. 3rd - Visitation Committee 11:15 am
- Sept. 3rd - Women’s Fellowship 7:00 pm
- Sept. 7th - Wedding Shower for Erin Feller 2 pm
- Sept. 8th - Promotion Sunday
- Sept. 10th - Food Kitchen Team #3 5:00 pm
- Sept. 11th - In Context Bible Study starts 6:30 pm
- Sept. 17th - Brotherhood at Bandana’s 6:00 pm
- Sept. 19th - Leader’s Night 7:00 pm
- Sept. 22nd - Board of Stewards Potato bar 11:30 am
- Sept. 26th - C3 7:00 pm
- Sept. 29th - 5th Sunday

Communion Assistants

- Sept. 1st - Debbie Demuth & Carolyn Sagaser

Van Drivers

- Sept. 1st - Corey
- Sept. 8th - Roy
- Sept. 15th - Brent
- Sept. 22nd - Jack
- Sept. 29th - Corey

| Report | Current Fund | Building Fund |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| July 28 th - | \$1,899.12 | \$245.00 |
| Aug. 4 th - | \$3,522.00 | \$180.00 |
| Aug. 11 th - | \$3,342.25 | \$120.00 |
| Aug. 18 th - | \$1,323.00 | \$1,305.00 |
| Aug. 25 th - | \$1,907.00 | \$245.00 |
| Totals: | \$11,993.37 | \$2,095.00 |

\$11,765.75 needed each month to meet current expenses.

| Attendance | Service | Sunday School |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------|
| July 28 th - | 116 | 37 |
| Aug. 4 th - | 80 | 46 |
| Aug. 11 th - | 103 | 45 |
| Aug. 18 th - | 87 | 47 |
| Aug. 25 th - | 77 | 40 |

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: God’s amazing love; work being completed in the new addition; fun & fellowship at the Ice Cream Social; Jessica Blanton back in St. Joe at mosaic in room 2241.

Cancer Patients: Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Ryan Frakes (brother of Jack) – cancer; 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); Emily (Teresa Kidwell’s niece) 36 yr. old- mastectomy 11/5/18- will be receiving radiation & chemo; William Davis: Gayle Davis- Leukemia (family of Jordan Davis who is a friend of Jessica Vogt); Delores Collins (sister of Linda Trapp)- starting chemo & radiation; Whitney (grade school granddaughter of a swim friend- inoperable brain tumor; Byron Myers- prostate- chemo; Mike Williams (Missy West)- stage 4 pancreatic cancer; Lorey Schank (friend of Steve & Debi Haskey)- breast cancer returns after 28 years & metastasized to her bones; Debi Haskey’s mom (Hazel Johnson)- diagnosed with stage 4 cancer & placed on hospice; Glen Spitzer’s Father-in-law (Robert Meyers)- leukemia; Jo (Donna W. friend)- withdrawn; Chris, son of Susan Wheeler & grandson of Joan Schubert- leg amputated due to 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; The Catron Family; Jill Frakes- eye diseases; Leonard McCall’s aunt Evelyn- not taking meds, disoriented, not doing well; Dianne Venable- Alzheimer’s; Scotty Sharp’s Aunt Eunice- on hospice; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp’s great-nephew)- 15 yr. old- needs a heart transplant; Tom Johnson- mother, Vera- on hospice; Alex King; Sharon Rumpf- knee replacement recovery; Larry Bryson- recovery from to amputation; Sharon Wagner (Mina McCall’s friend)- fell & broke her hip; Jon Jordan (Mary Brinson’s SIL)- heart problems; Gwen Miller (Marion Vogt’s friend)- home after amputation of toes & part of her foot; Moriah- attempted suicide- age 17; Donna Woods brother (Harry)- has blood clots in both lungs and one leg; Arn’s grandson, Brady- to Ft. Sam Houston, TX; Ashley West- teaching in Shanghai

Traveling Mercies: Donna Von Biela in CA

Sympathy: Devera Lambing & family in the death of her mother; Glenn Spitzer & the family of his friend Sam who passed away

Finally: all our people & programs; living more **Fully Alive in 2019**; our Music Director, Steve Haskey; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families