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Deadline!

The deadline for articles to be submitted for the October issue is **September 28.**

If you would like to contribute information to the newsletter, please send the information to:

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DISCLAIMER

If any news, articles, or information was printed incorrectly or left out, it was done by mistake. Please accept my apologies. ~ Liz

Worship Schedule

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service

11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Kids' Klub

Will Resume September 8

(Weekly Thereafter)

5:30 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello friends,

I pray in the name of the Risen and living Christ that you are all doing well. I also pray that you and your families are staying as healthy as you can and keeping yourself safe as we continue to struggle with Covid-19 and its new Delta variant.

As I said at the beginning of my article last month, "Where has the summer gone?" School has started up once again. My second daughter (Rachel) and our third daughter (Genna) are now back at college. Our house is much quieter now.

As we begin the month of September, I can't help thinking back to May and telling myself, 'this summer is going to be busy.' And it was! We did many things. With Kids' Klub field trips, VBS, summer camps and vacations, and the rodeo and Watermelon festival. It all went by really quickly. But it was all good! God blessed our efforts and allowed us to have more time with family. What a blessing! I sure hope that you were able to have some fun this summer.

Now back to September. Our world has changed some in the last two months. The Delta variant has taken over as the dominate strand of Covid-19. It is highly infectious. There are some in our nation who were vaccinated and still caught the virus and our third daughter Genna was one of those. She caught it working at the Bridgeport lake church camp. She's okay and all but it was still scary. Thankfully she was vaccinated. It could have been worse.

As we edge closer to fall and with everyone getting back in the routine of school and life. We want to make sure that we find ways to be active in our church once again. In July our attendance dropped just as it does in every church during this time of year, but we have seen an increase of attendance in the last two weeks. We are thankful for that! With the month of September comes the return of Kids' Klub on Wednesday evenings. Kids' Klub is one of

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK CONTINUED.....

the greatest outreach programs, along with Backpack Buddies (Big “Thank You” to Leann Baber), our church has to be the hands and feet in our local community. So, the next few months will be a great opportunity for you to get involved and help in one of these areas of ministry. All you have to do is ask and be willing.

If perhaps, these are not something that you might think is right for you, but you'd still like to do something, then let me suggest this to you. Let these programs be an example for you. Let them inspire you to reach out to your friends and neighbors of the community and offer to pray with them. Maybe invite them to church if they don't have one. This month on Sept. 19th we are having “Bring a Friend Sunday!” What a great opportunity that is for you to reach out to someone and invite them to church.

We, Christians, must become more involved with the ministry of our churches. I'm speaking not only about our church but also the global church. As disciples of Jesus it's all about sharing the gospel. The great commission that Christ gave to his disciples and followers was,

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.” Matthew 28:19-20.

We did much during the summer and I listed those things earlier. But that must not be all. We must continue on with the work that we have been called upon to do.

Please, I encourage you to consider finding a way to be more active in your faith. Even if it's just calling and checking on your neighbor.

There are so many ways to be active in our little church and we are always open to new ideas. Think about coming and joining us for Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. We have two wonderful adult classes that I know you would enjoy being a part of as you study the word of God. We also have a class for the children as they learn about the stories from the Bible that we all heard. Then after Sunday school we have a little time for some coffee and fellowship with some refreshments before our morning worship at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Last Sunday we read a scripture from James 1:22 that says,

“We must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves.”

So, let us be doers of the word following the teachings of Jesus Christ, so that in everything we do, God will be glorified and we will be blessed.

Take care of yourself and stay healthy. Remember to always pray for our nation and our troops. Pray for our doctors and nurses caring for those who have Covid-19.

I pray that the Lord blesses you and keeps you, that his face shines upon you and gives you peace. I look forward to seeing you in church on Sunday.

You are loved. Go in grace and love your neighbor, sharing the “Good News” of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Greg

“It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.” Galatians 2:20

AUGUST STATISTICS

| Date | Attendance | Regular Offering | Designated Offering |
|------------------------|------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| August 01 | 30 | \$ 2,838.00 | \$ 308.00 |
| August 08 | 25 | 886.00 | 775.00 |
| August 15 | 26 | 3,011.00 | 500.00 |
| August 22 | 36 | 1,085.00 | 150.00 |
| August 29 | 36 | 1,179.00 | 500.00 |
| August Totals | 153 | \$8,999.00 | \$2,233.00 |
| Monthly Average | 30 | \$1,799.80 | |





UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Community Game Day & Lunch

10 a.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesday.

Kid's Klub Planning Meeting

Wednesday September 1st at 6 p.m.

If you have not updated your certificate on Ministry Safe, please do so.

[If you have a question about it, see Pastor Greg.](#)

Kid's Klub Returns

Wednesday, Sept. 8th at 5:30 p.m.!

“Bring a Friend” Sunday

September 19th!

Potluck lunch following our worship service!

SPRC Meeting

TBA

VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITY SCHEDULE

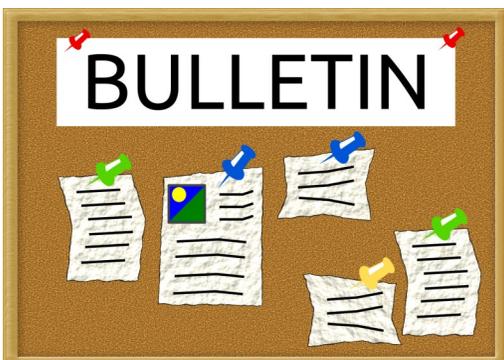
| Date | Reader | Cleaning |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| September 05 | Virginia Gafken | Theresa Gentry & Ethel Griffith |
| September 12 | Savanah Johnson | Liz Johnson |
| September 19 | Dan Gentry | Margie Hess |
| September 26 | Liz Johnson | Virginia Lynch |

Ushers for September: Dale White & Joseph St. John



SIGN-UP SHEET FOR KIDS' KLUB MEALS

With Kids' Klub resuming, there will be a need for individuals to sign up to provide food and/or funds for the weekly meals. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. These are light meals; such as pizza, chicken nuggets, corny dogs, spaghetti, soup, etc. Usually there is some type of fruit and/or vegetable and a small dessert (that is individually wrapped to be handed out at the end of the evening) served along with these meals. We have volunteers who will be glad to serve the meals. All you have to do is to drop the food off at the church by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. Monetary donations are always welcomed and an option, if you do not feel like cooking food. Thank you for your support.



Remember to check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall from time to time. That is where you will find all kinds of information about our church and our community. Anything from church/community announcements, certificates, volunteer lists, “Thank You”, etc. You never know what you might be missing!

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Recent Prayer Requests

Kathy Booles
Marjorie Hess
Lonnie Forniglia
Kirk & Cindy Simmons
Wes Kenas
Weldon & Wanda Stark
Kenny Mitchell
Joanna Manos
The Family of Allen Snider
The Family of Heath Spruill
The Family of Janice Ball
The Family of Yolanda Gomez

COVID Shut-Ins/Homebound

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| <i>Don & Judy Farrell</i> | <i>Jacque Hensell</i> |
| <i>Helen Ellzey</i> | <i>Betty Dunn</i> |
| <i>Rosemary Reynolds</i> | <i>Carolyn Hawk</i> |
| <i>Mary Whatley</i> | <i>Skip Mann</i> |
| <i>Jim Gafken</i> | |

Joys & Praises

The blessing on new visitors.

The blessing of having Gayle Edwards back home & back in church with us.

For the fun of the Watermelon Festival & Rodeo.

Big "Thank You" to:

Tonty & Dawna Vann for all the work on the parade float.

Jana Tipton, Jewell Dill, Vicki Smith & everyone who helped setup & sell homemade ice cream.

We were able to raise \$256 on a cool & rainy day.

Kasch Johnson tested NEGATIVE for COVID!



Continued Prayers

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| <i>Patrice & Mike Masterson</i> | <i>Liz Sharp</i> |
| <i>Kenneth Holland</i> | <i>Gayle Edwards</i> |
| <i>Jamie & Stacey Jones</i> | <i>Carolyn Steil</i> |
| <i>Cody & Stacey Hudspeth</i> | <i>Kenneth Lynch</i> |
| <i>Hannan Orrell</i> | <i>Lisa Trussell</i> |
| <i>Bobbie Jo Wylie</i> | <i>Sierra Jones</i> |
| <i>Gayle Houston</i> | <i>Debbie Reynolds</i> |
| <i>Casey Parr</i> | <i>Toni Andel</i> |
| <i>Dan Reeves</i> | <i>Jeanie Reasure</i> |
| <i>Pam Lindsey</i> | <i>Bobby Freeman</i> |
| <i>Sheree Roberts</i> | <i>Pat Parr</i> |
| <i>Raymon Wood</i> | <i>Veronica Greanead</i> |
| <i>James Baber</i> | <i>Karen Martinez</i> |
| <i>Stephanie Hughes</i> | |

Prayers for: *Our Nation, Our Military Men & Women, Our Law Enforcement, Our First Responders, Our World, Our Government Officials/Decision Makers, Our Schools, Rise of COVID-19 Cases in our County & Nation, California & Nevada Fire Victims and other Fire Victims in the West, Those Affected by Hurricane Ida, The People of Afghanistan.*

Celebrations

September 1

Marni Gregg

September 2

Kincaid Johnson

September 3

Marjorie Hess

September 16

Katie Parr

September 23

Tanya Doane

Chris Doane

September 28

Jim Bob Roberts



September 24

Tanya & Chris Doane

September 25

Jennifer & Chris Jones





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