

June

June 03 Going away reception for the Nelson's from 2:00 to 4:00
June 04 Seven @ Seven
June 05 Devotional at Winfield Rest Haven; van will leave at 6:30
June 06 Teen supper in the basement
June 11 Seven @ Seven
June 18 Seven @ Seven
June 20 Teen supper in the basement
June 24 4th Sunday All Group Luncheon

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOT JUST FOR KIDS!!!

The other day I over heard a lady telling another it was time for the children to go to VBS. As they talked I realized they were planning what to do when the kids were off to VBS. I wanted to scream, "VBS is not just for kids!"

The preceding situation demonstrated the concept many have toward VBS and Bible classes. These are considered as childish things. Even attendance at worship services is placed in this category. But, Bible study is not just for kids!

We need to realize that the scriptures are given for our (that is adults) learning. Yes, children can and do gain the basic facts; however, the deeper meanings are reserved for the more mature.

If you want your children to gain the most from VBS or Bible class, then attend with them. Demonstrate your love for God by teaching your children how to study His word. Show the world where you stand by being in class every opportunity you get!

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IT'S OK TO TALK

Does it ever feel like no one has time for conversation anymore? You see a friend in the grocery store and step up to say hi, only to realize she's chatting into her hair. You go outdoors, greet the neighbor, but he doesn't hear you. He's got wires sticking out of his ears.

By contrast—stark contrast—there's someone whose ears are always open to you. God loves to hear the sound of your voice, and He hasn't forgotten what conversation is all about. Let all those ear buds, cellphones, and headsets remind you of that.

The Lord will hear when I call unto Him. —Psalm 4:3

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Courage or Foolishness? *It takes a lot of courage to put things in God's hands, to give ourselves completely...our lives, our hopes, our plans...to follow where he leads us and make His will our own...but all it take is foolishness to go the road alone!*

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

This article by Matt Dabbs wraps up this series on the Holy Spirit. While we have seen several thoughts and ideas from the Scriptures in these articles, it is vital that we always study and learn of and from the Holy Spirit. This last article from Dabbs is entitled, "The Holy Spirit: Immanent Transcendence."

"In times past the transcendent God above made moves to show his immanence or closeness in the world and to the world. We see this in the creation of the universe (Gen 1:2) and especially in the breathing of the breath of life into Adam's lifeless body in Gen 2:7 (both expressed as ruach – spirit). We see this at Sinai (Exo 19). We see this in the incarnation (enfleshment) of Jesus where God doesn't just come close to humanity, rather, He becomes part of humanity (John 1:14). But the place where the transcendent God becomes immanent is most deeply personal and powerful to us today is through the indwelling presence of the Spirit in the lives of believers.

To think that the Holy, exalted God of the heavens would come down and become flesh in the incarnation of Jesus, the Christ, is a difficult thing to begin to comprehend. Just as difficult is the very Spirit of the transcendent God coming and making His home not just with us (as in Immanuel – "God with us") but in us (and no I don't know the Hebrew for that!).

When you become a Christian you become a jar of clay with a treasure inside (2 Cor 4:7). Your very existence changes. Your body still faces decay but the deposit for a better, resurrection, future has already been made and placed in you and sealed on you. As Paul would say in Christ you are a new creation (2 Cor 5:17). What makes us new creation is similar to what made the old creation – the Spirit of God hovering over the waters. The Spirit of God stirs in us and makes His home in us. I think this is why Jesus said in the Gospel of John that he would depart but send the Spirit and that we would do greater things than Jesus did – because the Spirit is in us empowering us and advocating to the Father on our behalf (Jhn 14:12).

If you are in Christ you are separating yourself from the realm of the flesh and intertwining yourself in the realm of the Spirit. This means everything changes. Your desires change. Your life changes. Your relationships change. Your outlook changes. Even the fruit your life produces changes from what is in line with and consistent with the flesh to what is consistent with the Holy Spirit. What you once counted as most important is now counted as loss and what you once had no regard for now becomes the core of your being.

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PRAYER LIST

Helen Norris, Steve Campbell, Jerry Cutler, Avon Shields, Harlan Bay, David Whitley, Richard Wartick, Tom McReynolds, Dalton Brownlee, Tim Evans, David Brundage, Matt Norris, Norma Gooch, Eliza Conwell, Larry Helton, Patsy Pierce, Allen Stone, Deedra Bostick, Crystal Anderson, Jack Edwards. *Shut-In's:* Bertha Brown, Dorothy Lauterbach, Gene Deffenbaugh, Maxine Cole, Georgia Spencer, Bennie Jefferies.

VBS T-SHIRT ORDERS

We are ordering t-shirts for Vacation Bible School. If you want to order a t-shirt you need to sign the sheet in the foyer and give your money to Jennifer. Deadline is June 17. Prices for the shirts are \$7.50 for youth extra small to adult extra large and \$9.50 for 2x to 4x.



GOING AWAY RECEPTION

There is a "going away reception" for the Nelsons today from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. If you wish to participate in a "group" gift, you may give your money to either Jill, Jane or Jami. If you have any questions, see Bobbi Newberry.

TEENS

Keep watching the bulletin for teen activities as some are being planned. Stay Tuned!!!

PREACHER SEARCH PROGRESS

We have begun to receive resumes and background information on potential new ministers in Wellington. Continue to pray for this selection process—so very important for our congregation. Pray for your Elders, the Nelson's and for those desiring to be our new preacher. We all need the patience and the wisdom that can only come from above. —Rex Harris, For the Elders

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Praise God for His indescribable gift...the gift of the Holy Spirit! If the church will invest more study, thought, prayer and reliance on the Spirit we will become a more graceful body of believers as well as a group more effective than we have ever been before. It all goes back to recognizing the work that God is doing not just around us, as we often point out, but even inside of us!" —Matt Dabbs

If you are visiting today, welcome!



THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY, 10:30 AM
 SCRIPTURE READING
 PRAYER
 COMMUNION

June 3
 Bob Pettegrew
 Leroy Lewis
 Parker Dodds, Rex Harris
 Wade Pierce, Levi Turney
 Joe Church, Aaron Hines
 Draecon Lee, Daniel Garver
 Marvin Kline

USHERS
 CLIPBOARDS
 DISMISSAL PRAYER

SUNDAY, 6:00 PM
 PRAYER
 COMMUNION
 DISMISSAL PRAYER

June 3
 Michael Nelson
 Rex Harris, Wade Pierce
 Marvin Kline

WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM
 LEAD SINGING
 DISMISSAL PRAYER

June 6
 Kevin Dodds
 Tom Kirkwood

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY—May 27

BIBLE CLASS.....	78
A.M. WORSHIP.....	131
P.M. WORSHIP.....	NC
CONTRIBUTION.....	\$2,737

WEDNESDAY—May 30
 Fellowship Room—40 Teens— Bible Hour—10 **Total—50**

COMMUNION PREP

June Alan Shields

COORDINATOR

June Alan Shields

ELDERS
 Rex Harris Marvin Kline
 Ed Newberry Tom Norris

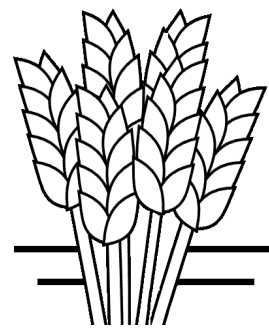
DEACONS
 Kevin Dodds Aaron Hines
 Leroy Lewis Mike Neal
 David Pierce Alan Shields

MINISTER
 Michael Nelson

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday
 Bible Classes.....9:30 A.M.
 Worship.....10:30 A.M.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
 Children's Class.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday
 Ladies Bible Class....9:30 A.M.
 Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.



*"Reaching Inward, Outward
 Upward, Downward"*

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**THE FAITHFUL
 LOVE OF THE
 LORD NEVER
 ENDS! HIS
 MERCIES NEVER
 CEASE,
 THEY ARE NEW
 EVERY MORNING,
 GREAT IS YOUR
 FAITHFULNESS.**

Lamentations 3:22-23



Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children's Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.