

August
Aug 28 All Church Fellowship & BBQ Contest
September
Sept 09 Carpenter Place grocery pick-up; list coming soon
Sept 23-24 Save the date! Ladies Retreat at Silver Maple Camp
Sept 25-Oct 01 Westview Boys Home Work Trip

END OF MATTHEW CELEBRATION!
We will celebrate finishing Matthew’s Gospel with an All Church Fellowship and BBQ Contest on August 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. The church will provide pulled pork and sides to go with. If you want to compete in the BBQ contest, please register with Wes **ASAP!** There are prizes for 1st & 2nd place!

WESTVIEW BOYS HOME WORK TRIP
The dates for this year's work trip to Westview Boys Home will be Sunday, Sept. 25—Saturday, Oct. 1 - more details to follow; please see Wes with any questions! Please make plans now to attend.

WESTVIEW BOYS HOME GROCERY PICK-UP
The Westview Boys Home will be here the week of October 3. They come once a year, so lets go big! Their bags will be by the west door and in the foyer. Grab a bag or two and fill them and return them no later than Sunday, October 2.

CARPENTER PLACE GROCERY PICK-UP
Carpenter Place needs help in restocking their pantry again! The deadline is September 9. There are bags at the west door and in the foyer. Take a bag or two and fill it and return it no later than Wednesday, September 7.

SUMMER SUGGESTED BLESSING BOX ITEMS
Boxed dinners, mac & cheese
Grains/beans/pasta
Bagged side item mixes (mashed potatoes, rice, noodles)
Cereal/oatmeal
Baking items (box mixes/staples)
Nut butter
Toiletries (shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, etc.)- **NO** bar soap please
Don’t forget, there are donation tubs set up in the foyer and west hallway near the stairwell for your convenience. If you have any questions, please see Kendall LeFlore, Lynette Turney, or Jennifer Hines. May God continue to bless our efforts as we reach out to those in our community!

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE
August
August 21—Kaitlin Francisco August 28—Ashley Colwell

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK
The Church That Fails

There’s no shortage of articles about the failure of the church in The United States. Churches are closing their doors at a record rate, and especially in small towns. The Christian Chronicle news publication has even been documenting the closings of small churches across the country in recent articles.

There is also the appearance of growing churches in bigger cities, but is this “growth” the result of more people making decisions to forsake their former lives to follow Jesus, or merely the result of people joining these churches after their smaller church has closed its doors? Or is it a combination of the two? Or is it something else?

Let’s set aside questions surrounding other churches for a moment and look at ourselves. I live my life in constant prayer for the success of our church. I try not to look too hard at other churches situations, mainly because without complete information, I can’t really see what issues caused other churches to fail. So, what do I do? Naturally, I look to the same place I look for every tough question I have, God’s Word.

Our church will fail **IF** we fail to obey the teaching of Jesus from Matthew 28:16-20.

¹⁶ But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. ¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

This is the passage I’ll be preaching, so I won’t cover this text in detail here, but rather, give you just one additional point.

The key points of obedience within this text are the words *make* and *teaching*, and they are related. We make BY teaching. We make disciples who in turn are then supposed to make disciples. The commandment to teach in verse 20 is a command that applies to ALL disciples. Nobody is supposed to dodge the responsibilities of teaching and making disciples. *(continued)*

Prayer List: Randy Albin, Peyton Smith, Russell Day, Wayne & Marilyn Bartlow, Jill DeJarnett, Julie DeSoignie, Scott Percival, Tom Kirkwood, Kylie Lock, Darlene Larson, Tammy Pontious, Eliza Conwell, Helen Norris, Max (Lonnie’s great-grandson), Tim Evans, Dorothy Crisler, Kendall Brundage, Duane & Cathy McKinney, Larry Helton

CARD SHOWER
Kendall Brundage turns 90 today. They will have cookies and beverages today for any visitors. His address is: 1372 W 20th Ave. N, Argonia, KS

SILVER MAPLE CAMP LADIES RETREAT
“Oh What a Love Between the Lord and I” is the theme for this years Ladies Retreat at Silver Maple Camp. The host this year is Eastwood Church of Christ of Hutchinson. The retreat will take place September 23 - September 24. You can pre-register and pay online at www.silvermaplecamp.com. The cost is \$50 for both days. Speaker is Susan Harcastle of Abilene, TX. You can pick up a flyer on the bulletin board outside the office with the date, times and prices.

What will sink our church? The same thing that is sinking churches across the land - A lack of teachers and makers. What is the greatest need of our church and every other church I’ve ever been a part of? A lack of those willing to teach.

Someone will think that I’m trying to shame people into teaching with this article. I’m not. I’m trying to lovingly warn the church that without committed teachers, the church will certainly fail.

Jesus isn’t simply giving a set of suggestions that are beneficial. He’s giving a format of how the church will live and grow and prosper. The negative side of His teaching, you could say, is what results when the church doesn’t approach Matthew 28:16-20 with life-or-death seriousness.

My personal solution? Teach until, 1) The Lord returns, 2) I die, 3) You run me off or 4) The church fails due to a lack of making disciples and teaching them to obey all that Jesus commanded.

Find a way to be a part of the solution. We don’t have to invent a new way. Jesus has given us instructions. We will follow them and follow Him or we won’t. It’s our choice.

Much Love!
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| THOSE WHO SERVE | | | | |
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| <u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM</u> | <u>Aug 21</u> | <u>Aug 28</u> | <u>Sept 04</u> | <u>Sept 11</u> |
| <u>Opening Prayer</u> | N. Bradbury | L. Turney | B. Turney | L. Lewis |
| <u>Song Leader</u> | R. Harris | R. Harris | D. Pierce | D. Pierce |
| <u>Communion Talk</u> | | | | |
| <u>& Prayer</u> | T. Norris | Ed. Newberry | K. Dodds | T. Norris |
| <u>Contribution Prayer</u> | A. Hines | A. Hines | T. Hudspeth | T. Hudspeth |
| <u>Collection & Count</u> | P. Dodds | P. Dodds | M. Neal | M. Neal |
| <u>Ushers</u> | J. Rayl | J. Rayl | J. Willson | J. Willson |
| | D. Clark | D. Clark | L. Helton | L. Helton |
| <u>Closing Prayer</u> | T. Norris | T. Norris | R. Harris | R. Harris |
| <u>Deacon in Charge</u> | A. Shields | A. Shields | N. Bradbury | N. Bradbury |
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| <u>ATTENDANCE</u> | | | | |
| SUNDAY—August 14 | | | | |
| Bible Class..... | | | | 58 |
| A.M. Worship..... | | | | 96 |
| Contribution..... | | | | \$3,603 |
| WEDNESDAY—August 17 | | | | |
| Auditorium—18 | | Teens—03 | | |
| Bible Hour—08 | | Total—29 | | |

SUNDAY—August 14**WEDNESDAY—August 17**

ELDERS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

Sunday

DEACONS

Wednesday

MINISTER

*Wellington
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Song #74 “Praise the Lord”

Song “Here I A to Worship”

Prayer

Song #315 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Song #791 “On Bended Knee”

Lesson

Song #329 “What a Savior”

Prayer

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 Fellowship Room for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.