

April
Apr 30 DEADLINE for T-SHIRTS; get signed up
Apr 30 Wellington Health & Rehab Devotional; 3:00 p.m.
May
May 21 Ladies Afternoon at the Harris home; 4:00 p.m.


ATTENTION! LAST CHANCE FOR VBS T-SHIRTS
Last chance to order t-shirts for VBS! You need to sign up on the sheet in the foyer or by the west door, email jennifer.hines@wellingtonchurchofchrist.org, or text Jennifer at 620-968-7711 ASAP! Sizes offered are Youth Small - Adult 4X. Toddler sizes are offered with a different design.

LADIES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
On Sunday, May 21st, you are invited to the Harris home for an afternoon of fun. Come around 4:00 p.m. We will have a scavenger hunt, walk the trails and cook out.

CHILDREN’S CORNER
Our Spring Theme for Children’s & Teens Bible Classes is “From Heaven to Earth” as we enter the New Testament and begin studying the life of Jesus. Here is a peek at April’s lessons, the Big Picture Question and the Bible verse to practice.
April 30—God Loves All People (I Corinthians 13)
Big Picture Question:
Q: How do we know that God loves us?
A: We can know that God loves us, because he sent his son, Jesus.
This Month’s Bible Memory Verse:
“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” John 1:29

BLESSING BOX MINISTRY
Church family. We are in **HIGH** need of Blessing Box donations this week: canned goods, boxed items, baking staples, toiletries, seasonal items, etc. We need it all! Please no dented cans or boxes and please check expiration dates. Donation boxes are located in the foyer and the west hallway. You are also welcomed to fill up the Blessing Box on the west side of the building. Thank you, Church, for your continued support of the Blessing Box Ministry!

2023 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
“Keepers of the Kingdom”
June 4th -7th



*“Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”
Ephesians 6:10-11*

LITTLE STROKES FELL GREAT OAKS
We’ve all done it. We commit ourselves to making some serious changes. Losing weight. Becoming debt free. Reading our Bible every day. So, we make the decision, get ourselves motivated for the change, and start putting a plan in place. Maybe we even write down specific goals and read books to help us do it right. For the first week or so things look good, and our motivation stays high, then problems arise. We get sick. A major problem gets dropped on us at work. We get tired and stressed. The next thing we know, our motivation is gone and so is our goal. Many times, this is where it ends.
One of the most difficult challenges in life is self-improvement. This is the case because our goals seem so enormous and we usually we try to tackle too much at once. Benjamin Franklin wisely said, “Little strokes fell great oaks.” The changes we want to make are often these massive oaks in our lives and the plan we put in place attempts to chop it down huge chunks at a time with massive swings. But soon we tire out, our motivational axes become dull, and we give up at the gigantic goal tree in front of us.
The problem is our mindset. The goal just seems too long, too big, and too hard. So, when the first challenge hits us, it’s a challenge to bounce back. This is when a change in thinking is most valuable. Perhaps the best frame of mind is to focus not on the big goal, but simply on becoming 1% better every day. That is it, just 1% each day. So, if a person’s goal were to do 100 pushups, then they would start with one on the first day, two on the second day, and so on until they were doing 100 pushups each day.
While there is certainly value in eating better and losing weight, as Paul pointed out, “for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come” (1 Timothy 4:8). We need to be the people who are striving daily for spiritual gain. The problem is this is hard to do. These oaks are sometimes the largest of them all. Praying with consistency. Reading through the Bible. Really studying the word with depth. Once again, taking “little strokes” will help us to take down these “big oaks.” If we strive to become just 1% better every day, we will make huge improvements over time. This is typically more than we could say after we have burnt out and quit with previous goals.
Psalm 1:1-3 says it well, “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.” We know must be people who are learning and growing from Scripture (Ephesians 4:15; Hebrews 6:1). But how does a

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FAMILY NEWS:
Janice Shoemaker—had neck surgery, Monday April 17th to relieve pressure on a nerve affecting the use of her arm. She spent the night in the hospital and is home regaining strength. She will be in a soft neck brace for a couple more weeks and will see her surgeon for reevaluation. Prayers for a complete and quick recovery.
Prayer List: Marvin Kline, Richard Wartick, Rita Carroll, Eliza Conwell, Darlene Larson, Brian May, Larry Helton, Helen Norris, Pat Brundage, Julie DeSoignie, Kylie Lock

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT
Daniel Garver, son of Charles & Deanna Garver, will be graduating from Cowley County Community College on Saturday, May 6th and from Belle Plaine High School on May 13th at 10:00 a.m. There is a come and go celebration for Daniel May 13th from 12:00 to 2:00 at their home at 707 N Washington.
Teylin Wartick will be graduating from South Haven High School on Saturday, May 6th at 2:00 p.m. There is a reception celebrating Teylin at the South Haven Community Building, located at 207 South Main, South Haven, Kansas.

SILVER MAPLE CAMP
If you plan to go to Silver Maple Camp this year, the elders have decided again to pay for half the fees. If you register before May 5th for the June session and before May 31st for the July sessions, you will save \$25.00. See Jennifer for a camp code.

WESTVIEW BOYS HOME MISSION TRIP
The dates for our Mission Trip to Westview Boys Home are August 6th - August 12th. If you are interested in joining us for the week, or part of the week, please let Wes know.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE
April
Apr 30—Starla Turner
May
May 07—Kaitlin Francisco May 14—Linda Wartick
May 21—Audra Hudspeth May 28—Jordyn Clark
June
June 04—Starla Turney June 11—Linda Wartick

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person get to the point of meditating on Scripture day and night? By attacking it with small strokes.
We can take amazing steps in our spiritual growth if we keep working. Perhaps just striving for 1% improvement per day is the best mindset. No matter which method works best for you, let us just make sure we keep learning, growing, and striving towards heaven (2 Peter 1:5-11).
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Obedience

Guest Speaker: Weston Roberts

Those Who Serve

<u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM</u>	<u>April 30</u>	<u>May 07</u>	<u>May 14</u>	<u>May 21</u>
<u>Opening Prayer</u>	N. Bradbury	J. DeJarnett	A. Shields	L. Turney
<u>Song Leader</u>	A. Shields	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	K. Dodds
 <u>Communion Talk</u>				
<u>& Prayer</u>	T. Norris	N. Bradbury	R. Harris	D. Pierce
 <u>Contribution Prayer,</u>	T. Hudspeth	C. Francisco	C. Francisco	C. Francisco
<u>Collection & Count</u>	L. Turney	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce
 <u>Ushers</u>	A. Hines	D. Clark	D. Clark	D. Clark
	J. Rayl	J. DeJarnett	J. DeJarnett	J. DeJarnett
 <u>Closing Prayer</u>	M. Kline	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
 <u>Deacon in Charge</u>	A. Hines	L. Lewis	L. Lewis	L. Lewis

Attendance

Sunday—April 23

Bible Class.....	51
A.M. Worship.....	100
Contribution.....	\$2,842

Wednesday—April 26

Auditorium—	18	Teens—	3
Bible Hour—	7	Total—	28

Elders

Rex Harris	Marvin Kline
Tom Norris	

Deacons

Nathan Bradbury	Kevin Dodds
Aaron Hines	Leroy Lewis
David Pierce	Wade Pierce
Alan Shields	

Minister

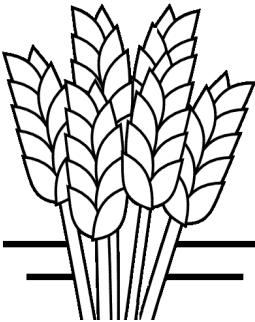
Wes LeFlore

Schedule of Service

<i>Sunday</i>
Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.
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“Reaching Inward, Outward
Upward, Downward”

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Order of Worship

April 30, 2023

Call to Worship

Song #555 “Seek Ye First”

Song #794 “Unto Thee, O Lord”

Prayer

Song #376 “He Paid a Debt”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Song #180 “Jesus Is Lord”

Lesson

Song #864 “Where the Gates Swing Outward Never”

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.