

May

May 17 Pizza at 6:30 in the Fellowship Room before bible class

May 20 Church workday; 9am to noon; help us get ready for VBS

May 21 Ladies Afternoon at the Harris home; 4:00 p.m.

PIZZA ON WEDNESDAY

Everyone is welcomed to come for pizza before bible class this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. It's \$2.00 per person. Please sign up in the foyer.

CHURCH WORKDAY

There is a church workday scheduled for Saturday, May 20, from 9:00 to noon. We need help getting things ready for VBS. Please see Lynette or Kendall for more details!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Men's Fellowship & Bible Study Thursday, May 25, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. RSVP to Wes!

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 May's lessons.

May 14—People Were Amazed By Jesus (Luke 4)

May 21—Peter Worshiped Jesus (Luke 5)

May 28—We Are Saved by Faith in Jesus (Hebrews)

BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

Thank you church for helping us restock our pantry! Donations are still appreciated. 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 for your continued support of the Blessing Box Ministry!

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you."

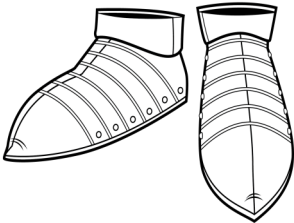
—Philippians 1:3

VBS NEEDS!

PRAYER WARRIORS! If you want to be a prayer warrior text Kendall your email address and sign up in the foyer. We will have a few emails going out with specific prayer requests for VBS.

2023  
VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL

"Keepers of the Kingdom"  
June 4th -7th



"And, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace."

Ephesians 6:15

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Indifference and Contentment

The older I get, the less and less things I get excited about in this world. Spiritually speaking, I think that's a good thing, but I must admit that I miss the excitement that I used to feel.

For instance, on the night that I'm writing this article, I have just finished spending the day with the family at Dollywood, which is a theme park in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. It's basically a little bit smaller replica of Silver Dollar City with a few quirks that make it different, but not much.

My children had the time of their lives, even though we only made it a few hours before the rain came in and stayed the rest of the day. The rain didn't deter us, but it was not a welcome addition to the day.

I didn't feel any excitement. I'm not saying that I didn't enjoy myself, because I did, but I never felt excited about anything either, just mainly indifferent. I could take it or leave it. I enjoy seeing other people enjoy themselves, so that's the big payoff for me, well, that and eating my way through the park.

As we were driving to our rented house at the end of the day, Kendall was asking everyone to tell of their favorite thing from the day and when it got to my turn, I realized that I felt contented throughout the day, but never excited.

It made me think of the words of the Apostle Paul from Philippians 4:11-13,

*<sup>11</sup> Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. <sup>12</sup> I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*

It could be easily argued, and rightly, that the passage above doesn't exactly line up with what I'm talking about, but I do think that indifference and contentment are strangely similar. I'm still trying to process this thought fully myself. Here's what I'm thinking so far:

Let's go to the definitions! First, here's the definition of indifference – *lack of interest, concern or sympathy*. Second, here's the definition of contentment – *a state of happiness or satisfaction*.

Here's where I see the link. I'm indifferent in the sense that there are many things that I once found interesting, that I no longer feel interested in, such as, amusement parks. I'm content because regardless of whatever situation

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Prayer List: Lindal Nelson, Marvin Kline, Richard Wartick, Rita Carroll, Eliza Conwell, Darlene Larson, Brian May, Larry Helton, Helen Norris, Pat Brundage, Julie DeSoignie, Kylie Lock

GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Laney Dillon would like to extend an invitation to everyone to her graduation party on Saturday, May 20th from 2-4pm at 908 S. Washington in Wellington. She will graduate from Wellington High School Sunday, May 21st at Seller's Park.

LADIES AFTERNOON AT HARRIS'

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 CHURCH SCHEDULE

May

May 14—Linda Wartick

May 21—Audra Hudspeth

May 28—Jordyn Clark

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I find myself in, there's an undercurrent of happiness and satisfaction because of what Jesus has done for me.

The common misunderstanding is that when I find myself in a situation that I'm not personally interested in (indifference), the satisfaction I feel in Christ (contentment) doesn't overpower my face, so I often have an expressionless look when I'm in situations I'm not crazy about.

It's negative because the expressionless look is not a good look on me. It's positive because while I don't look excited, I'm not begrudging my situation in any way because I realize that no matter what I'm experiencing in this life, either enjoyable or unenjoyable, exciting or dull, fun or boring, I'm fine with any and all of these situations. I've learned that too much of any of them can be problematic, so I do my best to find the good in all situations, and in this way, I attempt to relate to my brother Paul.

If this article seems a bit strange, it probably is! It's just my way of trying to process what I've been experiencing on this trip and share it with you.

I have found that I am MOST contented, MOST excited and MOST genuinely happy when I am, in some way, serving the Lord. I don't believe this is unique to me. I believe it's a gift given by God Himself to his children when they do His will and not their own. The best part is that the more you do God's will and not your own, the more your desires become like the desires of God.

Much love!

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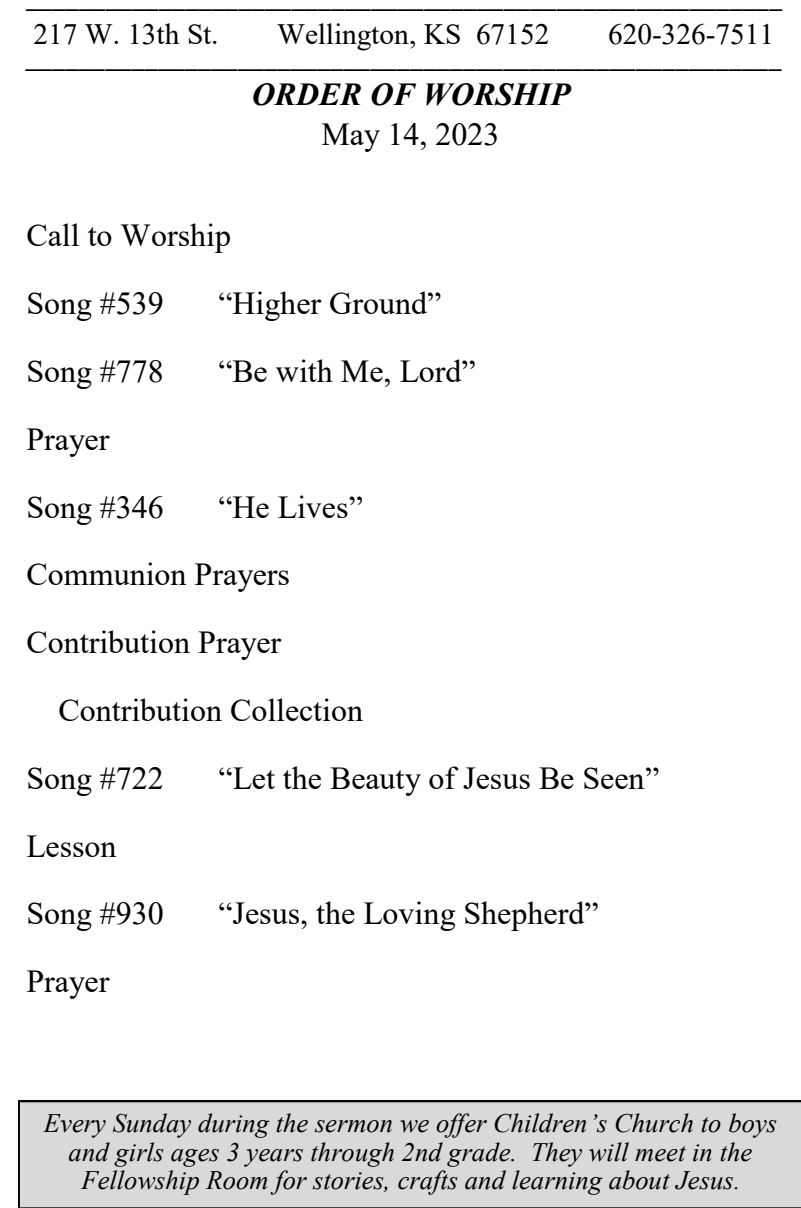
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THOSE WHO SERVE			
<u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM</u>	<u>May 14</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>May 28</u>
<u>Opening Prayer</u>	A. Shields	L. Turney	L. Lewis
<u>Song Leader</u>	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	K. Dodds
<u>Communion Talk</u>			
<u>&amp; Prayer</u>	R. Harris	D. Pierce	T. Norris
<u>Contribution Prayer</u>	C. Francisco	C. Francisco	C. Francisco
<u>Collection &amp; Count</u>	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce
<u>Ushers</u>	D. Clark	D. Clark	D. Clark
	J. DeJarnett	J. DeJarnett	J. DeJarnett
<u>Closing Prayer</u>	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
<u>Deacon in Charge</u>	L. Lewis	L. Lewis	L. Lewis
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<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>			
<b>SUNDAY—May 7</b>			
Bible Class.....52			
A.M. Worship.....			
Contribution.....\$3,702			
<b>WEDNESDAY—May 10</b>			
Auditorium—26		Teens—0	
Bible Hour—0		<b>Total—26</b>	

**SUNDAY—May 7****WEDNESDAY—May 10**

Bible Hour—0	Total—26
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Wes LeFlore



## 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.*