

May

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

June

June 10-17 Honduras Mission Trip

July

July 30-August 2 Vacation Bible School

**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY**

Men of the Church, join us this Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. for a night of great food and fellowship. We will also continue in our apologetics studies, this time considering The Great Flood from the book of Genesis. Please RSVP to Wes so food can be planned appropriately. Call, text, email or simply say to Wes that you are coming. (918) 607-8489 or [huskerwes1@gmail.com](mailto:huskerwes1@gmail.com)

**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 DATE CHANGED!**

Church family, we wanted to give you an update on our plans for Vacation Bible School. It has come to our attention that another local church also has their VBS planned the same week as ours. With as much time and effort we put into VBS, we want as many kids as able to come. Also our intent is never to “compete” and we feel like this gives us and opportunity to pray and plan more this summer. So through prayer and discussion with our VBS planning team, we’ve decided to officially move our VBS dates to July 30-August 2. The theme will still be “Keepers of the Kingdom” (Ephesians 6), and we still need lots of help and prayers. Much Love, The VBS Planning Team

**VBS NEEDS!**

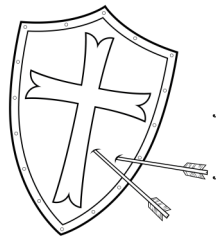
PRAYER WARRIORS! If you want to be a prayer warrior text Kendall your email address and sign up in the foyer. We will have a few emails going out with specific prayer requests for VBS.

**2023**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

“Keepers of the Kingdom”

July 30th-Aug. 2nd



*“In all circumstances, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one.”* Ephesians 6:16

**FROM THE PREACHERS DESK**

Pleasantly Surprised

Okay, so I expected Smokey Mountain National Park to be good, but I kept my expectations low because I didn’t want to drive all the way here and be disappointed. Why would I think that way? Why would I be disappointed, you might ask?

It’s because I’ve seen amazing places. The Grand Canyon, Zion National Park, Rocky Mountain National Park and Yellowstone are a handful of the biggest highlights. When I went to those places, I left wondering, will I ever be as amazed as I was there?

Pleasantly, the answer is yes. The Smokey Mountains have exceeded expectations. They are just amazing in a different way. For instance, the mountain formations are unique, the clouds hover in the mountain valleys all the time and I’ve never been in a hardwood forest that is so vast and feels so old, with endless giant trees.

The first scripture that came to mind as we drove along a valley road beside the gorgeous Little River, was Psalm 1. Specifically, verses 1-3,

***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! <sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup> 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.***

When I told Kendall, she then read the whole Psalm in the van. It was a nice moment.

I just kept seeing amazing tree after amazing tree on the edge of the river with half of their exposed roots descending into the water, the other half firmly planted in the deep earth of the bank. And I thought, God is telling me that I can be like those trees when I delight in His word and His ways, when I know it and cherish it in my heart, my life will be full of prosperity.

And those last two words of verse three, ***he prospers***, in the Hebrew text is *saleah*, which most literally means, *to cleave, penetrate and then advance*. It’s a picture of cutting down a tree with an axe, except you’re the axe and the tree is anything that you face in life.

Someone might say, “What about the martyrs, they didn’t seem to prosper!” And that’s a big part of mankind’s problem in their thinking, including much of the church. Death is not defeat to a child of God; Death is the doorway to the victory that Jesus won for us. Death is an escape from this life that we hang onto as tight as we can because in our limited thinking and imagination and personal experience, we just can’t wrap our heads →

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

**EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY**

We express our deepest sympathy to Michael Nelson and his family on the death of his dad Lindal Nelson. Lindal passed away Monday. A memorial service for Lindal will be held at a later date. Keep Michael and all his family in your prayers. Michael & Leslie’s address is P.O. Box 753, Utopia, TX 78884

**LADIES AFTERNOON AT HARRIS’**

Don’t forget this afternoon of fun at the Harris.’ 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 May’s lessons.  
May 21—Peter Worshiped Jesus (Luke 5)  
May 28—We Are Saved by Faith in Jesus (Hebrews)

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE**

**May**

May 21—Audra Hudspeth

**June**

June 04—Starla Turney

**June 18—Audra Hudspeth**

May 28—Jordyn Clark

June 11—Linda Wartick

June 25—**Need Volunteer!**

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around something better than the best of life we can imagine here. The Apostle Paul said it best when he said in Philippians 1:21,  
***<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.***

And the Psalmist tells us that to truly live and therefore, truly prosper in the true form of prosperity, we will know and live by God’s word, which is also a very good definition of what it means to express our love for God.

This week, seek God. Seek out the inspiration of Scripture in the world around you. Scripture will come to your mind if Scripture is your delight and if you read and meditate upon it often enough for it have a chance to take hold of you. It will only benefit you, so do yourself a favor and spend more time in it in reading and thoughtful meditation. And you will become the ***tree firmly planted by streams of water.***

God bless you all!

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The Art of Attack

Acts 7:51-60; 8:1

- True \_\_\_\_\_

- Like \_\_\_\_\_, Like \_\_\_\_\_

- Two \_\_\_\_\_ Reactions

- Keep \_\_\_\_\_ Eyes On \_\_\_\_\_

- Same \_\_\_\_\_, Same \_\_\_\_\_

- Like \_\_\_\_\_, Like \_\_\_\_\_

- Stephen's \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer

Notes:

THOSE WHO SERVE				
<u>SUNDAY, 10:30 AM</u>	<u>May 21</u>	<u>May 28</u>	<u>June 4</u>	<u>June 11</u>
<u>Opening Prayer</u>	L. Turney	L. Lewis	A. Shields	M. Neal
<u>Song Leader</u>	K. Dodds	K. Dodds	D. Pierce	D. Pierce
<u>Communion Talk</u>				
<u>&amp; Prayer</u>	D. Pierce	T. Norris	N. Bradbury	T. Norris
<u>Contribution Prayer</u>	C. Francisco	C. Francisco	A. Hines	A. Hines
<u>Collection &amp; Count</u>	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	P. Dodds	P. Dodds
<u>Ushers</u>	D. Clark	D. Clark	D. Carroll	D. Carroll
	J. DeJarnett	J. DeJarnett	L. Helton	L. Helton
<u>Closing Prayer</u>	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
<u>Deacon in Charge</u>	L. Lewis	L. Lewis	D. Pierce	D. Pierce
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<u>ATTENDANCE</u>				
SUNDAY—May 14				
Bible Class.....				59
A.M. Worship.....				109
Contribution.....				\$3,023
WEDNESDAY—May 17				
Auditorium—33		Teens—0		
Bible Hour—13		Total—46		
ELDERS		SCHEDULE OF SERVICE		
Rex Harris	Marvin Kline	<i>Sunday</i>		
Tom Norris		Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.		
		Worship.....10:30 a.m.		
DEACONS		<i>Wednesday</i>		
Nathan Bradbury	Kevin Dodds	Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.		
Aaron Hines	Leroy Lewis	Bible Class.....7:00 p.m.		
David Pierce	Wade Pierce			
Alan Shields				
MINISTER				
Wes LeFlore				

