June

June 29 Men's Night in the Fellowship Room; 6:00

July

July 30-August 2 Vacation Bible School

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

Men of the Church, join us Thursday, June 29 at 6:00 p.m. for a night of great food and fellowship. Please RSVP to Wes so food can be planned appropriately. Call, text or email Wes at (918) 607-8489 or huskerwesl@gmail.com or you can simply tell him you are coming.

BLESSING BOX MINISTRY

Thank you church for helping us restock our pantry! Donations are still appreciated. With the change in the weather, we could use more box items and less canned goods. Donation boxes are located in the foyer and the west hallway. You can also fill the Blessing Box on the west side of the building. Thank you for your continued support of the Blessing Box Ministry!

"Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise. —Luke 3:10

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Our Summer Theme for Children's & Teens Bible Classes is "Miracles of Jesus." Here is a peek at June's lessons. Here is a peek at this month's lessons, the Big Picture Question and the Bible verse to practice.

June 25—Jesus Fed Many People (Matthew 15, Mark 8) Big Picture Question:

Q: Is Jesus God or a person?

A: Jesus is BOTH God and a person.

This Month's Bible Verse:

"No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known." John 1:18 NIV

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

9:30 to 11:30—Sunday 5:30 to 8:00—Monday - Wednesday

"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might."—Ephesians 6:10

FROM THE HEART OF THE PREACHER

The Power of Subtlety

I remember one of the most frustrating feelings when the 9/11 attacks happened was not understanding who the enemy was.

It was easier to identify enemies in the past. Hitler was easy to identify. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, it was easy to understand who the enemy was.

The same was true in the early days of the church. The enemies of Christ and His church were the ones who arrested, abused and murdered His followers. In the midst of the attacks, Jesus' followers continued their attempts to cause the enemies of Christ to switch sides and become His followers- a truly bizarre warfare tactic until we remember the words of Paul from Romans 5:10 –

¹⁰...while <u>we were enemies</u> we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son...

One thing that is very easy for us to forget is that there is only one true enemy, Satan himself. He was the one who was ultimately behind the 9/11 attacks, World War II, the attacks on the early church and so much evil that it cannot be named.

In the early days of the church, Satan's attacks were vicious, resulting in the death of untold numbers of the followers of Christ. However, he could not have anticipated the results of his attacks. The result of the early persecutions of the church was an explosion of growth of the church.

He has learned from his mistake and now works in the most developed countries in the world, the ones that have tv cameras pointed everywhere, in more subtle ways.

The attacks come through the education system, through the media and through all of the most popular mediums of the culture.

In the less developed countries, the violence has never stopped.

In our country, what once began as subtle attacks are increasingly becoming more and more direct. The church has not met with physical persecution yet, but it doesn't take much imagination to see it on the horizon.

The church needs to remember two very important things in the midst of the changes we're seeing in the world around us: 1) God wins in the end and 2) We are called to be lights in the darkness. Like the early (continued)

FAMILY NEWS

Rita Carroll—has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please keep Rita & David in your prayers as the deal with this trial. Please NO visitors at this time.

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

WHO DID YOU PRAY FOR?

As you look at the contents most church bulletins, you'll find a list of people who need prayer. Most of the time these folks are sick, battling a serious disease, they are shut-in and unable to leave home or in nursing facilities. Some may need prayers of encouragement as they go through a difficult time. The prayer list can be quite long, with some names staying on the list for many months. Sadly, we may become accustomed to the list after seeing the names reappear each week and don't give it much thought. Even worse, we may not look at it at all. New Testament Christians are instructed by the scriptures to pray and pray often. Jesus said we are to pray to our Father in heaven (Matthew 6:9) and thank Him for the blessings of life (Colossians 4:2). We are to come boldly before God with our request (Hebrews 4:16), yet with an attitude of humility (James 4:10). Christians are to pray for each other and also pray for the sick and unfortunate. "The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:15 -16) What a great privilege is to be able to go to God firsthand and pray on another's behalf. So who did you pray for today? Remember, our prayer life is to be constant and consistent, so let us all "pray without ceasing." (1 Thess. 5:17) —Selected

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

June

June 25—Starla Turner

July

July 02—Darlene Cooney Jul

July 09—Linda Wartick

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church, we're to be about the business of praying for, and loving and trying to convert those who would do us harm.

And don't forget who the real enemy is, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5-

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. ⁵ We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

Much love.

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THOSE WHO SERVE					
SUNDAY, 10:30 AM	June 25	July 02	July 09	July 16	
Opening Prayer	L. Lewis	K. Dodds	B. Turney	E. Newberry	
Song Leader	D. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	
Communion Talk					
<u>& Prayer</u>	R. Harris	D. Pierce	N. Bradbury	T. Norris	
Contribution Prayer,	A. Hines	T. Hudspeth	T. Hudspeth	T. Hudspeth	
Collection & Count	P. Dodds	L. Turney	L. Turney	L. Turney	
<u>Ushers</u>	D. Carroll	J. Rayl	J. Rayl	J. Rayl	
	L. Helton	D. Clark	D. Clark	D. Clark	
Closing Prayer	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris	
Deacon in Charge	A. Shields	N. Bradbury	N. Bradbury	N. Bradbury	
ATTENDANCE SUNDAY—June 18 Bible Class				95	
WEDNESDAY—J Auditorium—28	une 21	Teens—3			
Bible Hour—15		Total—46			

ELDERS Rex Harris Tom Norris	Marvin Kline	SCHEDULE OF SERVICE Sunday Bible Classes9:30 a.m. Worship10:30 a.m.
DEACONS Nathan Bradbury Aaron Hines David Pierce Alan Shields MINISTER Wes LeFlore	Kevin Dodds Leroy Lewis Wade Pierce	Wednesday Bible Class7:00 p.m. Bible Class7:00 p.m.



"Reaching Inward, Outward Upward, Downward"

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 25, 2023

Call to Worship

Song #123 "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

Song #595 "I Come to the Garden Alone"

Prayer

Song #366 "By Christ Redeemed"

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Song #524 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Lesson

Song #674 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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.