

August
Aug 20 Devotional at Botkin Health Care & Rehab at 2:00 p.m.
Aug 20 Baby Sprinkle for Miranda Hines & Kaylee Jenkins; 6:00pm
Aug 24 Men’s Fellowship & Bible Study; 6:00 p.m.
Aug 27 Special Contribution for Maui, HW
Aug 27 Devotional at Botkin Health Care & Rehab at 2:00 p.m.
Aug 27 VBS Celebration at 5pm; Fellowship Room

MEN’S FELLOSHIP & BIBLE STUDY
Men, we will be having a men’s night on August 24th. We will leave from the building at 6:00 p.m. to travel to Wichita for dinner.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FOR MAUI, HW
There will be a special contribution to help Christians in Maui, HW due to the wildfires. We will take up a collection Sunday, August 27.

LADIES RETREAT AT SMC
Ladies mark October 6th & 7th on your calendars for this years Ladies Retreat at Silver Maple Camp. We plan on taking the van if we have enough interest. Fee is \$50 for both days or \$25 for Saturday only. Register online at www.silvermaplecamp.org

CHILDREN’S CORNER
Our Summer Theme for Children’s & Teens Bible Classes is “Miracles of Jesus.” Here is a peek at this month’s lessons, the Big Picture Question and the Bible verse to practice.
August 20—Jesus Raised Lazarus (John 11-12)
August 27—The World is Against God (Ephesians 6)
Big Picture Question:
Q: Why do people reject Jesus?
A: People reject Jesus, because all people are born with a sin nature and want to please themselves rather than obey God.
This Month’s Bible Verse:
“He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.” Isaiah 53:3 NIV

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

FROM THE HEART OF THE PREACHER
Avoid Stereotypes

The dictionary defines stereotype as: *a widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing.*

How do stereotypes come about? They are typically the result of a singular experience. For instance, my first experience with a person from the country of Honduras wasn’t great. It was a grumpy person at the Honduras airport.

Should I draw the conclusion that all Hondurans are grumpy? Or maybe make it more specific, all Honduran women are grumpy? Or make it specific in another way? All airport employees are grumpy. Or maybe it’s only the airport employees of Honduras?

Or I could go a different direction. All middle-aged Hondurans are grumpy. Or is it middle-aged women in general that are grumpy?

I hope and pray that by now you see the ridiculousness of what I’m doing. I’m talking about stereotypes. Oversimplified ideas. I would encourage you to throw out all oversimplified ideas that you have about people.

Do not allow a small sample of experiences to define a person. Am I picking on you? Yes, but I’m also picking on myself. I fight against this behavior, but still catch myself drawing a too fast conclusion about someone sometimes.

Some stereotypes are uglier than others, and we often think that because we avoid the uglier stereotypes of racism or sexism, that we’re not guilty of stereotyping in more subtle ways.

How do I know if I’m guilty? If you can use one word to explain anything about a person, you are guilty and you are wrong. Why? Because we are not simple creatures. We are incredibly complex. Let’s use the Biblical example of David and apply one-word descriptions.

Courageous. Faith-filled. Warrior. Foolish. Murderer. Adulterer. Are all of these true? Yes. Should only one of these words be used to fairly describe him? No. Why? Because simple descriptions cannot be given to the complex.

Consider this- What if someone used only one word to describe

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FAMILY NEWS
Helen Norris—will have surgery this Wednesday. Keep her in your prayers.
Caroline LeFlore—had her tonsils removed on Thursday. She is doing well. Continue prayers for her healing.
Sailor Francisco—had her tonsils removed on Thursday. She is doing well. Continue prayers for her healing.
Prayer List: Linda Davis, Abram Palacio, Kerry Marshall, Rita Carroll, Marvin Kline, Richard Wartick, Eliza Conwell, Darlene Larson, Brian May, Larry Helton, Helen Norris, Pat Brundage, Julie DeSoignie, Kylie Lock

BABY SPRINKLE FOR THE HINES/JENKINS COUSINS
Ladies of the church, join us on Sunday, August 20 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room for a Double Baby “Sprinkle” honoring Kaylee Jenkins and Miranda Hines. The cousins-to-be are Baby Boy Jenkins and Baby Girl Hines. Please come and celebrate with us as we “sprinkle” them with the basic essentials—diapers, wipes, toiletries, onesies. See Kendall for more details.

VBS CELEBRATION POTLUCK
There will be a **VBS Celebration Potluck Supper** Sunday evening, August 27th at 5:00 p.m. Come and help us celebrate a successful VBS. **Please do not bring desserts.** There will be ice cream for dessert.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE
August
August 20—Darlene Cooney August 27—Audra Hudspeth
September
Sept 03—Starla Turner Sept 10—Linda Wartick

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
*Wasn t it smart of God to give us two hands
so we can lend one to our neighbor when needed?
Have you loaned one out lately?*

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you? The thought isn’t fair, is it? No, it certainly is not. Let’s instead allow our practice of the second greatest command extend to how we think about and describe other people, and be especially gracious to your brother and sisters in Christ.
Much love!
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