

**July**  
July 13-19 Silver Maple Camp—2nd Session  
July 20-26 Silver Maple Camp—3rd Session  
July 27 MYC at 47th Street Church of Christ; 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
July 31 Men’s Fellowship & Bible Study; 6:00 p.m.

**BLESSING BOX MINISTRY**  
Thank you Church family for your continued support of our Blessing Box ministry! We are in **HIGH NEED** of items! No canned good items at this time. Please bring items that can survive well in the heat. **If you would like to donate money and let someone else shop for you, please see Kendall!**  
*“For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall Love your neighbor as yourself.””*  
—Galatians 5:14 ESV

<b>BLESSING BOX IDEAS</b>	
<b><u>Non-Perishable Food Items:</u></b>	<b><u>Hygiene Items:</u></b>
Peanut Butter	Shampoo/Conditioner
Granola/Protein Bars	Toothpaste/Toothbrush/Floss
Nuts, Oatmeal, Cereal, Crackers	Brushes/Combs
Beans, Rice, Lentils, Pasta, Pasta Sauce	Deodorant
One Box Meals or Mixes	Body Wash
Kitchen Staples (Flour, Sugar, salt/pepper)	
Dry Soup Mixes, Seasoning Packets	

**PRESERVING UNITY**  
What is perhaps the one thing that has destroyed more congregations of the Lord’s church than anything else? Division. Our inability to accept the diversity of opinions, personalities and liberties of fellow Christians causes the local church to fracture and come apart. When disagreements and disputes are not quickly resolved the result can be devastating. So how can we prevent such a disaster? The answer can be easily found within the scriptures:

- Follow Jesus’ guide to conflict resolution—Matthew 18:15-20
- Agree with your adversary quickly—Matthew 5:25
- Do not return evil for evil—I Peter 3:9
- Put up with each other’s imperfections with love—Ephesians 4:2
- Forgive as you’ve been forgiven—Colossians 3:13
- Restore the sinner in a spirit of gentleness—Galatians 6:1
- Stive to keep the unity of the Spirit—Ephesians 4:3
- Avoid divisive members—Romans 16:17
- Love as brothers, be tenderhearted and courteous—I Peter 3:8
- Warn each other as you would family—II Thessalonians 3:15
- Willing to sacrifice your liberty for unity’s sake—Romans 14:21
- Respect the leadership of your elders—I Timothy 5:19
- Pray for each other—James 5:16
- Love each other as God has loved us—I John 4:11

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**FROM THE PREACHERS DESK**  
Go Outside

Sometimes the best thing I can do to get a big boost in my faith is to spend time outside. I prefer the more fantastic landscapes of our world, but I can make do with about anywhere.

Paul understood the power of spending time observing God’s creation. He says in Romans 1:20,

***<sup>20</sup>...since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made...***

While the most powerful demonstration of God’s remarkable creation is human beings, we are not limited to appreciating Him based upon human creation alone. We can admire His handiwork through observation of a multitude of His creations. Among my favorites, are the landscapes He’s created.

I’m not alone in this. Many are familiar with the famous quote by mountaineer John Muir, *“The mountains are calling, and I must go.”* That quote resonates with me, however, I would make a personal adjustment and say, *“The God of the mountains is calling, and I must go.”*

When I observe mountains, rivers, canyons, and locally, great rolling fields of crops, I see my God and my creator. I praise Him and am in awe of Him. I feel, rightly so, small in this world and I am humbled.

It may not work for you, but getting outside and observing some of God’s handiwork is good for my soul. Give it a try and let me know. God is calling, but are you looking?

Much love!

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**If you are visiting today, welcome! We are glad that you have joined us in worshiping our God. Please feel at home with our family, and let us know how we can serve you!**

**FAMILY NEWS**  
**Cody Martin**—son of John & Pam Rayl, is in the Navy and is on the USS Nimitz Battleship that is in the middle east. Prayers are greatly appreciated.  
**Prayer List:** Harry Ricke, Jenkins Family, Chuck Cole, Brian May, Dianne Jeans, Marilyn Bartlow, Gary Bodine, Bob & Beth Brown-lee, Richard Wartick, Kylie Lock

**EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY**  
We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Sunnye Robinson. Sunnye passed away Saturday. A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m. at Cornejo Funeral Home. Donations in her name can be given to Good Shepherd Hospice at <https://www.goodshepherdhospice.com/donationform>. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**CHILDREN’S CORNER**  
God promised David’s family would be full of future kings forever. God’s promise came true in Jesus. Jesus came from David’s family and is the King of everything forever. Our Theme for Children’s & Teens Bible Classes for July is “King David” Here is a peek at this month’s lessons, the Big Picture Question and Bible Verse.

July 13—David Showed Mercy (I Samuel 24)  
July 20—David Became King (II Samuel 5; 7)  
July 27—David Sinned and Was Restored (II Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51)

Big Picture Question:  
Q: Is anything greater than God?  
A: No, God is greater than everything.  
*“There is none like you, O Lord; you are great, and your name is great and powerful!”*  
Jeremiah 10:6

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
*Don’t always try so hard to fit in. Remember, God made you the way you are so you could stand out and glorify him.*

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE**  
**July**  
July 13—Linda Wartick  
July 20—**Need Volunteer!**  
July 27—Darlene Cooney  
**August**  
Aug 03—Audra Hudspeth  
Aug 10—Linda Wartick  
Aug 17—**Need Volunteer!**  
Aug 24—Darlene Cooney  
Aug 31—**Need Volunteer!**

