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AWANA Training and Start Date

The AWANA Equip regional training in Jackson has been rescheduled to Saturday, September 14.

Hours are from 9:00-3:00. I encourage all AWANA leaders, or those who would like to become leaders, to attend. Call/text Stacey Coville at (269) 720-3728.



Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 Worship
11:00 Sunday School for all ages
12:15 Bible Study
6:00 Bible Studies
6:00 Impact Youth
6:15 Bible Study

Monday:

8:00 College and Career Bible Study

Tuesday:

6:00 Cardio Drumming

Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:15 AWANA

Thursday

Bi-weekly Bible Study- G. Wedel

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

AWANA Clubs for children ages 3 through 6th grade begin Wednesday, September 11 from 6:15-8:00 p.m. and continue every Wednesday throughout the school year.

Sixth graders can participate in Impact Youth as well as AWANA. (A special two-fer for 6th graders)

It's Coming

Fire in the Woods is September 22 at 5:00PM. We have an area in the woods behind the church building that we gather twice a year to enjoy a time of fellowship, food, singing and a devotional around a campfire..

Hot dogs and buns provided. Please bring a dish to pass, your own drinks and lawn chair.

Fire In the Woods



Worship and Fellowship

"Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God"

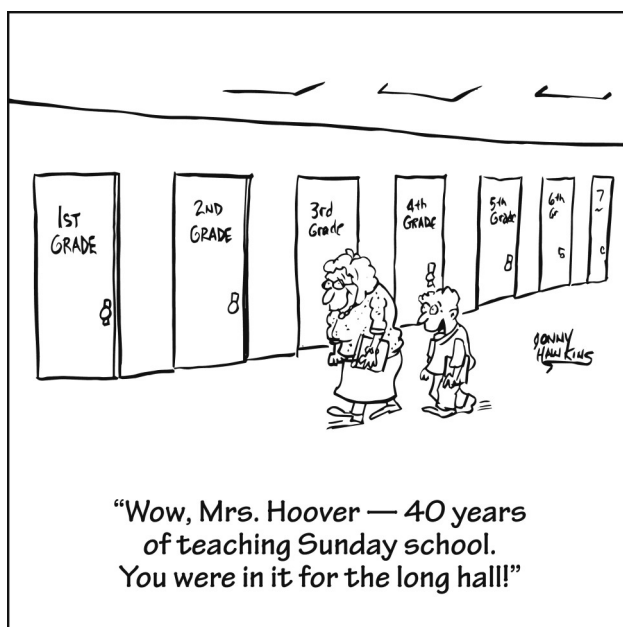
September (at least in our area) marks the start of the school year for most of our school age children. Many children are excited to get back to school and re-establish friendships with their schoolmates from last year. Older students might be excited about a specific class or starting in a new (to them) building. Parents might even be relieved that the summer is over and they entrust their children to the schools. Students enter the new school year often with many new school supplies and clothes. They enter the doors in various states of readiness to learn whatever academic lessons are set before them over the next several months.

As much value as an academic education is, it is far more important to have a solid spiritual education. An academic education can prepare us for an occupation that may last 30, 40, 50 maybe even 60 years. A spiritual education is one that not only will endure this lifetime, but for eternity. It is an education that we must pass down to future generations, be it children, grandchildren or even great-grandchildren. Moses wrote of teaching our children God's ways as we go about our daily lives (Deuteronomy 31:19). We are given examples like Ezra who had a heart to study the Law of God (Ezra 7:10). The Psalmist wrote of desiring to be taught by God (Psalm 143:10, 86:11 and many other passages). The apostle Paul admonished Timothy to diligently study the Scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15).

We need to be diligent in our spiritual education, not so we can refute the scoffers, but so we are not let astray by false doctrine (Ephesians 4:14, 1 Timothy 4:16 and other passages). There are many who are out to mislead us with false teaching. Often disguised with elements of truth, but in the end it will lead to destruction. The best way to recognize them is by being familiar with the truth. The better we know the truth, the easier it is to recognize a lie.

As our children head back to school, let us also head back to God's Book. Spend time with your children and grandchildren teaching them the truths of scripture.

Jim Hawkins—editor

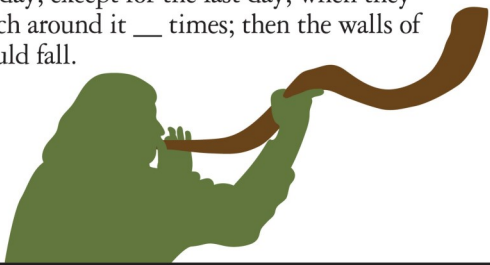


Bible Quiz

What number fits in all the blanks to reveal God's instructions to Joshua about the city of Jericho?

Israelite warriors, led by ___ priests blowing ___ ram's-horn trumpets for ___ days, would march around the city once a day, except for the last day, when they would march around it ___ times; then the walls of Jericho would fall.

A. one
B. three
C. five
D. seven



Answer: D (See Joshua 6:1-5.)

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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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1 Communion 12:45 Potluck Weekly: 9:30 Worship 11:15 Sunday School 6:00 Impact (Youth) 6:00 Bible Study 6:15 Bible Study	2 Labour Day Weekly: 8p.m. College and Career Bible Study	3 Weekly: 6p.m. Cardio Drum- ming	4 Weekly: 9a.m. Ladies Bible Study 6:15 AWANA 6:30 Bible Study	5	6 Weekly: 5:45 a.m. Prayer	7																																										
8 Teacher dedication Impact begins National Grandparents Day	9	10 7p.m. Elders Mtg	11 Patriot Day AWANA Kick-off	12 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed board Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Deacon Mtg.	13	14 9:00 AWANA Equip in Jackson (rescheduled)																																										
15	16	17	18	19 Joint board mtg.	20	21																																										
22 Deadline: October Chronicle Fire in the Woods	23 Autumn begins	24	25 7a.m. See You at the Pole	26	27	28																																										
29	30	Please Note: Some weekly events may not begin the first week and some are bi-weekly.		October: Pastor Appreciation Month 14-15 Great Lakes Annual Conf 16 AWANA-Pumpkin carving/Hayride 31 Hallelujah Party		October 2019 <table> <tr> <th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr> <td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr> <td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr> <td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the church
 library – Pat's phone – 321-0132
 or 626-4531 (every other week);
 Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T
 Ave, phone – 626-8019;

Mondays:

Young Adult Bible Study 8PM at the
 Fleck's led by Trenton Steele

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00
 AM

Thursdays:

George and Joyce Wedel – Every
 other Thursday night at their
 house – 11626 East R Ave., call
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Church Directory and On-line TV services:

There is a flyer under the TV mon-
 itor in the back of auditorium



1-Diane Barton
 4-LeAnn Fritz
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 8-Ruby McKelvey
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 24-Russ & Christine Audette
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 26-Andy & Danielle Wedel
 28-Mike Morrison

Inclement Weather Policy:

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgement before venturing out.

Are you included?

Who are the TNT? They are the dear seniors (60+) that are T-Tried which is effective, reliable and tested. N-and T-True which is realistic and honest. We are a group of lovely people who enjoy each others company and having fun.

We have one outing a month to various places to various places and take the church van(s), or you can meet us at our destinations. There are no major commitments. We have sign ups in the back for transportation needs and reservations. The activities are in the bulletins. Anyone who is in the age range (60-102) are free to come to one or all activities.

We have been to Holland, Centerville, Station 66, Schoolcraft, etc. We have lots of fun things coming up and welcome everyone. We are also open to suggestions.

In Christ,

Rosemary Goad 616.617.9166

David Goad 616.460.4596

Donna Budden 269.626.8680



Nursery Help September

1-Dawn Drallette & Katie Drallette
8- Donna Budden & Kourtney Klimp
15- Terrie Schwartz, Jennifer McKelvey & Ruby McKelvey
22- Leann Fritz & Jamie Morrison
29- Ellie Kuiper & Lyndsay Juday

Back To School Sales are in Full Force

Back to School Sales are in full force; August and early September are the best discounts on many back to school items.

These items get used for many church ministry programs, so this is a good time to stock to support these ministries. The annual Hallelujah Party (250-300 bags are prepared each year), Shoe Box ministry (well over 100 boxes), sometimes mission trips, needy families in the congregation, VBS, and other ministries all benefit from the donation of school items. As you can tell, various ministries will use at least 400 of these items over the next year, and possibly over 500.

What to buy:

- Crayons (24 count)
- Pencils
- Pens
- Erasers
- Paper (plain and lined)
- Markers
- Scissors
- Colored pencils
- If your kids need it for school, there is a ministry opportunity to use it



So buy some extras when they are on sale and there will be a box in the large fellowship room under the mailboxes for you to donate these items. If one ministry is unable to use donations, they are shared with other ministries that can benefit from the items.

Watch for more information and for requests for donations for candy and other items in October for the Hallelujah Party on October 31.

10 Ways to Know You are Getting Old

1. Your joints are a more accurate meteorologist the people on the weather channel.
2. You groan every time you get up or go down.
3. You turn the lights out for economic reason rather than romance.
4. You quit trying to hold in your stomach.
5. You are proud of your lawn mower.
6. People call you at 9:00 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"
7. Your knees buckle but your belt does not.
8. You know what the word equity means.
9. You sing along to elevator music.
10. It takes you longer to rest than it did for you to get tired.

—submitted



Pat Answers

What did the Evangelical Free Church Vote on in June?

The Evangelical Free Church of America gathers for a nation-wide meeting every two years. This year that meeting was in June at a Chicago Suburban Free Church. Colleen and I were there as delegates from CCEFC. The main item on the Business Agenda for the delegates of the churches to vote on was "Should we remove the word 'Premillennial' from our Doctrinal Statement about the Return of Jesus Christ and replace it with the word 'Glorious'?"

Just FYI: The word "premillennial" means we believe Jesus Christ returns before He sets up a literal 1000 year (millennium) reign on the earth from Jerusalem. A key passage is Revelation 20:1-10, which mentions Satan being bound for a 1000 years, etc. This passage along with many Old Testament promises of earthly blessings and the lion laying down with lamb, etc. are part of the support for a premillennial return of Christ. However, many Christians (like those from a Presbyterian or Reformed background) do not believe in this 1000-year literal earthly kingdom to come and are called "Amillennial" (no millennium). The doctrinal change would open up service in our denomination and in our missions programs to those who don't hold to the premillennial view.

The Evangelical Free Church leadership was recommending this change because the Free Church does not desire to divide on "non-essential" doctrines, for example baptism. Free Church leaders explained it was not because of a "slippery slope" and that we as a denomination remain fully committed to the absolute truth, inerrancy, and authority of the Bible. We

also remain fully committed to salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ. Removing the word "premillennial" was not considered a gospel issue. Every real Christian still believes in the return of Jesus Christ.

The Free Church allowed vigorous discussion and debate, beginning the day before the vote in a Question and Answer session. Then the day of the vote, the discussion went on for three hours before the vote. Many spoke against the change. Then the vote was taken and it was 77% in favor of dropping the word "premillennial", so that the official Free Church doctrinal statement now reads "We believe in the personal bodily and glorious coming of our Lord Jesus Christ..." A two-thirds majority was needed, but I was surprised at the very large majority in favor.

What does this mean for us here at CCEFC? Because we came in under the original 1950 Evangelical Free Church doctrinal statement, we do not have to change our doctrinal statement here (and our elders don't want to!). We can still preach, teach, and believe in the premillennial return of Jesus Christ. Nothing changes at CCEFC. But the Evangelical Free Church nationally will now ordain pastors, send missionaries, and hire professors who may not be premillennial in their views of Christ's return. New churches joining with us and all national leaders will have to agree with the new doctrinal statement.

If you have further questions, please see me. May all of us live in light of Christ's coming *"renouncing ungodliness and worldly passions... waiting for our blessed hope, the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."* – Titus 2:13.

Pastor Pat

Dated material—Please do not delay

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