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It Is Summer, VBS Will be soon

Are your kids ready to launch into hyperdrive this summer?

They won't want to miss a minute at *Time Lab*, the most welcoming place around! At *Time Lab*, kids will discover Jesus from eternity past to eter-nity future as they enjoy songs, crafts, games, goodies, and dramas.

Vacation Bible School at *Time Lab* will be a quantum leap of fun and excitement, so contact us today! We're calling all time travelers to join us for an amazing adventure!

Mark your Calendar for July 23-27.

Plan also to participate in the parade on Saturday, July 21 when we pass out information about VBS and our church.

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

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

Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer



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

June is a month associated with graduations. While some graduations occur at other times of the year, most high school graduations occur in the early days of June. For some, this is the last time they will ever set foot in an academic situation as a learner. Most will at least attempt one semester of college or trade school. For some, this is just the beginning of education that will last a lifetime.

Graduation is often called "commencement" historically meaning "beginning". It is the beginning of the next stage of life. The unfortunate thing is that for some, they will continue to live in the glory days of that one football game or some other high school event.

Many times, we make plans for the future, but is important to seek God as we make these plans. The Bible is clear that God has plans for our future (Jeremiah 29:11). We know that the future is in God's hand (Psalm 31:5). God is the creator of the universe and the sustainer of all. He knows the future and has a perfect plan for each of us within the future (Isaiah 46:10, Jeremiah 37:17).

Still we need to be careful about our plans; the unexpected can occur (Proverbs 27:1, James 4). We need to keep God in mind as we plan our future.

The point is that we may have the best plans from our perspective, just like a high school graduate has an idealistic plan of going to college, creating a career, getting married, starting a family, buying a house, growing old, retiring and living out the golden years. However, we know that things can change that plan. Unexpected disaster, health issues, economic downturns and a host of other events can require an adjustment to that plan. No matter what happens, God is never surprised. Our first goal should always be to trust God. With God's guidance, make the best plans we can, but be prepared for changes.

Do we trust God for our future? Are we seeking His wisdom when we make plans? Are we modeling this behavior for our children and grandchildren?

Jim Hawkins—editor

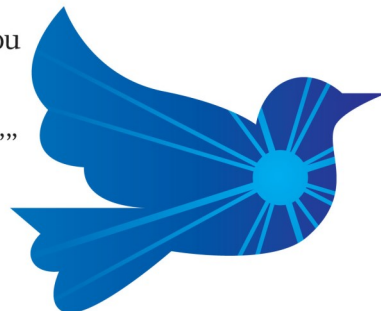


?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

What word can be placed in all four blanks to complete this Bible passage?

"But just as he who called you is _____, so be _____ in all you do; for it is written: 'Be _____, because I am _____.'"

- A. righteous
- B. holy
- C. loving
- D. merciful



Answer: B (See 1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV.)

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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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50 Golden Anniversary

Gaff's Mark 50th Anniversary

Bruce and Carolyn Gaff were a part of our congregation for many years before retirement and their move to Indiana. They are marking their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 16 from 2-4. The celebration is at Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main St., Auburn, IN. Please, no gifts.

Meet A Graduate

Meghan Clarey is graduating June 3 from Vicksburg High School. At Vicksburg High she has been part of Marching Band, Symphonic Band, and Chamber Choir. This past year she completed the EFE class at Kalamazoo Valley Community College Allied Health in EMT (Emergency Medical Technician). Meghan has attended CCEFC since she was three years old and been active in Sunday School, youth group, and serving in AWANA. Meghan's Graduation Open House is Saturday, June 16, 1-4 PM at CCEFC. She is planning on attending Central Michigan University in the fall and pursuing a medical-related degree, probably Physician's Assistant.



Open Houses:

1. Luke Drallette, Graduation Open House, Saturday, June 2, 11 AM - 2 PM, at CCEFC Fellowship Hall.
2. Dick Budden, 80th Birthday Open House, Sunday, June 3, 2:00 - 5:30 PM, 11360 East QR, Scotts.
3. Caleb Steele, Graduation Open House, Sunday June 10, 2:00 – 5:00 PM. Location TBA.
4. Meghan Clarey, Graduation Open House, Saturday, June 16, 1-4 PM, at CCEFC Fellowship Hall.
5. Bruce and Carolyn Gaff, 50th Wedding Open House, Saturday, June 16, 2-4 PM, Auburn Church of the Nazarene, 2301 N. Main Street, Auburn, IN 46706.
6. Nolan Audette, Graduation Open House, Saturday, June 23, 12-4 PM at Cold Brook County Park, the Woods Shelter (go straight north after the gate house).



Gull Lake Ladies Days

Gull Lake Ministries is presenting the 2018 Ladies Days in June.

Several Ladies have gone in past years and enjoyed the day of fellowship, teaching and other activities. This year's speaker is Chrystal Evens, the eldest daughter of Dr. Tony Evens. Singer/songwriter JJ Heller I will be providing music for the conference.



Ladies Days

The one day conference will be repeated on June 5, 6, 7 and 8 (Tuesday to Friday). The day begins at 8 AM with the actual day's program and lunch are from 9 AM to 3 PM. Tickets are 25\$ per person. If 10 or more register together, there are discounts available, please contact Mary Ellen Smith. She is coordinating to see if we have 10 or more going. Please contact Mary Ellen as soon as possible if you plan to go..

Thursday evening (June 7) is an additional opportunity with the Ladies Gala (\$25).

This event fills up, so immediate registration is strongly encouraged.

My compliments to the Creator

Dear God,
I saw the Grand Canyon this summer. Nice piece of work!
Love,
Kyle (age 9)

AWANA Awards Recap

Terrie Schwartz

The Awana Awards ceremony was May 16. I think we had the best group of Bible verse memorizers ever!

That is one of the goals of Awana, to help kids learn and hide God's word in their heart.

The evening was made even more special with beautiful music provided by the following girls:

Ruby & Natalie McKelvey - Playing Beethoven's Boogie

Shae Willis - Singing Lost Boy

Micayla DeWaal - Singing Beautiful, Beautiful

Points are earned in Awana for memorizing & reciting Bible verses, working in their Awana books, attendance, and bringing friends.

When you see these kids, congratulate them for their hard work!

Ribbon Winners

Bold type denotes high point earners - over 500 points earned each.

- T&T (In order of points earned): **Eli DeWaal** (695), **Natalie McKelvey** (630), **Dylan Truax** (605), Madison Vincent, Madison Shepherd, Shae Willis, Damien Shepherd, Paul Drallette, Tyler Parnaby, Aubrey Watson, Gavin Fritz, Addy Steele, Trinity Putnam, Natasha Geissel, Tyler Evans
- Sparks (In order of points earned): **Alyssa Morrison** (735), **Daphnie Ascherman** (630), **Blake Morrison** (525), Payge Steele, Kaydence Miner, Ella Simmons, Jonathan Vincent, Jazmyne Watson, Jerzie Putnam
- Cubbies (In order of points earned): Garrett Steele, Khloe Fritz, Lydia Drallette

2017-2018 Trophy Winners

- T&T First Place: Micayla DeWaal (855 points)
- T&T Second Place: Addy Burnsed (745 points)
- T&T Third Place: Mackenzie Vincent (740 points)
- Sparks First Place: Lilah Burnsed (1085 points)
- Sparks Second Place: Nathan Hartmann (835 points)
- Sparks Third Place: Jackson Truax (790 points)
- Cubbies First Place: Ben Hartmann (855 points)
- Cubbies Second Place: Ella Juday (770 points)
- Cubbies Third Place: Alaina Truax (755 points)

Completed Awana Book

Finished Awana Book 1: Jackson Truax, Jonathan Vincent

Finished Awana Book 2: Nathan Hartmann, Alyssa Morrison

Finished Awana Books 1 & 2: Lilah Burnsed

Perfect Attendance

Mackenzie Vincent

Nathan Hartmann

Addy Burnsed

Only Missed 1 Awana Wednesday

Lilah Burnsed, Natalie McKelvey, Madison Vincent, Jonathan Vincent, Alaina Truax

Addy Burnsed

Recognizing our Graduates

Moving up from Cubbies to Sparks:

Ben Hartmann, Ella Juday, Garrett Steele, Khloe Fritz

Moving up from Sparks to T&T:

Nathan Hartmann, Kaydence Miner, Alyssa Morrison, Payge Steele

Moving up from T&T to Jr. Hi Youth Group:

Damien Shepherd, Madison Vincent, Micayla DeWaal, Paul Drallette, Natasha Geissel, Madison Robbins

Congratulations, kids!!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Weekly: 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 6:00 Impact (Youth) 6:15 Bible Study	Weekly: 8:00 College and Career Bible Study				1 Weekly: 5:45 AM Prayer	2 Graduation open house: Luke Drallette-11-2
3 Communion 12:15 Potluck 80th birthday open house for Dick Budden-2-4	4	5 Ladies Days at Gull Lake	6 Ladies Days at Gull Lake	7 Ladies Days at Gull Lake	8 Ladies Days at Gull Lake	9
10 Graduation open house: Caleb Steele-2-5	11	12 7:00 Elders Mtg. 7:00 Deacons Mtg.	13	14 Flag Day 6:30 Christian Ed. Mtg	15	16 50th Anniversary Gifts in Auburn, IN Graduation open house: Meghan Clarey-1-4 Graduation open house: Kaylyn Bartholomew-1-5
17 Father's Day Deadline: July Chronicle	18	19	20	21 Summer begins	22	23 Graduation open house: Nolan Audette-12-4
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Dubbeld-Zylstra Wedding

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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T
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Mondays:

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



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 Anniversaries
 This Month!**

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**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.

DADS are a BLESSING

Surprise your dad or another special man with this Father's Day gift.



What you need:

- Photos of you and your loved one (together, if possible)
- Scissors
- 8.5" x 11" paper
- Glue stick
- Marker
- 8.5" x 11" photo frame



What you do:

1. Cut photos into shapes (hearts, circles, etc.).
2. Arrange photos on the paper, leaving room for a message, and glue them down.
3. Write: "I'm blessed as can be. My heavenly Father has given me the best _____ [dad, uncle, friend] in the world, and he belongs to me!"
4. Place your picture message in the frame.
5. Give your gift to show love and appreciation.



Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

Answer: "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters," says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV

Cast away

God has cast our confessed sins into the depths of the sea, and he's even put a "No Fishing" sign over the spot.

—D.L. Moody

Pat Answers

Did Christ Descend into Hell?

I was recently asked this question based on an English version of the Apostles' Creed which states Jesus "descended into Hell." Did Christ actually go down into Hell? A short answer is that Christ DID NOT actually do down into hell. Our authority first of all is the Bible not a creed. The Bible nowhere clearly teaches that Jesus actually descended into hell after His death on the cross. Ephesians 4:9 is commonly used to support this idea. We read: *"In saying He ascended, what does it mean but that He had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?"* The most natural reading of the passage is simply contrasting Jesus' ascension to the highest place – "above all the heavens" to His coming to the lowest place – the earth itself in His becoming human for us and for our salvation. The other main passage used is 1 Peter 3:18-20 – referring to Christ - *"being put to death the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which He went and proclaimed the spirits in prison, because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah..."* This is a difficult passage, but seems to simply be saying Christ proclaimed victory in His resurrection to all the demonic spirits everywhere. It is not clearly stating that Christ went into "hell" or Hades.

Not only is Jesus descending into hell NOT taught clearly in the Bible, it is also not the clear teaching of the Apostles' Creed. The Apostles' Creed is the one of the earliest creeds outside the Bible, dating from approximately 175 A.D. (within a hundred years of the Apostles and the finishing of the New Testament). It was originally in the language of the New Testament – Greek. The original phrase about Jesus descending actually reads – "He descended into Hades." This is equivalent to the place of the dead. In the Old Testament Hebrew the word for the place of the dead was Sheol. It is not the word "Gehenna" which refers always to eternal Hell – Matthew 5:30; Mark 9:43-48 – *"Where the fire is not quenched and the worm does not die...."* Why does the creed in English often have

the word "hell" then? Because the word "Hades" was often translated as "Hell" for English speakers, for example in the King James Version of 1611.

But actually the creed is simply saying Jesus descended into the place of the dead which according to Luke 16:19-31 included a wicked part (the rich man) and a righteous part (Lazarus in Abraham's bosom). This explains Jesus promise to the repentant thief on the cross - *"Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise"* – Luke 23:43. This repentant thief would upon death meet Jesus in the paradise part of Hades, or the place of the dead. When Jesus arose from the dead, He evidently took the paradise part of the dead with Him to heaven itself. When believers in Jesus die now, we go to be immediately with Jesus with our spirit/soul. Our bodies await the final resurrection to come when Christ comes for His people and the dead in Christ rise first – 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18. We are never separated in life or death from our precious Savior Jesus. The spirit/soul of an unbeliever at death still goes to Hades, awaiting the final judgment and the resurrection unto damnation – Revelation 20:11-15 – *"Then death and Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death..."* It should make us all shudder and grieve for those going there.

So can we say this part of the creed? Yes, as long we understand that it is referring to Hades and not eternal Hell. Our version in our hymnal at CCEFC has the word "Hades" which is best. But the main thing to remember is that Jesus is the ONE who rescues us from Hell itself through His death and resurrection for our sins. He bore the wrath of God on the cross for all who trust in Him so we don't have to pay it! In response, surrender your life to His service. For His glory,

Pastor Pat

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