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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

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

Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:15 AWANA

Thursday

Bi-weekly Bible Study- G. Wedel

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

24th Annual HALLELUJAH PARTY

Wednesday, October 31st from 6-8 pm
at the Scotts Community Center

Hosted by the Country Christian Evangelical Free Church (CCEFC), this year's *HALLELUJAH PARTY* will once again be held at the Scotts Community Center which is located on 36th Street. This fantastically fun and free party is happening on Wednesday, Oct. 31st, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Both children and adults can come dressed as themselves or as their favorite make-believe character.

Set in a non-threatening "barn yard" atmosphere, our indoor gathering will feature carnival-type game booths set up all through the Scotts Community Center offering prizes and lots and lots of candy and pop to win. There will also be Balloon Animals, Face Painting, yummy snacks and drinks and lots and lots of candy.

Throughout the evening, there will be multiple door prize drawings for many exciting prizes, including a boy's bike and a girl's bike!

The Gospel will be shared interactively in the front room of the community center. Pray that we will be able to share clearly and that God will work in the hearts and lives of children and parents in our community.

If you are interested in helping out, please sign up or see Colleen Clarey. We are in need of cans of pop and bags of individually wrapped candy! There are donation boxes at the end of the fellowship hall, near the mailboxes.

Please pray that God will be honored and His Name lifted high in the community during this event!!

Need more info? Contact the church office (269-626-9733) for questions .



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

Unless you have been hiding under a rock for the past few weeks you have heard something about the Senate hearings regarding the appointment confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. The hearing has been brutal and investigation into his life has covered things far deeper than most of us would be willing to have our lives investigated. As I write this, the hearings are still in progress, by the time you read this, the vote may have taken place on his confirmation. I have not watched the hearing closely, but I have made a few observations: 1) When asked a question, Kavanaugh would pull out his pocket constitution and read from it as it pertained to the question asked. 2) When accusations came to light from a high school acquaintance, Christine Blasely Ford, of sexual advances, dozens of professional women publicly stated their version of "that is not the Kavanaugh I know".

What if you or I had our life put under a microscope such as Kavanaugh has? How would we fare? The investigation of Kavanaugh has gone beyond his views of the law, but are investigating his character. True a judge must have an upstanding character. There have been apparent slanderous accusations about his character. That is part of the significance of so many women coming out and stating that the accusations are inconsistent with his character. When Paul writes to Timothy about qualifications for elders and deacons, the primary focus is the character of the individual under consideration. Even the things done in secret need to be above board. God told Israel to "be sure your sin will find you out" (Numbers 32:23). Sin has a way of creeping out of the dark places and revealing itself in public. More importantly than man finding out about our secrets, God knows. In Luke (16:15) Jesus says that even if we look good to man, God sees our heart and it is an abomination to Him. Consequently we need to be on guard at all times. We never know what situation Satan may use to attack us.

Kavanaugh has been accused of putting too much emphasis on the constitution. When answering questions he pulls out a copy of the constitution, why? it is the document that guides our nation in practice and in law. When Jesus was confronted by Satan (Luke 4), Jesus pulled out the book of the law (The Old Testament) and quoted from it. As a judge, Kavanaugh is a man of law and we would expect someone in such an office to be intimately familiar with the law. As professing Christians shouldn't we be as familiar with the book of our Savior Jesus Christ as Kavanaugh is familiar with the law?

How is your character? If you were accused of something, how many would come out and say, "That is not consistent with the man or woman I know", or would people say to himself or herself "I always thought that about him or her"?

How well do you know the book about our Savior, your Bible? Are you growing in your knowledge of its contents on a regular basis. If asked, can you recognize what is and isn't true scripture in most cases? Can you find passages that can help during struggles or times of trial. Or if asked would you only say "Well I know it is in there somewhere"? Open your Bible and get to know it. Open your Bible and get to love it. Open your Bible and grow in love with the Savior it reveals.

?? Bible Quiz ??

Though daughters weren't allowed to inherit property, some young women whose father had died appealed to the community's leaders to change the law in their favor — and it was done! Who were these women?

- A. Mary and Martha
- B. The daughters of Zelophehad
- C. Nympha, Sapphira, Claudia, Tabitha and Lydia
- D. Joanna, Susanna and Salome



Answer: B (See Numbers 27:1-11.)

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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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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

Walter Dubbeld's: 12:15 (estimated)
 at the church. Potluck. Phone
 649-0656 (every other week)

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;

Dana and Terrie Schwartz – 6:00 –
 8:00 PM at their house -13643
 East R Ave., call – 929-6242
 (every other week)

Mondays:

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

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00
 AM

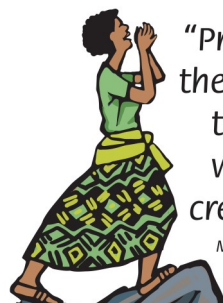
Thursdays:

George and Joyce Wedel – Every
 other Thursday night at their
 house – 11626 East R Ave., call
 – 626-9764.



**Birthdays &
 Anniversaries
 This Month!**

3-Aiden Drallette
 3-Tony & Robyn Schwartz
 5-Larry Bryan
 5-Joy Zylstra
 7-Sally Wedel
 7-Jon & Sue Henker
 8-Carl Dunlap
 10-Katie Drallette
 12-Jacob Christiansen
 14-Linda Landry
 14-Sheryl Peck
 14-Mike Weinberg
 15-Grace Walker
 17-Abbie Johnson
 21-Joyce Wedel
 24-Kim Drallette
 25-Bert & Jayna VanDellen
 26-Alaina Truax
 27-Katie Rose Clarey



**"Proclaim
 the gospel
 to the
 whole
 creation."**

Mark 16:15, ESV

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.

Youth Group

Youth Group Trip

Gull Meadows Corn Maze on Friday, October 12. Meet at the church at 5:30 PM. Cost: \$10.00

Flakey Bakey

Saturday, November 17 watch for more details.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. This is month set aside in many churches to honor the pastors who work tirelessly on our behalf. On Sunday, October 6 is a potluck brunch to honor Pastor Pat. Potluck begins at 11:15 that day. Please bring a dish to pass. There will be no Sunday School on October 6. Watch for other opportunities to show your appreciation for our Pastor and his family.

Pastor Traveling

Pastor Pat will be attending the Evangelical Free Church Great Lakes District Annual Meeting in Rockford, IL October 8,9. Please pray for wisdom, encouragement, and safety.



Nursery Help

Oct

- 7 Dawn Drallette & Jamie Morrison
- 14 Terrie Schwartz & Jennifer and Ruby McKelvey
- 21 Lisa Gibbs & Lyndsay Juday
- 28 Abbey and Raezi Colvin & Kim Smith

Time for Shoe Boxes

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me... for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

It's that time again-Christmas is right around the corner. We are participating in Operation Christmas Child (shoeboxes). Every box we pack allows us to tell children around the world about the love of God. There are many ways to help with this project:

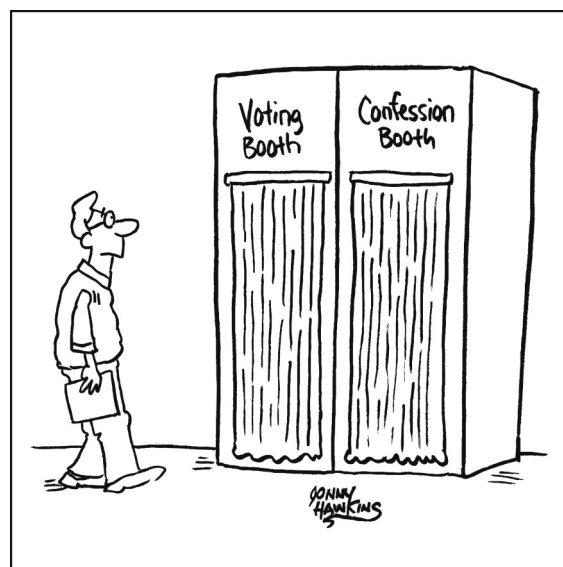
-----pray for this project and the children, this is not the least you can do but the most you can do.

-----make your own shoebox to give
-----donate money for shipping of the boxes (9\$ per box)

-----donate things to place into a box or money to purchase things such as: tooth brushes, bars of soap, wash cloths, hair things-brushes ,combs ,barretts, small toys or stuffed animals, school supplies.

There is a box in the ark (big room) to place items in. There will be forms you can pick up at the back of the church. The forms tell How, What to place into a box and has an envelope for shipping. There is also a way to do this online and to follow your box-
Samaritianspurse.org/occ.

Shoe boxes this year need to be at the church by early Nov. On Nov. 1 there will be a shoebox party at the church to put shoe boxes together. Everyone is invited. **Please note, tooth-paste, food, and candy are not permitted this year.**



Pat Answers

Does God Really Want Us to be Holy?

YES! God told His people Israel in the Old Testament: *"Be holy, for I am holy..."* – Leviticus 11:44. *"Consecrate yourselves, therefore and be holy, for I am the LORD your God... You shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine."* – Leviticus 20:7, 26. The word "holy" means to be separate or distinct from evil, and not like the ungodly world. It means to "be set apart for God" and for His glory. God chose Israel to be separate from the other nations with Laws to make them different and unique among the peoples of the world. But Israel as a whole failed in this calling to be holy. Israel became just like the nations around them, living like the nations, and even sacrificing to the same gods as the Canaanites. God punished them for "profaning His name among the nations" – Ezekiel 36:20,22. God promised a new Covenant and a new heart for His people so they would obey Him – Ezekiel 36:26,27.

But what about today under the New Covenant? Does God still expect His people to be holy? YES!!! Because the true believer in Jesus has the Holy Spirit and a new heart, we, even more than the Old Testament believers are to be holy. The New Testament says *"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as He called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'"* – 1 Peter 1:14-16. We who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by faith, are now to be holy in our living. We are to grow in holiness. God progressively imparts holiness to us as we desire to follow Christ. God uses the Bible and the enabling power of the Holy Spirit to grow us in obedience – John 14:15-17; 17:17. In Christ we are set apart for

God. To be holy means we are to think different, act different, and talk different from the world around us – Romans 12:1,2. We also love and forgive different as followers of Christ. This is the ongoing challenge for us all: to reflect God in our daily lives even in our entertainment, use of time, money, etc. We don't pursue the same things as the world. We are to pursue holiness – *"Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."* – Hebrews 12:14. If we don't have a desire to please God we may not be true followers of Christ.

Because of the glorious wonder of God's gospel, there is also an "imputed" holiness that God gives to His people. Due to Christ's holiness and righteousness we are counted holy and perfect in Christ. *"... and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith."* – Philippians 3:9. God already sees me as holy through faith in Jesus Christ – *"without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me."* – Heidelberg Catechism, 1563. This does not mean we are not to be holy in our daily lives, but that we are to joyously live out now what we already are. Ultimately in Christ and because of Christ believers will be perfectly holy when we enter heaven and Christ's presence forever. In heaven there will be no more sin or unholiness. Longing for that day with you and in the pursuit of holiness,

Pastor Pat

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