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AWANA Kick-Off

On August 12th slip-n-slide into AWANA for some good, clean fun! For opening night, we are having family night so make sure you bring your family. There will be singing, an introduction into the year, a mini lesson, and some extremely fun games which will include a slip-n-slide, tug-o-war, and snow cones! You'll want to bring a change of clothes and a towel for your child. On opening night, we'll want to get the kids registered through kid check. This is a new program we started using to keep the kids safe, and there will be a different routine for drop off and pick up. AWANA will meet every Wednesday from 6:15-8:00 during the school year for kids ages preschool-5th grade. If you're not connected to the Facebook page, make sure you do for announcements. We look forward to the new year! Keep shining!

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



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

Several weeks ago, I was enjoying a baseball game with the local minor league team on a sunny Sunday afternoon when I got a call from my boss. There had been a water leak upstairs and water had invaded our data center, it flooded our office area and the accounting area. As a result, eight people have been relocated until repairs can be completed. The service company worked for two weeks to get the water dried up. Estimates are that restoration will run well into six figures. All because the hose to a coffee machine came loose and the water just flowed for an estimated 24 to 36 hours before it caused an alarm for someone to investigate.

It seems amazing that just a little leak of water can cause so much damage. But, sin can do the same thing. We may notice some little sin in our lives, but we talk ourselves into letting it go. The result is that it becomes easier and easier to commit that sin again. We may start doing things to hide that sin. It becomes a bigger part of our lives, trying to hide it from others, participating in it. The longer we wait, the harder it is to deal with. When we finally do decide to deal with that sin, it is a major ordeal.

1 John 1:5-2:6 reassures that we have forgiveness in Jesus Christ. He is our advocate before God when Satan accuses us. However, more than our advocate He has satisfied God's wrath. There are some that teach that when we trust Christ we can never sin again. John argues against that in this passage. He states, "when you sin", a clear indication that while we are earth bound, we will continue to sin. 1 Corinthians 11 when Paul discusses the celebration of the Lord's Supper, he reminds that we need to come to the table without sin our lives. This is reminiscent of the Jewish celebration of Passover when the families would clean their homes of leaven (a Biblical illustration of sin) prior to the feast.

We need to keep short accounts of our sin. Regular, daily confession of sin (actually as soon as we realize that we committed the sin is better). Are you harboring sin in your life? Confess it to Jesus and make things write today before it floods your life.

Jim Hawkins—editor


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Bible Quiz

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Who was Moses' father-in-law, and what was his occupation?

- A. Joshua; shepherd
- B. Miriam; tentmaker
- C. Aaron; farmer
- D. Jethro; priest



Answer: D (See Exodus 3:1.)

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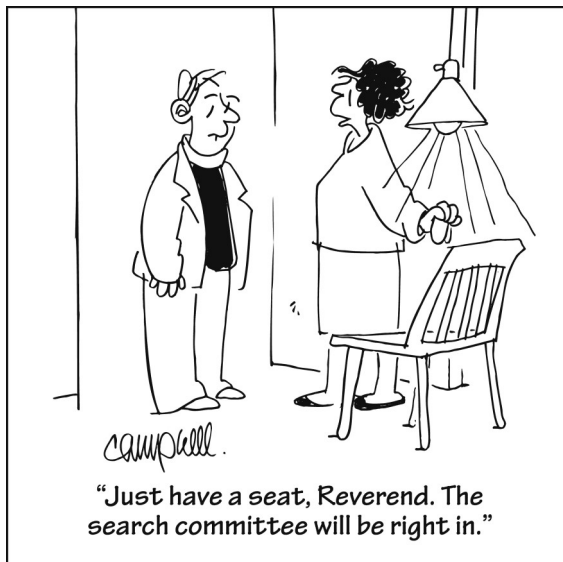
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Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about the Chronicle should be directed to the editor or the board of elders.

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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!**

1-Diane Barton
 4-LeAnn Fritz
 4-Esther Hawkins
 6-Brad Dunlap
 8-Ruby McKelvey
 8-Lee Evensen
 9-Win Larsen
 10-Mike & Jamie Morrison
 12-Neil Hartmann
 13-Dick Williams
 15-Brian Colvin
 16-Ken & Heidi Dykstra
 16-Emma Fleck
 17-Jon & Jennifer McKelvey
 17-Troy Vincent
 18-Greg & Nikki Willis
 22-Laura Sandahl
 22-Gary & Andrea Truax
 23-Don & Betty Kremble
 24-Russ & Christine Audette
 26-David Juday
 26-Andy & Danielle Wedel
 28-Mike Morrison

"No thief, however skillful, can rob one of knowledge, and that is why knowledge is the best and safest treasure to acquire."

—L. Frank Baum

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.

FIRE IN THE WOODS TIME

It is Fire in the Woods Time! September 23th at 5:00. Hot dogs and buns provided along with condiments. Please bring a dish to pass, your own table service, lawn chairs and something to drink.



Worship and Fellowship

Missions Update

Our Missionaries Dennis and Lydia Bowen are coming to visit with us on September 30. Dennis and Lydia have been supported by CCEFC for many years, and they have established a Christian Counseling Center in Ukraine, and also have outreach in Moldova. They will update us on their ministry in our church service and in Sunday School.

*"To handle yourself, use your head;
to handle others, use your heart."*
—Eleanor Roosevelt

Have You Noticed the Back to School Sales have Started?

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.

Our bright beacon

We are frequently advised to read the Bible with our own personal needs in mind, and to look for answers to our own private questions. ... But better still is the advice to study the Bible objectively ... without regard, first of all, to our own subjective needs.

Let the great passages fix themselves in our memory. Let them stay there permanently, like bright beacons, launching their powerful shafts of light upon life's problems — our own and everyone's. Following such a method, we discover that the Bible does "speak to our condition" and meet our needs, not just occasionally or when some emergency arises, but continually.

—Frederick C. Grant

Nursery Help-September

- 2 Rosemary Goad & Dawn Drallette
- 9 Lisa Gibbs & Lyndsay Juday
- 16 Abbey and Raezi Colvin & Kim Smith
- 23 Andrea Truax & Charlize Gibbs
- 30 Donna Budden & Kourtney Klimp



Pat Answers

Why Study God's Attributes?

In September I am planning on starting a series on KNOWING GOD. We will look primarily at the Attributes of God. God's attributes are whatever He has revealed as being true about Himself and His character: for example, He is Holy, He is Just, He is Love, He is All-powerful, etc. But why study these attributes? Because as A.W. Tozer said in his 1961 classic book on God's attributes *The Knowledge of the Holy*: "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us...Were we able to extract from any man a complete answer to the question, 'What comes into your mind when you think about God?', we might predict with certainty the spiritual future of that man." Tozer also lamented that the decline of knowing WHO God is has brought on our modern troubles in Christianity. He says "A rediscovery of the majesty of God will go a long way toward cutting them...if we would bring back spiritual power to our lives, we must begin to think of God more nearly as He is." I agree with Tozer.

But more importantly we read in Scripture: "Thus says the LORD: 'Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let

not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight, declares the LORD.'" – Jeremiah 9:23,24. Daniel speaks of a time to come when evil is running rampant, "but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action." – Daniel 11:32. It is essential to know God as far as He may be known as revealed in His Word. Jesus said "And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." – John 17:3. Our greatest joy and quest in life is to know God. The apostle Paul says of Christ "that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings..." – Philippians 3:10.

I am excited about this coming sermon series and that we all will get to know God more in His Glory through His Word, and that it will lead us to even more joyful surrender to Him daily.

Pastor Pat

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