

Chronicle

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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 Worship
Impact Youth

Monday:

6:00 Video Cardio Drumming

Wednesday

9:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:00 Video Cardio Drumming
6:15 AWANA

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer
6:00 Video Cardio Drumming

AWANA Begins Soon

AWANA will begin September 16, and continue every Wednesday evening during the school year, from 6:15 to 7:40 pm. Our leaders have worked hard and creatively



to produce a program that safely discipled our kids. Parents should look for more information on our AWANA Facebook group. (AWANA at CCEFC). Contact Stacey Coville if you have any questions. 720-3728



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

Most of us have heard the story of the 20-year-old woman that had been declared dead by paramedics, placed in a body bag, and transported to an area funeral home. After a couple of hours in the body bag, funeral home staff opened the body bag to discover that her eyes were open and she was breathing. Some media outlets reported this as her “being resurrected from the dead”. While it is not unheard of for this type of thing to occur, it is highly unusual.

The Bible records a few examples of individuals being dead and resurrected, among them Lazarus (John 11), Elisha Raised the Shunammite’s Son (2 Kings 4), Jesus raised the ruler’s daughter (Mathew 9), the resurrection of Jesus (Mathew 28, 1 Corinthians 15) among several other incidents.

The Bible tells of coming resurrection. Those who believe will be resurrected to life, and those who have rejected Jesus Christ to a resurrection of judgement (John 5:28-9).

The apostle Paul was very confident in the future resurrection. In 1 Corinthians 15 he proclaims that if there is no resurrection, we are to be pitied above all men. Paul’s treatise of the resurrection in this chapter is hope for the believer. While we have a Biblical hope in the coming resurrection. We are still to be diligent in our time on earth to live as Godly of a life as we can that demonstrates our faith; this message is repeated through out the book of James.

The Bible is clear that those who do not believe in Jesus Christ in this life will not have a second chance. They will be raised to judgement and sent to the eternal lake of fire (Revelation 20:15). The Bible is very clear, there is a resurrection to come with the destination of eternity with Jesus Christ, or the Lake of Fire.

Have you made your choice? Will you choose to trust Jesus and obey Him, Or will you remain on the course you have been on, bound for the Lake of Fire? To delay your choice is to decide against Christ. I invite you to choose today, whom will you serve, Jesus Christ or yourself?

Jim Hawkins—editor


One all-important word

Sometimes one word makes all the difference. In John 14:16, when Jesus promises the disciples that God will send the Holy Spirit, he doesn’t say “the” Helper or “a” Helper but “another” Helper. For there to be “another” of something, we must already be familiar with a first of that thing. Jesus has been, for the disciples, their first Helper. They already “know him for he dwells with [them]” (verse 17, ESV).

When my infant son was to start full-time daycare, the transition went quite smoothly. That’s because his “new” caregiver wasn’t new at all: She was Grandma! The sense that my son would be in the hands of *another* family member he already knew eased the handoff for Mama and baby alike.

Not all parents have access to that type of situation, but the caregiving arrangement Jesus provided his disciples is available to all. Even when Jesus is no longer physically with us, another who loves us just as much — another we already know and whose truth we’ve seen in Jesus — is here. We’re in good hands.

—Heidi Mann



Bible Quiz

Which of these was not one of the 10 plagues God brought against Egypt to persuade Pharaoh to let the Hebrew people go?

- A. an abundance of frogs
- B. the Nile River turned to blood
- C. the collapse of the pyramids
- D. thick darkness

Answer: C (See Exodus 7:14–12:32.)

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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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Ladies Bible Study

Ladies' Bible Study is Back!!! We are going to take a break from Genesis and delve into the New Testament this year. We can safely distance and study the Scripture at the same time. Please join me for a weekly study of Romans beginning Wednesday, September 16th, from 9-11 am, in the church library. Study notebooks will be available the beginning of September. If you have questions, please contact Colleen Clarey at 321-0132 or clarey7@sbcglobal.net.



Grief Share Group Restart

Pastor Pat wants to restart The Grief Share Group in September. Please see Pat now if you are interested in meeting again, we were meeting on Monday nights before Covid. Please let Pat know if Monday nights are OK.

Grief Support Group



Hallelujah Party Update

We have had the Hallelujah Party on October 31st for over 20 years. It has been an opportunity to reach out to our community by providing a fun and safe alternative to Halloween. We have also been able to pass out Bibles, tracts, school supplies, candy and goodwill. Most importantly, we have been able to share the gospel with people who might not go to a church.

With the concern over social distancing, the Christian Education Committee is planning a different event with the hope that we can continue to provide a fun, safe event to our community where we can continue to share the gospel and the only way to salvation -Jesus.

This year with concern over the virus situation, we are considering having a Trunk or Treat event in the CCEFC parking lot instead of the Hallelujah Party inside the community center. For those who are not familiar with a Trunk or Treat, it is an event where costumed children walk through a parking lot, stopping at cars that have decorated trunks and receiving candy. At some Trunk or Treats there are a few games or entertainment.

We are currently in the planning stage and would welcome your prayers on how we can witness to and encourage those in our community. We are looking for people who would be willing to participate in the event. We are also wanting to have some tracts available to hand out to children and adults at the event. Currently, we are not asking for candy or supplies but please stay tuned as October approaches for additional announcements.

If you have any input, ideas or would like to volunteer, please see someone on the Christian Education Committee.



TNT September Fellowship

TNT (60+) is having a bonfire on Sept. 26th at 7:00 at Pat Colvin's at 388 3rd St., Plainwell. Bring your own chair and marshmallow roasting stick if you have one. We desperately desire to fellowship with one another and we're planning to make s'mores. We can meet there or the church van may be available. More details to follow.

Ladies Lockdown for Teaching, Fellowship, and Encouragement

Ladies, are you feeling the need for encouragement? Feeling like you are floundering on your own? Or maybe you have found your encouragement in the Lord and you are bursting to share it with someone!

Let's get together and share what the Lord has been teaching us during this time of Lockdown. Let's meet at the church on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 pm. We'll keep our distance and feel free to wear a mask if you desire. Let's share and pray and encourage each other with God's Word!



Always within reach

As I grow older, I appreciate help getting up from the couch. Often, my husband extends his arm to boost me up. This act of kindness reminds me how the Lord reaches out to me each morning. He is the strength to lift me up so I needn't depend on myself.

Looking back through the years, I can see how the Lord endlessly extended his arm to me. Isaiah 33:2 says, "O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble." Too often I haven't waited for the Lord, and my impatience resulted in no-good results. Waiting for — and accepting — God's guidance isn't always easy, but he always comes through, and we're never out of his reach.

I'm so thankful my heavenly Father graciously extends his arm to help me up, get me "unstuck" and keep me from trouble.

—MaryAnn Sundby

Time for a pop quiz!

Tests don't end once you finish school. Churchgoers of all ages can regularly conduct these quick assessments:

- **The worship test:** Do I faithfully attend worship services and Bible studies?
- **The weather test:** Am I a "fair weather" Christian? Do conditions that wouldn't keep me from work keep me from church?
- **The work test:** Am I willing to put my talents to use for my church? Can the congregation count on me to help however possible, or am I too busy elsewhere?
- **The wallet test:** Do I regularly contribute or tithe? Am I giving my "first fruits" to God so the church can conduct his work?

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Please Note: This calendar is put together based on the best available information and standard schedule information. As we begin moving towards easing restrictions from the Coronavirus lock down, not all events will be held as scheduled or in the manner originally planned. Even a full lifting of this order may affect the communal events on this calendar. Please check with your event leader, the church website, church bulletin, or church Facebook pages to confirm events will be held as scheduled.

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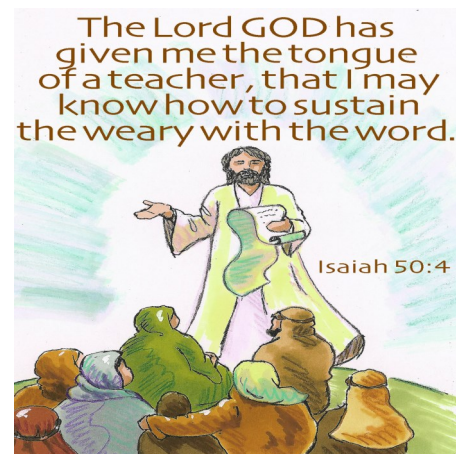
Stacey Coville

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;

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00

**Church Directory and On-line****TV services:**

There is a flyer under the TV monitor in the back of auditorium for the church directory. The 9:30 Sunday service can be viewed on the church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/countrychristianefc>



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 22-Gary & Andrea Truax
 23-Don & Betty Kremble
 24-Russ & Christine Audette
 26-David Juday
 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.

A BUSHEL OF BOOKS



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper

What you do:

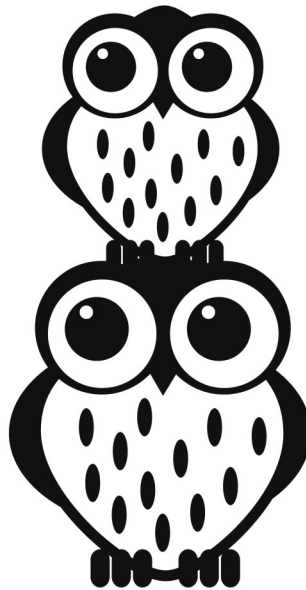
1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



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| school | — ○ — — — |
| paper | — ○ — |
| wisdom | — — ○ — |
| read | — — — ○ |
| play | — — — — — |
| learn | ○ — — — — |
| grow | — ○ — — — — |
| pencils | — — — — — |
| pray | — ○ — — |
| art | — — — — — |
| student | — — — ○ — — |
| kids | — — ○ — — — — |
| apple | — — ○ — — — — |

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

Many parts, one body

Through the teaching, support, sacrifice, worship and commitment of the church, utterly ordinary people are enabled to do some rather extraordinary, even heroic acts, not on the basis of their own gifts and abilities, but rather by having a community capable of sustaining Christian virtue. The church enables us to be better people than we could have been if left to our own devices.

Pat Answers

What Role do Good Works Play in the Life of a Believer?

We must first of all state that good works do not save us. Works do not earn points or merit with God. We are saved by God's grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ as revealed in the Bible alone all for the glory of God. One key passage is Ephesians 2:8-10 *"for by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus, for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."* This passage clearly says salvation is by God's grace, received by faith, and not a result of any human works. But it also says that God saves us to work, True faith will produce good works in our lives as we follow Christ.

The first role of good works in a believer's life is validation or confirmation of real faith in Jesus. Jesus warned about false teachers in Matthew 7:16 – *"You will recognize them by their fruits..."* Then Jesus warned that *"not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven."* – *Matthew 7:21*. Finally, Jesus warns that the one who hears His Word and does not put it into practice will be like one who builds on sand. A person claiming to be a follower of Jesus who does not have a changed life, or who does not show any evidence, or produce any good works is living a lie and should examine themselves to see if they are really in the faith – 2 Corinthians 13:5.

Another role of good works in a believer's life is our positive witness for Jesus Christ. How does the world know we are followers of Jesus? Besides our love for each other and unity (see John 13:34, 35 and John 17: 20,21), which are both produced by the power of the Holy Spirit in believers, we are also to adorn the gospel by doing good works. This is especially emphasized in the book of Titus. The Apostle Paul says first about unbelievers – *"They profess to know God, but they deny Him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work."* – *Titus 1:16*. But the believers are saved by Jesus to be *"a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works."* – *Titus 2:14*. We believers are to be *"ready for every good work"* – *Titus 3:1*. The apostle Paul emphasizes it again with *"The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works."* These good works include acts of love, compassion, helping the poor, defending the helpless like the unborn from abortion, serving others, sharing, not speaking or responding to others in anger, etc. This is all part of living a life that glorifies God and bears witness to His grace. On Judgment Day only believers in Jesus will have good works. This is because they are done for Christ, by Christ, and in Christ.

May each of us be busy doing good for the glory of Jesus!

Pastor Pat

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