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Notes for the Journey

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The Isaacs Concert

This Saturday, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the great music of the award-winning family group—*The Isaacs*—when they present a concert here at our church at 6:00pm.

You will want to be a part of this grand concert and listen to the vocalists, the acoustic instruments and band instruments as well as hear their inspirational testimonies about the love of Jesus in their lives.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a fine evening of gospel music *The Isaacs* will present.

Thoughts

A few weeks ago we asked the question from a recent edition of Light and Life magazine, "Do I really love people?" Or, would a more honest statement be that I really only love some of the people some of the time?

We live in a world that, more and more, is becoming characterized by anger, division, hatred, etc. It is into this world that God has given us the invitation to join with Him in guiding people to a better way, His way of love.

Is loving people easy? Some of the people, some of the time, yes. But the healing for our broken world will come from those of us who call ourselves Christians taking to heart Jesus' words to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind . . . Love your neighbor as yourself . . ."

As we fall more and more in love with God, with ALL our heart, ALL our soul and ALL our mind, then loving others, even those who are difficult to love, will have an opportunity to grow.

School's Open—Drive Carefully

It was back-to-school for Richland County students this week. We want to remind everyone to safely share the streets and roads with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists. Slow down in school zones, watch for children on bikes and walking. Let's make the school year safe for all our children.



Ladies' Bible Study at the Parsonage

Will not meet in August
Begin again in September

Lectionary Scripture

(August 20, 2017)

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28



Mission

*A community of believers
endeavoring to live and love
as Jesus taught.
Come—Experience
Community!*

Church Calendar

Statistics for August 13

<u>Sunday, August 20</u>	
Morning Worship	9:30am
Sunday School	10:40am
FMC Student Ministry Group	6:00pm
<u>Thursday, August 24</u>	
Board of Administration Meeting	7:00pm
<u>Friday, August 25</u>	
Narcotics Anonymous	7:00pm

Morning Service	112
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 3,152.25
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 4,025.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 3,241.00

Prayer Needs



Jacob Ahlfield—health
 Patty Luster—health
 Liam Mitchell—4-year old cancer patient
 Dean Garrett—health
 Family of Maynard Deischer
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed

Happy Birthday



Shirley Arledge.....August 20
 Darrell HouchinAugust 20
 Cindy Storment.....August 20
 Pam LinderAugust 21
 Becca Zook.....August 23
 Anna-Marie ShultzAugust 23
 Harper Wingert.....August 23
 Heather TurleyAugust 24
 Rex ParnellAugust 25

Board of Administration

The Board of Administration meeting has been re-scheduled for Thursday, August 24 at 7:00pm.

Happy Anniversary



Pastor Mel & Janis Nead..... August 23
 John & Jennifer Kramer..... August 23
 Dan & Marilyn Grove..... August 24
 Austin & Suzanna Ridgely .. August 24
 Daniel & Camille Gaddy..... August 25
 Joe & Teresa Moutray August 26

Baptism Service

We are planning a baptism service in the near future. If you have accepted Christ as Savior and Lord and would like to make that commitment public through baptism, please contact Pastor Steve.

Wild Horse Ministries

The White Squirrel Saddle Club is hosting "Wild Horse Ministries" at the East Fork Arena on Monday, August 21 at 6:30pm. At this event, Paul Daily and family will be attempting to train an unbroken horse using gentle words and pats. As this horse learns, "see if you agree that these lessons apply to us." Gates open at 5:30pm, free admission but a free-will offering will be taken. Bring lawn chairs. Go on line wildhorseministries.com and learn more about this amazing ministry.

Opportunities to Serve

- *Van Driver*—take turns with our other drivers picking up people to attend our worship service.
- *Youth Ministry Assistants*—take turns with others helping Stacy with Sunday evening youth and other activities.

Men's Retreat

First Annual Wabash Park Camp Men's Retreat

The men's retreat at our campground in Clay City, IN will begin on Friday evening, September 22 with dinner at 6:30pm, and conclude on Saturday, September 23 around 3:00pm

Brochures are available at the church outlining some of the great things that are planned. An outstanding retreat speaker, Steve Zeller, will be with us.

Please plan now to join with other men around the conference for a time of fellowship and encouraging each other in our walk with God.

Let Pastor Steve know if you can go so we can arrange for housing.