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Notes for the Journey

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Neighborhood Block Party

Saturday, October 15 from 4:00 to 6:00pm, we are going to host a "Block Party." The purpose is to invite our neighbors to make use of our new playground and share with them the other ministries we offer for children, youth and adults.

There will be a cookout, games, giveaways and more. Put the date on your calendar and make plans to attend. This is also a kickoff for our Sunday evening ministries which will begin the next night.

Thought of the Week

Philippians 3:17. "Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example."

"Paul challenged the Philippians to pursue Christlikeness by following Paul's own pattern or example. This did not mean, of course, that they should copy everything he did; he had just stated that he was not perfect. But as he focused his life on being like Christ, so should they.

The Gospels may not yet have been in circulation, so Paul could not tell them to read the Bible to see what Christ was like. Therefore, he urged them to imitate him. That Paul could tell people to follow his example is a testimony to his character.

Can you do the same? What kind of follower would a new Christian become if he or she imitated you?"

—from Live Application Study Bible Devotion

Children/Youth Workers Training

The training session conducted by Jim Burns for Youth and Children Ministry volunteers this Sunday, September 18 will begin promptly at 6:30pm at Cherry School. (Note corrected time.)

This will be a very informative session and great opportunity for those working with our children and youth.

Stacy is asking those attending to please sit together as there may be some group activities and information that require our group to be together.

Mission Trip Fund Raisers



Everyone is cordially invited to a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Youth's 2017 Mission Trip. It is on Sunday, September 25 in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday School. There will be a free-will offering. We want everyone to come

and eat with us!

On October 13, at 6:30pm, a "Painting Party" fundraiser will be held here at the church.

The cost is \$40 each (a portion will go to the Youth) and reservations should be made soon. There are a limited number of spots so get your bid in to Stacy now.

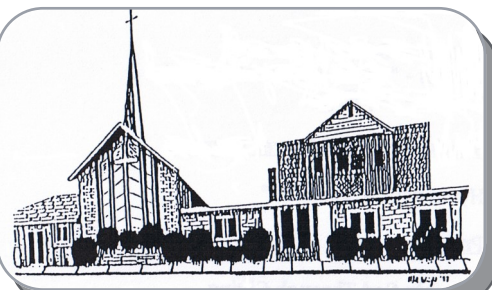


◆ Youth Mission Trip Meetings ◆

On the SECOND SUNDAY of each month, there will be a meeting for all the Youth who will be going on the 2017 Mission Trip. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

Lectionary Scripture

(for September 18, 2016)
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13



Mission

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

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 18

Morning Worship	9:30am
Sunday School	10:40am
Choir Meeting	5:00pm
No Youth Group Today	
Children/Youth Training Session at Cherry Street School (Sit as a group at this meeting)	6:30pm

Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

Tuesday, September 20

Ladies' Afternoon Out at the Holiday	1:30pm
Elijah Men's Group	6:30pm

Wednesday, September 21

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library	10:00am
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Thursday, September 22

AUTUMN BEGINS

Friday, September 23

Narcotics Anonymous	7:00pm
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Happy Birthday

Gavin Hosselton..... September 28
 Kaitlyn Dowty September 19
 Earlene Spillman..... September 19
 Bill Taylor..... September 21
 Heather Wheeler..... September 21
 John Patterson..... September 21
 Ariana Nixon September 22
 Lindsey Fore September 23
 Kiley Taylor September 23
 David Spillman September 24

Elijah Men's Group

The meeting of Elijah Men's Group will be Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30pm at the Ernst Cabin at Borah Lake. Bring a snack to share.

All men are invited to join us for a refreshing time of fellowship and encouraging one another in our walk with the Lord.

WIC Needs

We thank you so much for your response to our need for baby blankets, outfits, gift bags etc. for newborn babies and their moms that our church gives through the WIC program.

There is an ongoing need for these baby items as we meet our goal to present these babies with a "brand new" outfit. Thank you for caring.

Statistics for September 11

Morning Service	126
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 3,458.00
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 5,503.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118) YTD	\$ 2,210.00

Prayer Needs

Debbie Robinson—laser spine surgery
 Bud Harlan—health
 Lucy Van Buskirk—health
 Camille Gaddy—health
 Family of Phillip Spillman
 Francine Sanders—health
 Jerry Harriss—Helia Healthcare
 Cheryl Wood—cancer
 Lisa Nixon—health
 John Means—health



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR NEEDS PREVIOUSLY LISTED

Roof Repairs

We are so thankful that God has provided funds for us to be able to finish up the playground and picnic shelter.

As the finishing touches are being applied there, we have another project in the works. For some time the roofs of the fellowship hall and connecting building have been in need of repair. Repairs are underway as you read this.

Any special contributions to the roof repair would be greatly appreciated. Just place them in an offering envelope clearly marked "Roof Repairs." Thanks for your help.

Thank You Note

Thank you for the prayers, cards, food, flowers and support during the recent death of my brother, Phil. We really feel blest to belong to such a great church family.
 David & Earlene Spillman

Christmas Musical

We would love for you to join us as we begin rehearsing for a Christmas Musical to be presented in December to celebrate Christmas in a very special way this year. This is a simple unison and two-part musical.



◆◆Come Sunday evening at 5:00pm to our first read/listen through. No obligation, just come and check it out!