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Behold, What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, April 25th

Young @ Heart will meet at 9:00 a.m. for fellowship, food and prayer

Wednesday, April 26th

W.O.W. meets at 5:30 p.m. for supper with Bible study to follow

Tuesday, May 2nd Elders' meeting will meet @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 5th Youth Event (7th through 12th grades) Meet for the Movie *Guardians of the Galaxy 2*

Sunday, May 7th Rice, Macaroni & Cheese or Instant Potatoes are due in Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Church Food Pantry

Tuesday May 9th Women's Ministry Meeting meets @ 6:00 p.m. for final meeting till Fall. Bring a dish to go with Lasagna and bread sticks.

Friday, May 19th and Saturday, May 20th Upward Soccer Evaluations will be Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to noon

Saturday, May 20th Children's Event (6th grade and under)—Theme is "Armed Forces Day" 10:00 a.m. to Noon

Sunday, May 21st Graduates will be recognized during worship service. Graduates let the office know what school, degree and honors you will be receiving.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

It is spring and people are doing all of the things that are normally done at this time of year. That includes me too. I am watching Cardinals baseball on TV, hunting mushrooms, gardening and hopefully going fishing soon. Have you planted your garden yet? I want to encourage you to plant several rows of "**let us**" this year. I have been consulting my "seed catalog" (the Bible) and have found some different types of "**let us**" that you could plant in the garden of your life.

Row #1 – "**Let us** fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2) This will make all of the rest of our garden fall into line.

Row #2 – "**Let us** draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith" (Hebrews 10:22)

Row #3 – "**Let us** be alert and self-controlled" (1 Thessalonians 5:6b)

Row #4 – "**Let us** be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28b)

Row #5 – "Since we live by the Spirit, **let us** keep in step with the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25)

Row #6 – "**Let us** therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification" (Romans 14:19)

Row #7 – "Therefore, **let us** stop passing judgment on one another." (Romans 14:13)

Row #8 – "**Let us** purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God" (2 Corinthians 7:1)

Row #9 – "**Let us** hold firmly to the faith we profess" (Hebrews 4:14)

Row #10 – "**Let us** then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

If you still want more "**let us**" in your life's garden, then there are more kinds to be found on the pages of the Bible.

I hope to see each of you this coming Sunday. We had a great attendance last Sunday. Let's do our best to be present when the church meets this coming Sunday!

C U N Church,
David



Serving In April

Elder: Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating

Deacons: Tom Shouse, Martin Zubiata, George Shouse, Toby Wolke

Deaconesses: Judy Gregory & Angie Denoyer

<i>4-9-17 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,966.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>4--16-17 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total:\$3,436.10 includes Faith Promise</i>
Worship: 96 Sunday School:19 Evening Worship: 4	Worship: 134 Sunday School: Dismissed for Easter Evening Worship: dismissed for Easter
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$205.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise Offering:\$212.00</i>
Costa Rica Mission Trip \$100.00 Building:\$40.00	Costa Rica Mission Trip\$100.00 Building:\$40.00
Upward Soccer Registration \$120.00	Sunday School:\$
Sunday School:\$15.50	Upward Soccer Registration:\$120.00

April 23rd Greeters: Chris & Sheila Hutcheson **April 23rd Home Communion:** Dennis Bushue & Terry Harper

April 30th Greeters: Trenton Scoggins & Alexis Smith **April 30th Home Communion:** Martin Reyes & Toby Wolke

V.B.S. Planning Meeting

Thursday, April 20th



Come and help us continue to plan the vacation Bible School. The theme this year is “God’s Great Treasure Hunt”. Daily themes, verses, treasure hunt, crafts, snack shack, games, decorations and other details need to be worked out.



Sunday Evening Service

Sunday, April 23rd



Join Us for an evening worship service with contemporary music.
The service starts at 6:00 p.m.

Send Off Party For Megan

Sunday, April 23rd

All are invited to wish Megan the best as she moves to Florida. Bring Luncheon items to share for her send off party. we will have lunch and fellowship together. (Some are bringing gifts and some are bringing cards to wish her well)





Prayer Requests



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Loretta Quast, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Wilma Sherrick, Marie Fulk, Harry Johnson, Don Van-Deveer, Lulubelle Winn, Oneida Lewis, Eleanor Bounds, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, Eldon Ooton, Darlene Zimdars



Cancer: Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, June Cain, Linda Smith, Paul Dempsey, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, Tom Koester, Brett Walker, Gary Lewis, Brandy Harper, Tiffany Dunaway, Brad Arney's Great Grandson Parker Burns, Susie Mast, Nancy Koester, Patrice Runyon, John Arnold, Carley Tull, Robert Barkauska, Jessica Baker, Nikki Szynonik, Katie Krueger, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Paula Jones, Mike Altgilbers, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Trish Couch, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Darrell Raymond, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Angie Thomason, Cindy Thomason, Ellen Walk, Sue Heth, Ken Gilbert, Arlene Mullen, Donna Pollock, Cheryl Woodard, Joe Stoops, Roland O'Leary, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Tammy Zuber, Lynn Weddle's two sisters, Travis Stine, Linda Packer, Diane Slone



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Gloria Herrera, Mary Muntean, Michelle Vonderheide, Carol Grimes, Tammy Culler, Russ Mitchell, Leslie Reed, FCCs 150th anniversary, Lynn Weddle, Judy Tapp, Harriett Moore, Lois Ooton, Annaka Robison, Barbara White, Diane Donaldson, Dan Inman, Joel Harrison, Kelvin Williams, Elizabeth Thurston, Roy & Agnes Simpson, Connie Zerrusen, Ken Thomason, Rosario Madero—Pastor Martin's grandma, Andrew Collins' wife, Costa Rica Mission Trip—Youth, David Boice, Cody Garner, John Weiffenbach, Bailey, Justine's co-worker's, Jeri Bokor, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, Tracey Scoggins, Harry Johnson, Tammy Martin, Melissa Ross, Carl Gowler

(These names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Then, we need an update to put their names back on this Special Needs list.)



Missions: Costa Rica Mission Trip



Military: J.R. Trueblood, Troops in harms way, Tyler Cross in the Air Force



Grieving Families: Frank Percival Family, Beulah Ritter Family, Anita Cowger Family, Earnie Gilmore Family, Jerry Donaldson Family, Joe Denton Family, Roy Simpson Family

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, April 25th

Come @ 9:00 a.m. to share in coffee/tea, fellowship and prayer in Beebe Hall

All 50 and over are invited to come and be with us on Tuesday mornings






4 Serving Jesus

May 2017

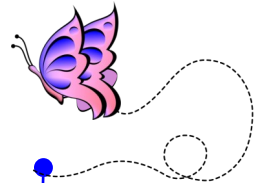
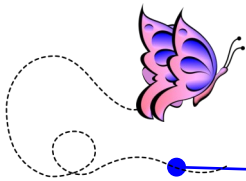


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	1	2 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Elders Meet @ 6:30 p.m.	3 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	4	5 Youth Event- (7th to 12th grade) Movie: <i>Guardians of the Galaxy 2</i> 	6
7 Evening Worship @ 6:00 p.m.	8	9 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Women's Ministry meets @ 6:00 p.m. for Lasagna supper	10 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m. Last Adult and Children until Fall	11	12	13 Children's Event 10:00 a.m. to Noon:  Matthew 5:9
14 Evening Worship @ 6:00 p.m.	15	16 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	17 Youth W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	18	19 Upward Soccer Evaluations From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 	20 Upward Soccer Evaluations 10:00 a.m. to Noon
21 Grads recognition Costa Rica Mission Meeting meets @ 1:00 p.m. Evening Worship @ 6:00 p.m.	22	23 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	24 Last Youth W.O.W. till August 16 will meet @ 5:30 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Evening Worship @ 6:00 p.m.	29	30 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	31	I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit. Leviticus 26:4 (NIV)		



May Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 1 st —Richard Raber	BD
May 4 th —Darren Vonderheide	BD
May 4 th —Matin Zubiato	BD
May 5 th —Anthony Jamison	BD
May 5 th —Martín Reyes	BD
May 5 th —Austin Spillman	BD
May 6 th —Roger & Lisa Frieze	WA
May 12 th —Mitchell Frieze	BD
May 13 th —Emil (Shorty) Beals	BD
May 14 th —Richard Cameron	BD
May 17 th —Emil & Lee Beals	WA
May 18 th —Dennis Bushue	BD
May 18 th —Greg Heuerman	BD
May 20 th —Mario Reyes	BD
May 22 nd —Bonnie Vonderheide	BD
May 28 th —Myah Rae Lewis	BD
May 29 th —Sharon Caylor	BD
May 30 th —Madison Healy	BD



April Challenge

Eliminating Biblical Illiteracy

Biblical illiteracy has increased dramatically in recent years. People including Christians know less and less about the Bible. If we claim to be a people of the Book, we should have a working knowledge of the Bible. During the next several months, we as a congregation will be working toward eliminating Biblical illiteracy by increasing our knowledge and understanding of the Bible. Each month we will be focusing on a different part of the Bible and attempting to increase our knowledge of that part of Scripture.



In April, our challenge is to memorize the names of the twelve disciples of Jesus. In addition to memorizing the names of the disciples, we will also be learning information about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus today. Won't you join us in this worthwhile endeavor? Be sure to pick up your Bible question calendar for April!



6 Serving Jesus

Open House For Shorty & Lee Beals

Sunday, April 30th

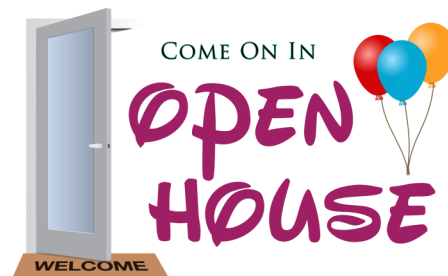
Come and celebrate 65th wedding anniversary for Shorty & Lee

Place: Stewardson Community Building, 800 N. Main, Stewardson, IL

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dance: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please no gifts; however **Cards** will be greatly appreciated



Volunteers Needed

Upward Soccer & V.B.S. Community Events

Plans for **Upward Soccer** are under way. Helpers are needed for the practice days and the game days.

Practice Days for week 1 are **June 12th, 13th, 15th & 16th** practice hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Game day is **June 17th** and hours are 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The **week 2** of soccer practice days are **June 26th, 27th, 29th & 30th** with practice hours of 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **Game day** is **July 1st** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Plans for **Vacation Bible School** are under way as well. Helpers are needed for the week of **July 10th through the 14th.**

Let one of the pastors know if you can help with any of these events



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, May 7th

Rice, Macaroni & Cheese or Instant Potatoes is due in Beebe Hall



Immeasurable Harvest

2016-2017 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$38,790

Given

\$22,736

