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Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, April 21st Children's Mission Event—Play Bingo with the residents of Evergreen Nursing Home from 10:00 a.m. to noon

Tuesday, April 24th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 24th & Thursday, April 26th Next Level Soccer Camp

Wednesday, April 25th W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m. for supper then Bible study to follow

Friday, April 27th Youth & Young Adult movie night—Avengers Infinity War I

Saturday, April 28th Next Level Soccer Camp Game Day

Tuesday, May 1st Mission's meeting meets @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1st Elders' meet @ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 2nd National Day of Prayer @ Thelma Keller Convention Center from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. The law was amended and signed by President Reagan in 1988, designating the National Day of Prayer as the first Thursday in May. The unanimous passage of the bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as an annual event, signifies that prayer is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning.

On May 3 we will observe the National Day of Prayer. This is an observance that has been instituted by law and yet it is an observance that we as a people of God have overlooked and neglected. We have often complained that our freedom to pray has been threatened by our government, but we have failed to take advantage of this day when our Law has instructed us to pray.

The National Day of Prayer has great significance for us as a nation as it enables us to recall and to teach the way in which our founding fathers sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical decisions. It stands as a call for us to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for our leaders and His grace upon us as a people. The National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans. It is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds. Mrs. Shirley Dobson, NDP chairman emeritus, reminded us: "We have lost many of our freedoms in America because we have been asleep. I feel if we do not become involved and support the annual National Day of Prayer, we could end up forfeiting this freedom, too."

Because of the faith of many of our founding fathers, public prayer and national days of prayer have a long-standing and significant history in American tradition. The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863.

So, whether you are a part of an organized group who will be praying or whether you will be praying as an individual, I urge you to pray for our nation and its leaders on May 3rd.

C U N Church,
David

***Serving In April******Elder:*** Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating***Deacons:*** Tom Shouse, Martin Zubiate, Greg Spillman, Toby Wolke***Deaconesses:*** Judy Gregory & Barb Jamison

<i>4/8/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$ 3,404.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>	<i>4/15/18 Attendance & Giving</i> <i>Total: \$3,980.00 includes Faith Promise Offering</i>
Worship:99 Sunday School:19	Worship:96 Sunday School:19
<i>Faith Promise Missions: \$200.00</i>	<i>Faith Promise Offering:\$270.00</i>
Building:\$40.00	Building:\$40.00
Sunday School:\$10.00	Sunday School:\$21.50

April 22nd Greeters: Delaine & Sandi Donaldson ***April 22nd Home Communion:*** John Donathan & Terry Harper

April 29th Greeters: Mark & Sharon Knaus ***April 29th Home Communion:*** Chris Hutcheson & George Shouse

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, April 17th

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



W.O.W. Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, April 18th

W.O.W. begins @ 5:30 p.m. with supper, then worship in song and Bible study to follow.



Since April is the month we receive nominations for elders and deacons, the **adult Bible study on Wednesday night** is looking at what the Bible teaches about elders and deacons. We are using a booklet entitled **“Biblical Eldership Restoring the Eldership to Its Rightful Place in the Church”** written by Alexander Strauch. Everyone is invited and encouraged to be a part of this study.



Homebound and Nursing Home: Marie Waddell, Bonnie Koester, Wanda Morgan, Holly Arney, Wilma Sherrick, Marie Fulk, Don VanDeveer, Oneida Lewis, Elinor Wolford, Elfrieda Zerkel, Darlene Zimdars, Dorothy Locke, Cecil "Paul" Richey, Jackie Kersey



Cancer: Laura Knierim, Sharon Douglas, Shirley Strickland, Ron Anderson, Tatum, Ashley Judd, Linda Smith, Paul Dempsey, Barb Eaton, Patty Willis, Alayna Plank, Renae Metke, Andy, Mike Page, Tom Koester, 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 Szyonik, Katie Krueger, Misty Ulmer, Lanny Grove, Joshua McConnell, Rosemary Niemerg, Paula Jones, Ruth, Barb Gaddis, Elizabeth Weidner, Wyatt Smith, Dallas Parkhurst, Ray Bushue, Bill Dentln, Jane Ann's Friend, Joy Gamber, Gene Moeller, Ellen Walk, Arlene Mullen, Cheryl Woodard, Joe Stoops, Jill Fiddler, Scott Chalcant, Dallas Hurst, Caleb, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Diane Slone, Ken Roley, Lois Bartels, Cindy Meitzner, Mat Reed, Adam Stoops, Allen Griffin, Kathy Schroeder, Joyce Jordon Griggs, Mitchell Coffin, Grace Frye, Steve Sabens, Dennis Young's Sister-in-law's sister, Virginia Fox, Reenie's Cousin Teri, A.J.'s Grandmother, Brad Hockman & family



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, David Shouse, Brad Donaldson, Callista Denoyer, Sarah Gremo & baby Cal, John Weiffenbach, Ron Thomason, Lydie Anderson, Holly-Justine's Friend, Amy Sidwell, Olivia Adams, Josh & Rochelle Dunkel, Craig Lattig, Ethel Lash, Grandma Lucille, Irma McConnell, Phyllis & Russ Mitchell, Bonnie Thomas, Jody Scribner, Bill Breu, Crystal Peters, Shirley Barry, Ruby Tabor, Nadine Bair, Ken Thomason, Zoe Sanchez-Grubb, Kent Farley, Diane Donaldson, Sallie Johnson, Justine's co-worker's brother-in-law, Cathy Harrison, Sandy Grimsley, Sandi Donaldson, Bev Thoele, Sara (Roedl) Niccum's premature son Oliver, Larry Robards, Charlie & Cathy Peters, Bobbie Raymond, Chris Hutcheson's nephew, Reenie's nephew A.J., Michele Vonderheide, Melissa Ross, Pastor Martin's sister, Vicky Stout, Sequoia (Dennis Young's granddaughter), Lynn Weddle, Syria, Douglas Nursing & Rehab Residents and Staff and families, Alistair Titsworth

(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.)



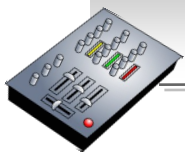
Missions: Oil Belt Christian Service Camp, Heartland Christian Village



Military: Troops in Harms Way; Tyler Cross in the Air Force



Grieving Families: Adelene Vaughn Family, Ken Gilbert Family, Sarah Paul Family, Christina Candy Walden Family



Sound Room Volunteers



Need Minimum of Two Volunteers


If we have 6 people in rotation in manning the church's Audio/Visual booth during our Sunday morning services **everyone only has two months** out of the year to man the booth.

No experience is necessary... Jon Zerkel will be happy to train any volunteers. Responsibilities include ensuring that all speakers have access to a working mic, displaying the power point slides for announcements, hymns, and the sermon, and recording the sermon.

Contact Jon Zerkel with any questions

May 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Let my teaching fall like rain. Let my words come down like dew. Let them be like rain-drops on new grass. Let them be like rain on tender plants. Deuteronomy 32:2		1 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Missions Meet @ 5:30 p.m. Elder's Meet @ 6:30 p.m.	2 Nat'l Day of Prayer @ Keller Convention Center 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	3	4	5 Pastor Martin's B-day 
6 Rice, Mac 'N' Cheese, Cereal or your choice for food pantry	7	8 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. Women's Ministry meets 6:30 p.m.	9 W.O.W. meets @ 5:30 p.m.	10 Vacation Bible School meeting @ 5:30 p.m.	11	12
13 Baby Bottles for FLC Happy Mother's Day!	14	15 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	16 Youth & Young Adults W.O.W.	17	18 Youth Event meets @ 5:30 p.m.	19 Children's Event meets @ 10:00 a.m.
20	21	22 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	23 Last W.O.W. for Youth and Young Adults	24 Vacation Bible School meeting @ 5:30 p.m.	25 Upward Soccer Evaluations 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	26 Upward Soccer Evaluations 10:00 a.m. to Noon
27	28	29 Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m.	30	31	Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. John 1:3 (NIV)	

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 1 st —Richard Raber	BD	May 20 th —Mario Reyes	BD
May 4 th —Darren Vonderheide	BD	May 21 st —Kevin & Barb Jamison	WA
May 5 th —Anthony Jamison	BD	May 22 nd —Bonnie Vonderheide	BD
May 5 th —Martin Reyes	BD	May 28 th —Myah Rae Lewis	BD
May 5 th —Phyllis Mitchell	BD	May 29 th —Sharon Caylor	BD
May 5 th —Austin Spillman	BD	May 30 th —Madison Healy	BD
May 6 th —Roger & Lisa Frieze	WA		
May 7 th —Matin Zubiate	BD		
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		



Graduates Or Promotions

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Graduates and those promoted to high school will be recognized during worship service.

Please call (217. 342.6797), text (217.317.3800) or e-mail (fcceffingham@gmail.com) the office with information about your graduate. If you have a picture you want added to the newsletter, it would be great if you could send that e-mail as well. We need the Name, degree and honors, and the school they are graduating from. The article will appear in the 2nd newsletter May 15th.



Oil Belt Kitchen Helpers

Thursday, July 19th

The **morning shift** for Oil Belt Kitchen help is needed for hours **8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** **Four volunteers are needed.** We need to let them know by Friday, April 20th who can help.





Next Level Soccer Camp

Camp Dates

For 6th, 7th and 8th graders

The Next Level Soccer Camp practices will be every Tuesday and Thursday through April 26th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Game Day will be April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Vacation Bible School

Sunday, May 10th

The meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. We will discuss more about the plans under way for July 9th through July 13th week of Vacation Bible School, and what next year's V.B.S. will need.



Oil Belt Christian Service Camp



New This Year
Register Online

GRADES	CAMP NAME	DATE	REG. FEE	DEAN	CAMP STARTS	CAMP ENDS
K - Adult	Special Needs Day	May 19	\$30.00	Danielle Kimbrell	9:30am	3:00pm
K-4th	Father/Child Camp	July 20-21	\$48.00	Gary Barbee	5:30pm	3:30pm
1st-2nd	Sunrise Day Camp 1	June 2	\$15.00	John Horton	10:30am	5:30pm
1st-2nd	Sunrise Day Camp 2	Aug 4	\$15.00	Julie VanVoorhis	10:30am	5:30pm
2nd & 3rd	Footprints 1	June 15-16	\$48.00	Lezlie Johnson	5:30pm	3:30pm
2nd & 3rd	Footprints 2	Jul 6-7	\$48.00	tba	5:30pm	3:30pm
4th-5th	Pathfinder 1	May 30-June 1	\$95.00	Jesse Brinkley	3:30pm	5:30pm
4th-5th	Pathfinder 2	Aug 12-14	\$95.00	Claude Howell	3:30pm	5:30pm
4th & 5th	Discovery	July 1-4	\$110.00	Bryce Ash	3:30pm	9:30am
5th & 6th	Encounter 1	June 10-15	\$150.00	Dustin Leek	3:30pm	3:30pm
5th & 6th	Encounter 2	Aug 5-10	\$150.00	Rob Plummer	3:30pm	3:30pm
5th & 6th	Camp Out	June 6-9	\$115.00	Darren Barbee	1:00pm	2:00pm
6th-8th	Athletes Camp	July 8-13	\$160.00	Kevin Colclasure	3:30pm	3:30pm
7th & 8th	Jr. High 1	June 17-23	\$150.00	Matt Shelton	3:30pm	9:30am
7th & 8th	Jr. High 2	July 22-28	\$150.00	Seth Schnautz	3:30pm	9:30am
7th & 8th	Jr. High Wilderness 1	June 9-15	\$195.00	Josh Conley	5:30pm	5:30pm
7th & 8th	Jr. High Wilderness 2	August 5-10	\$195.00	Danny Drewes	9:30am	5:30pm
7th & 8th	Fishing Camp	June 29-July 1	\$70.00	Aaron McCaleb	3:30pm	5:30pm
7th-12th	Genesis Week	May 29-June 2	\$150.00	Ryan Cox	9:30am	9:30am
7th-13th	Music Camp Plus	June 24-29	\$160.00	Bill Cox	3:30pm	8:30pm
9th	Niners	July 15-20	\$150.00	Shannon Bopp	3:30pm	3:30pm
9th-12th	Senior High	June 3-9	\$150.00	Logan West	3:30pm	9:30am
9th-12th	Sr. High Wilderness 1	June 9-16	\$195.00	Jason Burckhardt	9:30am	3:30pm
9th-12th	Sr. High Wilderness 2	June 23-29	\$195.00	Mitchel Burgener	9:30am	3:30pm
10th-13th	Deeper Life	July 29-Aug 4	\$150.00	Andrew Bloemker	3:30pm	9:30am
18-24yr old	Greater Retreat	May 18-20	\$70.00	Jeff VanMeter	6:30pm	1:00pm
Adult Special Needs	O.A.S.I.S. Retreat	Aug 17-18	\$40.00	Lisa Dill	5:30pm	3:30pm

April Book of the Month



Acts

A **study guide** is available on the foyer table.

Pastor David will be preaching from **Acts** during the month of **April**.

Goals:

Greater knowledge of the Bible

Help one develop consistency in Bible reading.



Nominations

Nominations for Elders and Deacons

Nomination forms for elders and deacons are available in the foyer. Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate to carry out these important functions in our church. Place the nomination forms in the box provided. All nomination forms should be turned in by April 29.



Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Sunday, May 6th

Rice, Mac N Cheese,
Cereal or your choice are due in
Beebe Hall



Faith Promise

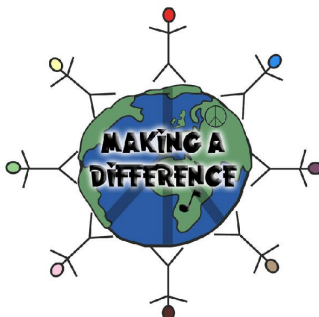
2017-2018 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$30,220.00

Given

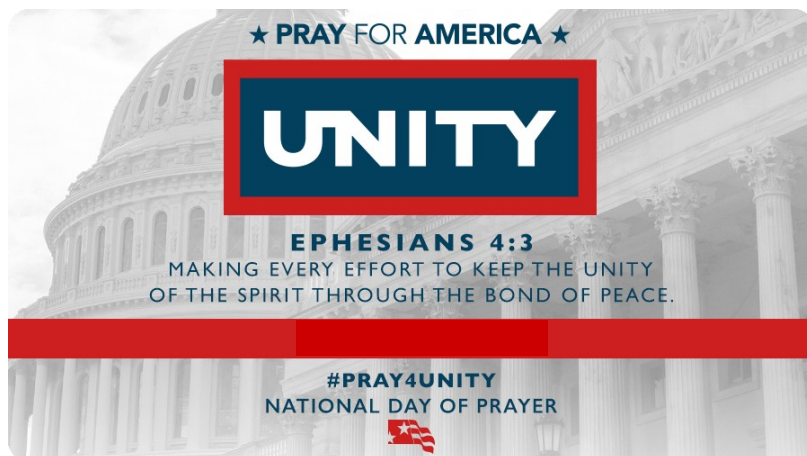
\$15,452.00





He who is without sin
cast the first stone.

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SERVICE REQUESTED



Wednesday, May 2nd

Come and exercise your right to pray publically for your country!



Where: Meet @ Thelma Keller Convention Center

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Main Speaker: Dr. Ruben Boyajian

See Pastor David For Free Tickets

