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Behold, What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Monday, July 10th—Friday, July 14th Vacation Bible School will meet from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each evening

Tuesday, July 11th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. in Beebe Hall

Saturday, July 15th Vacation Bible School Recap Day

Sunday, July 16th Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting #5 meets @ 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 19th Youth (6th through 12th graders) Open church They meet from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 19th Young Adults (18 to 29 years old) Summer Meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 30th to Monday, August 7th Pray for all going on the Costa Rica Mission Trip to Abraham Project

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

Sunday, August 6th Pasta or Spaghetti Sauce are due in Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

Tomorrow, we will celebrate our country's 241st birthday. During those 241 years, there have been many times of strife and disagreement. Our present time seems to be characterized by division and sectarianism. Are there any lessons from the past that we can learn from that might be able to help us through our own troubled times? Let me share one such incident from our past that can serve as an example to us today.

On Thursday, June 28, 1787, Benjamin Franklin delivered a powerful speech to the Constitutional Convention, which was embroiled in a bitter debate over how each state was to be represented in the new government. The hostile feelings, created by the smaller states being pitted against the larger states was so bitter that some delegates actually left the Convention. Franklin said the following: "I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth – that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred Writings, that 'except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that built it.' I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: ...I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessing on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the clergy of this city be requested to officiate in that service."

We know that as a result of those prayers the Great Compromise was struck and as a result our government has two legislative bodies in its Congress. It would be good if we employed this same method – prayer – to end the gridlock that plagues us at both the national and state levels.

Enjoy your Fourth of July and be sure to pray for our country, its citizens, and its leaders. Please God, bless America again!

C U N Church,
David



Serving In July Elder: Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating Deacons: Chris Hutcheson, Kelvin Williams, John Donathan, Larry Thomason Deaconesses: June Ashley & Barb Morrison	
6-24-17 Attendance & Giving Total: \$8,975.97 includes Faith Promise Offering	7-2-17 Attendance & Giving Total: \$8,106.43 includes Faith Promise
Worship: 111 Sunday School: 22	Worship: 94 Sunday School: 19 Family Life Center Bottles: \$63.62
Faith Promise Missions: \$335.00 T-Shirts: \$38.25	Faith Promise Offering: \$950.00 T-shirts For 150th Ann.: \$179.00
Costa Rica Mission Trip \$725.00 Building: \$40.00 Family Life Center Baby Bottles: \$94.40	Costa Rica Mission Trip \$ 1,919.20 Building: \$40.00 Upward Soccer Concession \$ 403.18
Sunday School: \$11.75 Loretta Quast Memorial: \$25.00	Sunday School: \$14.50 Initial Offering \$18.00 Ark Encounter Trip: \$682.68

July 9th Greeters: Mark & Sharon Knaus **July 9th Home Communion:** Jon Zerkel & Chris Hutcheson
July 16th Greeters: Larry & Sue Thomason **July 16th Home Communion:** Dennis Bushue & Toby Wolke



Project Abraham

Costa Rica Mission Trip

Donations the Church Family can send on the trip leaving July 31st. Donations can be left in Beebe Hall.

Medicinal Items

Band aids & Triple Antibiotic Ointment-(ex: Neosporin)

Girls Clothes-All Sizes

Underwear, Socks, Onesies, t-shirts, etc.

Boys Clothes-All Sizes

Underwear, socks, t-shirts

General Items

Pacifiers, regular pillow cases (neutral/white), kids toothbrushes

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, July 11th

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



Youth Open Church

Wednesday, July 19th

Who: Youth (6th through 12th graders)

What: Open church Begins for the summer.

When: We meet from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Open Church will not meet during V.B.S. on July 12th





Prayer Requests



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



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, 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 Szyonik, 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, Mary Vail, Sandy Brockett, Travis Stine, Linda Packer, Diane Slone, Jim Coatney, Elizabeth-7year old, Candy Walden, Ken Roley,



Special Needs: Darlene & Gary Elliott, Elaine Griffin, Mary Muntean, Russ Mitchell, Lois Ooton, Rodney Raber, LeAnn Spruell, Tracey Scoggins, David Shouse, Brad Donaldson, Jeff Christianson, Dee Musgrave, Metta Karn, Angie Marsh, Leonard Miller, Sandy Bugenhagen, Yin Ying Zhang, Callista Denoyer, Patsy Dyer's son-Joey, Sarah Gremo, Cynthia Carr, John Weiffenbach

(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 (July 31st to August 7th)

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



Grieving Families: Nick Wurl Family, Loretta Quast Family, June Cain Family

Young Adults Summer Meet

Wednesday, July 19th

Who: Young Adults (18 to 29 years old)

What: Summer Meeting

When: 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Young Adults will not meet during V.B.S. on July 12th.



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What the world thinks





Costa Rica Mission Trip

Sunday, July 16th

Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting #5
meets @ 12:30 p.m.

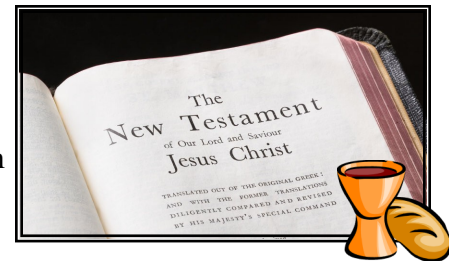
They will be traveling to
Project Abraham,
San Jose, Costa Rica



July 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 July**, our challenge is to **memorize The books of the New Testament**. Won't you join us in this worthwhile endeavor? Be sure to pick up your Bible question calendar for July.



Immeasurable Harvest

2016-2017 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$38,790



Given

\$27,718

Children's Event

Saturday, July 15th

Children's Event (6th grade and under)

Theme: God's Great Treasure Hunt

Vacation Bible School Recap Day

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon

