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Behold, What Manner of Love

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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, June 25th Congregational meeting immediately following the worship service

Sunday, June 25th Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting #4 meets @ 1:00 p.m.

Monday, June 26th Week 2 of Soccer begins @ 5:00 p.m. It continues Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. is the game day.

Tuesday, June 27th Young @ Heart meets @ 9:00 a.m. in Beebe Hall

Wednesday, June 28th Youth (6th through 12th graders) Open church Begins for the summer. They meet from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28th Young Adults (18 to 29 years old) Summer Meeting from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 2nd Pancake Mix, Cereal or Oatmeal are due in Beebe Hall for Calvary Baptist Food Pantry

Thursday, July 6th Elders Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Monday, July 10th-14th Vacation Bible School meets from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each evening

Ponderings of the Preacher . . .

I found the following article in my files and thought it was worthy of reprinting. It is almost 20 years old, copied from another church's newsletter, but the message is still relevant.

Are You a Consumer or a Contributor?

Nearly everyone is familiar with the statement John Kennedy made during his inaugural speech in 1961. "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country." Why is this so memorable? I believe it is because it challenges us to grow beyond our natural selfishness and adopt a more mature attitude as citizens.

In a similar way we most naturally ask, "What can this church do for me?" We see the church through the eyes of a consumer as we are "shopping" for the preaching, Sunday School, music, and youth program merchandise that will best meet our needs or the needs of our family.

But at some point, we need to hear God challenging us, to ask more than, "What can this church do for me?" but also to ask, "What can I do for my church?" After all, what if every church member continued to think like a consumer? Who would be doing the serving while everyone was consuming?

For sure, we never outgrow the need to consume fellowship, teaching, and other benefits which church involvement should give us. However, for the church to be healthy, a significant number of us, ideally all of us, must eventually grow beyond the consumer mentality to take on the contributor mentality.

A Christian who remains a consumer will more easily become dissatisfied that the church is not meeting their needs like it did at one time. The contributor, on the other hand, is more fulfilled because of service. He is also patient with what the church lacks, because he understands that the "somebody" who ought to be "doing something" is himself or herself and other strugglers.

We truly live in a consumer society, and people often see the church through the same set of glasses as they do when visiting a store at the mall. Although we may at first prolong our visit because the church is merchandise we need, God wants you and I to assume some responsibility for the store and begin serving other customers. That is a maturing church.

Are you a consumer or a contributor?

I hope to see each of you this coming Lord's Day as the church meets for worship!

C U N Church,
David



Serving In June

Elder: Dennis Bushue & Jon Zerkel alternating

Deacons: Terry Harper, Chris Denoyer, Jeff Akeman, Gary Elliott

Deaconesses: Irma McConnell & Hazel Kingery

6-11-17 Attendance & Giving Total: \$4068.00 includes Faith Promise Offering	6-18-17 Attendance & Giving Total: \$ 5,744.97 includes Faith Promise
Worship: 79 Sunday School: 18	Worship: 95 Sunday School: 22 Family Life Center Bottles: \$427.16
Faith Promise Missions: \$195.00	Faith Promise Offering: \$185.00 T-shirts For 150th Ann.: \$41.50
Costa Rica Mission Trip \$230.00 Building: \$40.00	Costa Rica Mission Trip \$400.00 Building: \$40.00
Sunday School: \$9.00	Sunday School: \$12.00 Ark Encounter Trip: \$1,976.31

June 25th Greeters: Don & Bev Thoele ***June 25th Home Communion:*** Greg Spillman & Tom Waldhoff
July 2nd Greeters: Dallas & Hazel Kingery

Week Two—Upward Soccer Camp

Monday, June 26th



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday Upward Soccer Camp meets from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 1st is Game Day from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Come and watch the game of the improved soccer players at the end of second week of practice

Young @ Heart

Tuesday, June 27th

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, June 28th

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.





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, 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 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



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, Craig Lattig, Bobby Raymond, Oneida Lewis, Mary Jo Deruse, Metta Karn, Angie Marsh, Leonard Miller, Sandy Bugenhagen, Robert Spracklen

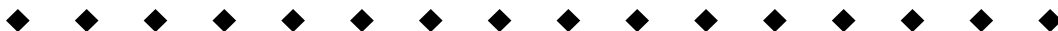
(These names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Then, we need an update to put their names back on this Special Needs list.)



Missions: Costa Rica Mission Trip, Chloe Spracklen-Nairobi, Kenya-two weeks, Tim & Noah Stuckey



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



Grieving Families: Nick Wurl Family, Loretta Quast Family

Young Adults Summer Meet

Wednesday, June 28th

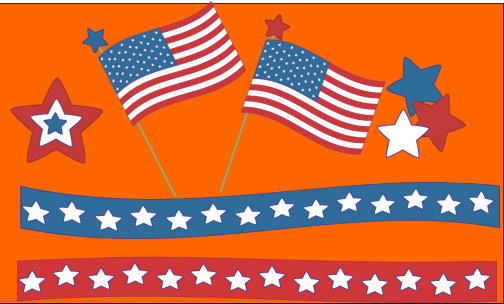
Who: Young Adults (18 to 29 years old)


What: Summer Meeting

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



July 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.”</p> <p>Matthew 13:44 (NIV)</p>						1
2	3	<p>4 Young @ Heart Meet 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Happy July 4th</p>	<p>5 Youth-open church (6th—8th graders) 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Young Adults (18-29 yrs. old) 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6 Elders Meet @ 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Youth Event—To be Announced</p>	8
9	10	<p>11 Young @ Heart meet 9:00 a.m.</p>	12	13	14	<p>15 Children’s Event—V.B.S. Recap Day (6th grade and under) 10:00 a.m. to Noon</p>
<p></p> <p><i>July 10th—14th Vacation Bible School</i> <i>God’s Great Treasure Hunt—5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</i></p>						
<p>16 Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting #5 @ 12:30 p.m.</p>	17	<p>18 Young @ Heart Meet 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>19 Youth-open church (6th—8th graders) 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Young Adults (18-29 yrs. old) 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p>	20	21	22
23	24	<p>25 Young @ Heart Meet 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>26 Youth-open church (6th—8th graders) 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Young Adults (18-29 yrs. old) 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p>	27	<p>28 Youth Event—To be Announced</p>	29
<p>30 Leave On Costa Rica Mission Trip</p>	<p>31 Costa Rica Mission Trip Flight Day</p>	<p>“What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ.”</p> <p>Philippians 3:8 (NIV)</p>				



July Birthday & Anniversaries

<i>July 1-Joshua Reyes</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 12-Wesley Shouse</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 1-Mark Knaus</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 18-Marie Fulk</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 3-Larry Thomason</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 18-Noah McCammon</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 5-David & Irma McConnell</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>July 25-Shari Long</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 8-Lee Beals</i>	<i>BD</i>	<i>July 29-Layne Akeman</i>	<i>BD</i>
<i>July 8-Troy & Marsha Bloemker</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>July 30-Wayne & Rose Greenwood</i>	<i>WA</i>
<i>July 8-Russ & Phyllis Mitchell</i>	<i>WA</i>		
<i>July 9-Joshua McCammon</i>	<i>BD</i>		
<i>July 9-Phyllis Dueker</i>	<i>BD</i>		
<i>July 10-Rose Greenwood</i>	<i>BD</i>		
<i>July 11-Zachary Bloemker</i>	<i>BD</i>		



Congregational Meeting

Sunday, June 25th

Directly After the worship service, members stay for the congregational meeting. A vote will be taken on officers and the budget for the new fiscal year 2017/2018



Please remember to sign the attendance sheet that will be distributed.

Elder's Meeting

Thursday, July 6th

The elders will meet on Thursday this month due to Tuesday being July 4th. They will meet @ 6:30 p.m.





Costa Rica Mission Trip

Sunday, June 25th

Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting #4
meets @ 1:00 p.m.

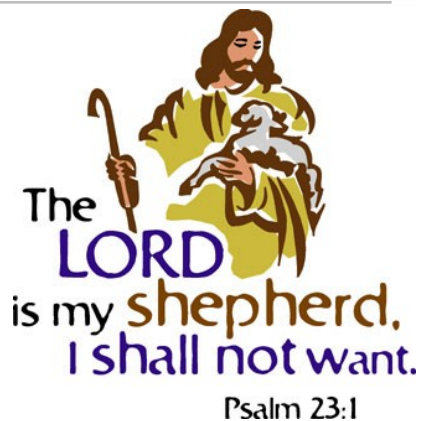
They will be traveling to
Project Abraham,
San Jose, Costa Rica



June 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 June**, our challenge is to **memorize The Twenty-Third Psalm**. Won't you join us in this worthwhile endeavor? Be sure to pick up your Bible question calendar for June.



Immeasurable Harvest

2016-2017 Faith Promise Giving

Promised

\$38,790



Given

\$26,433

Children's Event

Saturday, July 15th

Children's Event (6th grade and under)

Theme: V.B.S. Recap Day

Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon

