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Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World

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Coming Up

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

Growth Groups (Sunday School) 9:00 AM Morning Worship 10:00 AM Ordinance of Baptism

Tacos & Testimonies 5:00 PM Steaks & Stories 5:00 PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY Adult Exercise

MONDAY, APRIL 28 Deadline to contact the church office if you are graduating from college this year.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

- Brunch and Bible Study at 10:00 AM
- Highlanders Meeting at noon
- Men's Bible Study at 6:00 PM
- Ladies' Bible Study (Armor of God) in the Gathering Area 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

- Men's Bible Study at Dr. Britt McCarty's office at 5:30 AM
- Precept Bible Study
- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM MENU FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN: Chicken Strips, Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Beans, Salad, Dessert
- AREA-WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE at 6:30 PM to support the Wayne Edwards Endowment Fund

SUNDAY, MAY 4 DEACON NOMINATION DURING GROWTH GROUPS AND MORNING WORSHIP BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY Senior Breakfast at 8:45 AM

FROM OUR YOUTH AND CONNECTIONS PASTOR...

I am a creature of favorites. When I discover a favorite of mine, I tend to stay with it forever. For example, when I was a child, my dad took my brother and I to a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game. Ever since then, through the good seasons and the bad, I've been a Cardinals fan. The same thing happened when my dad took us to a New Orleans Saints game in the mid 90's. The Saints were playing the 49ers, and this was during the era when the Saints were so bad the fans would wear paper bags over their head. This was also during the time when Steve Young and Jerry Rice were leading the 49ers to multiple Super Bowl wins. The 49ers absolutely demolished the Saints and, as a result, I've been a 49ers fan for the past 3 decades. When I go to Subway, I order the same sandwich because I have a favorite (meat ball toasted on wheat). When I stop at a gas station for a snack and a drink on a road trip, I get the same thing because I have a favorite (BBQ sunflower seeds and a Diet Mt. Dew). When I am home bored on a rainy day and just feel like watching a movie or TV show, I tend to fall back to the same thing because they're my favorites (any of the Star Wars original trilogy movies or The Office TV show).

I noticed the other day that I have passed along an old favorite to Leia. I walked into the Living Room, and she was sitting on the couch while Blake was on the floor playing. I asked what she was watching, and she said, "Wheel of Fortune." I grew up watching that show with my dad and apparently, I've passed along a love for the game show to my daughter. I've noticed Wheel of Fortune has become one of her favorites to watch and, it has made me think about what other of my favorites have I passed along to her. While she prefers pickle flavored, she enjoys eating sunflower seeds on road trips. She always orders the meatball sandwich when we go to Subway. I have even gotten her to willingly periodically watch a University of Tennessee game with me. I am passionate about sports and reading. These are two of her favorite things to do. Susanna is passionate about her job as a teacher. Leia has seen this and wants to be a teacher when she grows up.

We pass along our passions to our children. If you don't believe me, look around. How many die hard MS State or Ole Miss families, if both parents are passionate about their school, how often do you see the kids choose the "other school?" It doesn't happen. The passions of the parent tend to be passed down to the children. This is just as much the case when it comes to our spiritual walk. If you are passionate about your walk with Christ, your children will see that passion. If you prioritize spending time in scripture, your children will see that passion. If you view church attendance as a hobby to do when it fits your schedule, your children will see that, and it will become their attitude as well. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Let your children see the passion you have for the Lord. Let them see how your love for Christ is your greatest love. Set that example when they're young and they will grow to mimic your passion.



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CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...Drew Calhoun and family in the death of his grandmother.

LIVE LOVE GO GUATEMALA MISSIONS SUPPLIES

Generic Brands are okay. If you would like to make a donation, collection boxes are located throughout the church.

Supplies are needed by May 4.

See Claire Threatt to make a monetary donation after that date.

For Children—Liquid Tylenol, Liquid Ibuprofen, Allergy Tablets &

Liquid, Cough & Cold, Vitamins

For Adults—Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Low Dose Aspirin, Aleve, Allergy Tablets & Liquid, Cough & Cold, Mucinex, Chest Rub, Nose Spray (Afrin, Saline, etc.) Antibiotic Ointment, Hydrocortisone Cream, Antifungal Cream, Eye Drops, Adult & Women's Vitamins, Antacids (Tums) Pepto, Anti-diarrhea meds, Muscle Rub, Reading Glasses

STEWARDSHIP REPORT APRIL 20, 2025

Giving to budget to date 306,266.75 SUNDAY SCHOOL 282 Giving to budget (4/14-4/20) 16,015.60 WORSHIP 462