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DAILY BIBLE READING

July 20
July 21
July 22
July 23
July 24
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Ezra 4-7, Psalm 46
Ezra 8-10, Psalm 47
Nehemiah 1-3, Psalm 48
Nehemiah 4-6, Psalm 49
Nehemiah 7-9, Psalm 50
Nehemiah 10-11, Psalm 51
Nehemiah 12-13, Psalm 52



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS July 20
Chris and Amy Harley
Kawana, Aubrey & Allyn McCary



ADULT MINISTRY (AGES 55+)

Fish Fry

THURSDAY, JULY 24

@ 6 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World

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SATURDAY, JULY 19-FRIDAY, JULY 25 Vancouver Mission Trip

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Growth Groups (Sunday School)

9:00 AM

Morning Worship

10:00 AM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY ADULT EXERCISE AT 8:30 AM

TUESDAY, JULY 22

- Brunch and Bible Study at 10:00 AM

- Men's Bible Study at 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

- Men's Bible Study at Dr. Britt McCarty's office at 5:30 AM

- Kids Ministry Art and Skating Party

- College Bible Study at the Highland House at 6:00 PM

- No Evening Activities

THURSDAY, JULY 24 Adult Ministry Fish Fry at 6:00 pm (ages 55+)

SUNDAY, JULY 27 Called Business Session at 5:00 PM Presentation of Committee on Committees & Nominating Committee Reports

MONDAY, JULY 28 Ark Trip Non-refundable \$100 deposit due

MONDAY, JULY 28—FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

Children's Music and Missions Week 8:30—noon

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30 Kids Ministry Back to School Pool Party
Youth Scavenger Hunt

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 Blessing of the Back Packs

Music and Mission Kids sing in Morning Worship

Blood Drive 11:00 AM—3:00 PM

Vancouver Mission Trip Report at 5:00 PM

Churchwide Fellowship to follow (Bring homemade ice cream)

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION...

Giving: A Divine Act of Worship

As we gather as a community of believers, it's essential to recognize the multifaceted nature of worship. While we often think of singing praises or gathering for prayer as the core acts of worship, giving is equally significant. In fact, offering our gifts to the Lord is a profound expression of our faith, gratitude, and love.

Worship Through Giving

The Scriptures clearly remind us that giving is worship. In 2 Corinthians 9:7 (CSB), we read, "Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not out of regret or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver." This verse calls us to reflect on our motivations for giving. When we give joyfully and willingly, our act transcends mere financial transaction; it becomes an offering to God and an acknowledgment of His blessings in our lives.

Furthermore, in Malachi 3:10 (CSB), God challenges us with a promise: "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this way," says the Lord of Armies. "See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure." Here, we see that God invites us to worship through our tithes and offerings, assuring us of His provision.

The Heart of the Matter

At the heart of giving is our relationship with God. In Matthew 6:21 (CSB), Jesus teaches us, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Our giving reflects what we value. When we prioritize God's work and the needs of our church, the community, and the world, we align our hearts with His kingdom purposes.

Giving isn't solely about the dollars or cents; it's about our dedication to support the mission of the church—spreading the Gospel, serving those in need, and fostering spiritual growth. Each contribution, however large or small, helps advance the work of God in our church and community.

A Collective Act of Worship

When we gather as a church, our collective offerings unite us in worship. As we contribute together, we express our commitment to God's mission. Ephesians 4:16 (CSB) reminds us that "from him, the whole body, fitted and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building itself up in love by the proper working of each individual part." Our giving strengthens the church and demonstrates our shared faith.

Call to Action

As we reflect on our giving, let us ask ourselves: "How can my offering be an act of worship?" Perhaps it's time to reassess our commitment and consider giving at a level that reflects our gratitude to God. Remember, every gift matters and is instrumental in fulfilling God's mission for our church.

Let's celebrate giving as a vital expression of our love for God and our community. Together, may we continue to grow in faith and worship through our generosity.



**Cost is \$25 per child (entering Kindergarten-Grade 6)
July 28-August 1 (they must be here on August 3 to lead in worship)**

Monday-Friday: 8:30-noon

Our kids will also be packing "Heart to Hand Bags" and we will take them with us to Love's Kitchen while Fannie Johnson shares about the mission there. I think this will be an incredible hands on experience for the kids and it will be a way for them to see how many people serve the homeless.

If you want to help, our Amazon Wishlist is waiting for you.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/dl/invite/tZyEyw5VP9WHrMYVY6B7vUWSt3oug5jbNHbOreGBrx-OLosGj49GpBMm49r3lukMsZ4l1JT2he-bFpxLQ04oiFRh0d9iJF1FAkBpjsM?ref_=wl_share

If you don't do Amazon, but you'd like to pick up one or two items yourself, what we need is listed below:

Band-aids —Wipes (travel size) —Kleenex (Pocket/Purse packs)

Hair Combs—Travel Size Deodorant (for men and women)

**Toothbrushes—Travel size toothpaste and mouthwash—Bars of soap
Travel size mouth wash—Wash cloths**

Chef Boyardee individual cups (spaghetti, lasagna, ravioli, etc)

Kraft Mac n' Cheese Singles—GoGo Squeeze Yogurt

GoGo Squeeze Apple Sauce—Fruit Cups (pears, mandarin oranges, pineapple tidbits, etc.)—Nature Valley Protein/ Granola Bars

Nutri-Grain Breakfast bars—Nabisco Cookies (individual packs)

Starkist Tuna (the sleeves/not the packs with crackers)

Goldfish—Nabs—Fruit Snacks—Instant Grits

Quaker Oatmeal express cups—2 gallon ziplocs—1 gallon ziplocs

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