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School is out and as tradition would have it, Memorial Day has ushered summer right in! Summer officially starts on the 21st of this month, but we would like to think it's here already! I am hoping for a laid-back summer myself this year. One that I can just sit back and enjoy my kids without the hustle and bustle that you find with the school year.

During the last few weeks of May our Church had several graduates to celebrate, both in the High School and Junior High. Every one of our Seniors received a scholarship to further their education or a Senior Award for excellent work in one of their classes! Our Seniors are Kameron Backs from Cisne High School; Bethany Bailey, Chad Dickey, Braeden Payne, Jesse Pendleton and Kaylee Seymour from Wayne City High School. Our Junior High also excelled in their school year. Our 8th graders are Jayden Bailey, Noah Cooper, Joyanna Pendleton, Kelcee Seymour and Josilyn Wheat all from Wayne City Jr. High. May they continue to keep their eyes on the Lord as they start their new journeys on the path God leads them to. What an outstanding group of young people we have to represent us!

June is the month we celebrate Father's! Here are some quotes about Fathers for you to enjoy and ponder.

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society." Billy Graham

"I was raised in the greatest of homes...with a really great dad, and I miss him so much...he was a good man, a real simple man...Very faithful, always loved my mom, always provided for his kids, and just a lot of fun" Max Lucado, Christian Author

"Train up a child in the way he should go – but be sure you go that way yourself" Charles Spurgeon

"A man ought to live so that everybody knows he is a Christian...and most of all, his family ought to know." Dwight L. Moody

"It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father." Pope John XXIII

"The father of godly children has cause for joy. What a pleasure to have children who are wise." Proverbs 23:24 NLT

Upcoming Events

- 6.02.17 Men's meeting 6:30pm
@ Eddie Owens
- 6.11.17 Leadership Meeting
3pm
- 6.15.17 Ladies of Grace 6:00pm
@ Cheryl Buchanan's
- 6.18.17 Father's Day Breakfast
@ 9:00am



June Birthdays

- 6.02 Eddie Owens
- 6.11 Kallee Seymour
- 6.18 John Locey
- 6.24 Jenny Ward

Our Heavenly Father has much to say about fatherhood:

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him." Psalm 103:13 NIV

When our fathers show compassion, they give us a glimpse into the heart of God. Strong, yet tender, deeply understanding, fiercely loyal, and always ready to help us through the toughest of times.

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4 NIV

Bringing up a child with healthy boundaries and godly discipline is no easy task. But even in the most frustrating moments, a loving father is called to be like Jesus-standing firm in the truth, yet grace-filled; never critical and demanding.

"The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them." Proverbs 20:17 NIV

The actions of a father speak volumes to his children. Even if they can't articulate it when they're young, they're watching and learning. And even if they won't admit it when they're older, there's a strong pull to follow in his footsteps. When a father chooses the right path, his family is blessed.

"He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents." Malachi 4:6 NIV

A father's deep affection offers a sense of security and assurance that nothing else can give. The heart of a child is beautifully designed to respond to that love; it's a connection strong enough to last a lifetime.

As you reflect on God's word about fathers, what thoughts come to mind about your dad or father figure? We all know that no earthly father is perfect, but we can choose to focus on their life-giving ways and trust that God is always working to bring out the very best in them. (Philippians 1:6) The men in our lives need to be lifted up, to be reminded that we are strengthened by their presence, that we see the love of our Heavenly Father reflected in theirs, that we honor who they are and who- by His grace- they are becoming. (devotional from Dayspring June 2016)

On May 24th, Randa Shively underwent brain surgery at Mayo Clinic in Florida. Randa has had trouble chewing and swallowing for several months, along with other Dystonia symptoms. Both surgeons who performed Randa's surgery were able to implant two probes in her brain and place one battery/pacemaker under her collar bone. The surgeons are pleased with the outcome of Randa's surgery. She has been able to swallow much better and eat soft foods at a quicker pace than previously. Please continue to lift her up in prayer as she continues to recover. If you would like to send her a card to let her know that you're praying/thinking of her you can send it to:

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Join us on any of the following services!

Sunday's

Sunday School 9:30a
Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6pm

Wednesday's

Bible Study 6:00pm
Pleasing God



**Coming in July!!
Hero Central VBS**

July 10 – 13th

6pm – 8:15pm

Ages 4 – 5th grade

During the month of May, we have enjoyed listening to Brother Mike Bookout as a guest pastor. He has been filling in for Brother Wilford Musgrave who is recovering from a medical procedure. It has been quite an exciting time to hear God's Word preached by an avid fisherman.

He has preached on the Plague of the Frogs from Exodus 8. His message was centered around verse 10 with Pharaoh stating that he would like God to end the plague "Tomorrow". Why would he wait for tomorrow when God was able to end his misery right at the moment? Why do we put things off until tomorrow, when God is right there, just waiting for us? Why not go to Him first and save ourselves from a lot of misery?

His second message was from John 6: 1-13. Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand, men that is, so when you include the women and children there were closer to 20,000 – 30,000 fed that day. Fed from 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. Amazingly, the entire multitude was fed with that small meal. Jesus provided "as much as they wanted and they all ate and were satisfied. Christ did not just meet the need; He lavished them with so much food that there were 12 baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish left over. Christians should trust that God not only wants to meet the needs of His children, but He wants to lavish His children with spiritual blessings, even to overflowing!

Last Sunday's message was in 2 Kings 4: 1-7. The widow woman whose husband had passed and left his family deeply in debt. His creditor was coming to take her two sons to pay for that debt. She cried out to Elisha for help knowing that he was a man of God. All she owned was one small jar of oil. Elisha told her to go to all her neighbors and ask for all their empty jars. As many as she could. Then go into her house, shut the door behind her and her two sons and fill those empty jars. She kept pouring until there were no empty jars left. Then the oil stopping flowing. She then went and told the man of God about it. He instructed her to sell it all and pay the debt off, then she and her sons could live on what was left. We are like those empty vessels, we serve the Lord who specializes in filling emptiness! We want you to fill us to overflowing Lord!

If you are not attending a home Church, we would be so happy to have you join us! If you need a ride to our Church, there are several ways to get in contact with us! You can call the church office and leave a message if no one is in at the time, you can send a message through our website or facebook.

Praying for a great month for all! If you would like to contribute to our monthly newsletter, please just let me know! May God Bless You to Overflowing!!

Rachel Bailey

