Sunday Small Groups is to

TEACH the Bible to change lives

REACH the lost with the Good

News of Jesus Christ and

CARE for people through prayer, ministry and fellowship.



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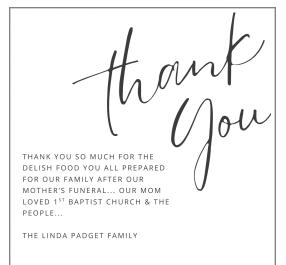
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Mark your Calendar

JULY 15	FCA Event
JULY 26	School Supply Give Away
JULY 27	Prayer Walk
AUGUST 3	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
AUGUST 3	Awana Kick-Off

Make Plans to get Involved!









Sunday, July 20 9:15 am Sunday Morning Small Groups 10:30 am Worship Service (Sanctuary) 5:30 Adult Bible Study (Conference Room) 5:30 Kids Bible Study (Multi Purpose Room)

Wednesday, July 23
5:30 pm Youth Pizza & Fellowship (Summit)
5:45 pm The Light of Jesus "Glow Night" (Behind the Whipple House)
6:30 pm Adult Prayer & Bible Study (Fellowship Hall),
Youth Bible Study (Summit)

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But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Galatians 13:22-26

In ancient Greece, Socrates was widely admired for his wisdom and integrity. One day, a man came up to the philosopher and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your friends?"

"Hold on a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I want to put what you're about to say through a quick test. I call it the Test of Three Sieves."

"Three sieves?" the man asked.

"Yes," Socrates continued. "Before you talk to me about someone else, it's a good idea to take a moment and filter what you're going to say. The first sieve is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you're about to tell me is true?"

"Well, no," the man admitted. "I just heard it from someone else."

"All right," said Socrates. "So you don't know for sure if it's true. Let's move to the second sieve — Kindness. Is what you're about to say something kind or positive?"

"No, actually, quite the opposite."

"So," Socrates said, raising an eyebrow, "you want to tell me something negative about my friend—even though you don't know if it's true?"

The man shifted uncomfortably. Socrates continued, "Let's try the third sieve—Usefulness. Is this information useful or helpful to me in any way?"

"Not really," the man muttered.

"Then," Socrates concluded, "if what you want to say is neither true, nor kind, nor useful—why would I want to hear it?"

Gossip often comes wrapped in entertainment or curiosity, but underneath, it poisons relationships and corrodes trust. What sounds juicy today can plant seeds of bitterness tomorrow.

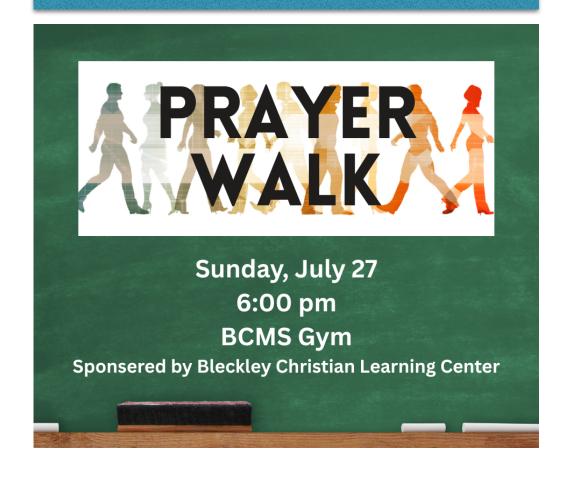
So before you pass along that next bit of news, ask yourself: Is it true? Is it kind? Is it useful? If it doesn't pass those three filters, maybe it's better left unsaid. A lesson from ancient Athens that still hits home in today's world. (copied)

"To which is gossip more similar - robbery or murder? Murder. Because robbers can always give back what they've stolen, but gossips can never repair the damage they've done." (Anonymous Rabbi) Proverbs 16:28 reminds us, "A perverse person stirs up conflict, and a gossip separates close friends." Grace & peace, love you. PK



And whatever you ask in prayer you will receive, if you have faith.

Matthew 21:22





BC Looking Ahead:

Builders
May all who come behind
us find us faithful

August 7

Legacy Builder Luncheon

August 21

Legacy Builder Bible Study with Reed Crumbliss

