The Best Laid Plans

You may recall the line from literature that says, “The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry.” Essentially, that simply means that no matter how hard we try to do something, circumstances change and sometimes (maybe often) cause our plans to be changed. I’m sure that’s never happened to you, right? Remember, you’re likely reading this in church, so don’t lie!

I remember years ago hearing an interview with former NBC news anchor, John Chancellor. He had retired and been diagnosed with cancer. He was talking about how that wasn’t in his plans and he had already mapped out some things he wanted for his future. I’ve heard the quote attributed to many others, but Mr. Chancellor said, “If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.”

At any rate, try as we may, sometimes plans change. Sometimes that’s a bad thing but sometimes it’s a really good thing. So I want to tell you about a really good change of plans. When we originally began the planning process for renovation of our worship center, the plan was to worship in the Christian Activity Center beginning in October. Long story short, that plan has changed and I think you’ll agree it’s a change for the better. Originally, we were to vacate the worship center for renovation the second week of October. Thinking it would take a few months for the project to be completed, we thought we would miss Christmas (as far as the major holidays go) but we would be back in the worship center in time for Easter. Now we’re told (obviously all pending church approval) the actual work won’t have to begin on the worship center until January and we will be back in after approximately nine weeks. I think you’ll agree, that’s a change for the better. Now we can still have all of our Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations “as is,” and will have a whole lot to look forward to in the spring!

Keep our Target 20/20 Team in your prayers; they’re working hard to help us do more in terms of facilitating ministry and planning for the future (which we all know now “The best laid plans . . .”). I don’t know if my discussing these plans with God made him laugh or not; I do know when I found out we wouldn’t be missing Thanksgiving, Christmas, or Easter with this new plan, it certainly made me smile.

Speaking of plans . . . I hope you’ll plan to join us this Wednesday night beginning with dinner at 5:15 as we kick off our fall season together!

“A person’s heart plans his way, but the LORD determines his steps” (Proverbs 16:9 CSB).

Pastor Ken
**Operation Christmas Child September Collection**

This month we are working on sewing kits and tool kits for the 10-14 year old’s shoeboxes. You can donate sewing kits (purchased or DIY), small tool kits or donate items for the kits. Stop by the OCC table today for ideas of how to make these kits. Here are the items that are needed: pre-made sewing kits/tool kits to use in making the kits, tape measures, thimbles, small spools of thread, buttons, hand-sewing needles, straight pins, small sewing scissors, small seam rippers and tools that will fit in a shoe-box such as hammers, wrenches, screwdrivers, pliers, retractable tape measures, nails, and screws.

**Open Mic Night!**

First Family Open Mic and Jam Night...next session this Friday, September 8, 7:00pm at The Falls. Bring your favorite song or two to sing or play or just come and listen. A great opportunity to worship the Lord through music & fellowship!

Join us next Sunday, September 10, as we will have the opportunity to celebrate in the Lord’s Supper together in all morning worship services.

**Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary’s Second Annual Run for the Nations 5K!**

Bring the kids along for the ride (strollers welcome), and help us support Midwestern’s premiere missions program. Registration is $20 and all proceeds go to the Fusion Scholarship Fund. You can register at: mbts.edu/run.

**Upcoming ministry opportunity!** Our church will be serving at the Kansas City Women’s Mission this Saturday, September 9. If your Sunday School class or even a group of friends would like to serve at KCWM, please contact Teresa Keeler for all the details: tkeeler@kearneyfbc.com.

**September Scripture**

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up success for the upright; He is a shield for those who live with integrity so that he may guard the paths of justice and protect the way of his faithful followers. Then you will understand righteousness, justice, and integrity - every good path. Proverbs 2:6-9

**OWLS News**

The OWLS have 2 day trips planned this month. The first one is September 14 leaving the church at 9:00am for a City Fountain Tour of Kansas City. A tour guide will board the bus and serve as our guide to many of the city's beautiful fountains and share history and interesting facts about them. The cost is $5 per person. We will return to the church after a dutch treat lunch.

On Tuesday, September 19 the OWLS have been invited to a virtual reality experience at Omni Life VR, a new business in North Kansas City owned and operated by the Stanich family. OWLS will be able to experience different virtual reality options such as a walk on the beach, walking on the streets of Italy, a mountain hike, touring Jerusalem, and more. There is no cost. We will enjoy a dutch treat lunch before returning to church.

Finally, if you are going on the Branson trip in October, please turn in your final payment by September 17.

**Statistics: Week of August 27**

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Tithes/Offering Received: $11,932.68
Faith for the Journey: $775.00

**TODAY’S NURSERY WORKERS:**

8:15 combined: Angela Beasley
10:45 services:
(Bed Babies) Angela Patterson, Cheryl Herrington, and Macy Higgins
(1 Year Old Room) Naomi Messersmith
(2 & 3 Year Old Room) Kasey Watson, Thomas Pope, and Kynera Wolpert

**NEXT WEEK’S WORKERS:**

8:15 combined: Angela Beasley
10:45 services:
(Bed Babies) Angela Patterson and Shelly & Bekah Frazier
(1 Year Old Room) Mary Ann Simpson and Shelly Lakenburger
(2 & 3 Year Old Room) Kasey Watson and Avery McNutt

**Two things to note: 1.) the church office will be closed tomorrow, September 4 for Labor Day 2.) preschool and children’s choirs will begin September 13 at 5:45pm.**

**Annual Fish Fry**

September 17 at 5:00pm

Join us in the Christian Activity Center for fried fish and all the fixins’. Bring 2 side dishes to share and our hospitality team will do the rest! Don’t miss the food, fun, and fellowship!

**STARS 511**

Outdoor event - October 8

Ladies join us from 5:00-7:30pm at The Falls for chili dogs, a bonfire, hayride, and pumpkin carving! Bring a pumpkin and lawn chair and join us at the Falls for an evening of fellowship under the stars!

We wanted to let our First Family know that long time member, Sue Askey, passed away last week. Sue had been residing at The Benton Nursing Home the last few years. She and her piano playing skills have been missed greatly by her Sunday School friends and teacher.