CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 24
8:00 - 12:00 PM Church Office Hours

SUNDAY, MAY 26
Nursery is available from 9:00 am till 11:30 am
9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Clegg/Open Door - Parlor—led by David Cole, Billie Dadgar,
Roger Guevara
Explorers/Morning Star -Upstairs—Scott Nipper/Dan Grantham
Children Sunday School - Preschool - 5th Grade
Upstairs in Treehouse - led by Shelly Burgess/Diana Course
Jr. High and High School— Basement— led by Gary Herron
9:15 AM Young Adult Sunday School—Pastor’s Home
Led by Pastor Kenny Lee
10:15 AM SANCTUARY WORSHIP
Ways to attend: In-Person, Facebook Live, Recording
(posted later) on Website, YouTube

MONDAY, MAY 27
CHURCH OFFICE, STEWPOT, CDC CLOSED IN
OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY
TUESDAY, MAY 28
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
4:00 PM STEWPOT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
11:00 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
“JESUS CENTERED” (AVERITT)
5:30 PM CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE

THURSDAY, MAY 30
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Church Office Hours
10:00 AM THE CARING PLACE
4:00 PM STEWPOT

A Record of Our Faithfulness

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2024 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER GRADUATES

- Jack Bell: Son of David and Haley Bell
- Riley Joslin: Daughter of Zac and Summer Joslin
- Baker McGee: Son of Dillon and Kayla McGee
- Otto Heeb: Son of Rhett and Britney Heeb
- Evelyn Rushing: Daughter of Timothy and Adrienne Rushing
- Barrett Talley: Son of Zachary and Jessica Talley
- Zoey Munn: Daughter of Mike and Casey Munn

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
“Jesus Centered” led by Pastor Kenny Lee
Wednesday
11:00 a.m.
Averitt Hall

Monday, May 27
Church Office, Stewpot, CDC will be closed in
Observance of Memorial Day

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To invite all to know the love of God, to share grace, and to develop relationships
May 22, 2024

Memorial Day

How to Reach Us:
Church Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
8:00—4:00
Friday 8:00—Noon
870-234-4530

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Sunday
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m.—Sanctuary Worship
Noon—Cable Channel 13

Wednesday
7:00 PM—Broadcast of previous Sunday’s 10:15 Service Cable Channel 13

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**July 8 -11**

We would love for you to be a part of VBS this year!!

For volunteer opportunities contact
Tabitha Lewis (870) 994-5746 or Shelly Burgess (870) 234-6520.

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**Pastor Kenny**

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**As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him...** Psalm 103:11-13

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**2024 GRADUATES**

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Just as if it never happened...

This past weekend was the crowning glory of a week full of challenges. My sister and I have been working on getting my younger brother admitted to assisted living. There has been an endless compilation of information, doctor's appointments, and referrals to help us keep the ball rolling. Quite unexpectedly, the facility called and asked my sister to get him there that afternoon. A welcome (but unplanned) turn of events. All of us are still processing this latest season of life for our brother.

At the last Trustee meeting, we jokingly wondered when the painting contractor might show up. The painting contractors "soon" quickly became "now," and substantial work began around mid-week to get the porch carport prepped for paint. The new paintwork looks terrific. On Monday, the crew moved to exterior windows to prep, caulk, and paint. There's a job at the church when they are finished across the street.

Thursday before lunch, I drove off to Rotary around 11:40 AM. When I returned from lunch at 1:10 PM, the streets were blocked off, and trailers lined the street. What in the world is going on? I wondered. I couldn't even use my driveway on Main Street. Then the light went off over my head, Blossom Festival, just a day earlier than I expected, is all.

Thursday was also graduation! Our extended family gathered at El Compadre (per Donovan's request) to share a meal and celebrate. No, we did not ask the staff to bring out the sombrero and sing to the graduate, but in retrospect, I should have. Donovan received his diploma, went home, changed clothes, took a few pictures, and went off again to seek his fortune in Bryant.

Honestly, I do not know what I expected Blossom Festival to be, but the invasion of the Mongol horde wasn't at the top of the list. We were well on our way once we discovered that the noise allowed us to sleep at night. On Friday, I greeted our new neighbors and negotiated with organizers to ensure CDC families could exit via Madison Street. From 3:15-4:30, I stayed close to the CDC to help folks get out safely. I enjoyed meeting people, taking in all the sounds and smells, seeing old friends, and making new ones.

Saturday, I rose early and worked out. Upon returning home, I cleaned up, put on my new Blossom Fest tee shirt, and headed out the door, girls in tow, to see what was afoot. After watching a Taekwondo presentation, we wandered off in various directions. There was a lot to see and do. Lots of fun on the stage and off.

Saturday evening, when I went to receive the leftover items from the steak cookoff meals, there was litter everywhere. People have told me how quick and thorough the cleanup is, but I was somewhat skeptical. When I looked outside Sunday morning, it was as if nothing had ever happened. The parking lot was cleared of tables and chairs. Food vendors and concessions disappeared. Parked cars are a thing of the past. Not a scrap of trash to be seen anywhere.

As followers of Jesus, don't we sometimes look around and wonder how things in our lives got in such a state? When things are out of control, there is only one remedy: God's grace in Christ. When we confess and repent, God is faithful in forgiving us. He wipes the slate clean and puts our sins as far away as the East is from the West. Our record is expunged by the blood of the Lamb. Just as if it never happened.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him... Psalm 103:11-13