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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF REDEEMER CHURCH

Big News in Fuse!

After much thought, discussion, survey, and prayer- Fuse will be combining Jr. and Sr. High to Sunday night starting this next Fall! We are excited for the new dynamic coming together will bring to our nights as well as the opportunity to see our community be built up.

FUSE WILL BE ONE NIGHT!

Here is what the typical schedule may look like.

TOGETHER

Welcome & Announcements
Large Group Game
Musical Worship/Prayer/Group Affirmation

SEPARATE

<u>JUNIOR HIGH</u>	<u>SENIOR HIGH</u>
Game in Gym	Lesson
Lesson	Breakout Groups
Breakout Groups	Hang Out Space

AFTER-PARTY (once a month)

Our first night of Fuse will begin August 19th!

A Fuse Summer Event

CAMP OUT @
THE KIMBALL
RESIDENCE



DAY TRIP TO SIX
FLAGS GREAT
AMERICA

Students 6th-12th grade are invited to a night of camping followed by a day at Six Flags! We hope this is an event students can invite their un-churched friends to as well as we spend time with one another.

Price per person is \$40 for food and for admittance into Six Flags. However, if students have a season pass, it will only be \$5. A sign-up sheet will be available in the youth room, you can also email Pastor Mike if your student is attending.



Summer Sunday School

During June and July, there will be a break from "The Gospel Project" curriculum as we enjoy a special Summer Sunday School program with a campsite theme! Toddlers and preschoolers will be going through the Jesus Storybook Bible with crafts and activities. Kindergarten through fourth graders will be staying together as a large group, creating a campsite (with a fan, cellophane, and log "campfire"), enjoying microwave s'mores, and watching the Nest Family video series. Fifth graders will move up into Fuse as of June 3rd.

August will be Family Month again this year, with no Sunday School (and a rest for our Sunday School teachers)!

SAFETY CORNER

Church Evacuation & Safety of All

In conjunction with Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week, the church held a drill in the Children's Wing during April. But our plan is for the whole church. There are many reasons why a shelter in place or an evacuation of could become necessary. These include weather, fire, hazardous substances and fumes, or public safety threats.

Should a shelter in place or evacuation ever be felt to be the best course of action, pastoral and church staff, working with S/ST will provide notification and direction. If children are evacuated, classroom volunteers have been trained to escort their classes to the area around the garage. Parents/guardians should proceed to the evacuation site for reunification but we ask that you allow workers to keep track of your child's release to be sure everyone is accounted for. In the case of a shelter in place, we again ask that parents/guardians cooperate with workers to ensure that children are 'checked off' of their class roster before leaving. Working together, we can provide a safe and secure environment.



From the Food Pantry

Summer is coming; activities are ramping up! The Food Pantry continues to serve families with children now home from school. Please consider serving with us as our Food Pantry helps to meet their needs. come check us out! Subs for those who hope to vacation are still needed on Saturdays from 8-10 AM. Contact Richard Demien for more information.

How to Start Disciplemaking When You Cannot Find A Disciple

It may be a bit of a shock to some of you if I admit this, but there are plenty of times when I just do not even know where to start when it comes to making disciples. That's right—a pastor sometimes struggles with, "How do I even get this ball rolling?" It isn't like people are calling me and knocking on my door saying, "I want to follow Jesus! Can you disciple me?" If only it were that easy. In fact, sometimes it feels like I am forcing an issue that just isn't going anywhere.

So, if you feel this tension between wanting to be obedient to Jesus (and making disciples) and yet not sure where to even start, well—we're starting a club... and we will need your jacket size.

So, what to do? It really is simple for me. Time and time again, I end up back at a familiar passage that I have shared with the congregation: Colossians 4:2-6.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you

act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

If you boil it down and turn this into your pray, you would pray this:

1. God, give me an open door to begin connecting and sharing with others
2. God, help me with being clear
3. God, let me handle these connections with grace
4. God, give me good answers for any question I might encounter

Hopefully, this will encourage you as we all move forward with being intentional disciplemakers at one level or another, yet often struggling to even find the starting blocks. I prayed this regularly starting some months back and ran into a dad whose kid is a teammate of my kid on the high school wrestling team. He poured his heart out to me one evening at a birthday party and we arranged to have lunch and talk some more. I thought, "Wow, here's the open door!" Not so much. Since that evening, we just have not been able to connect. So, now what? Well, simply put, I just kept praying for open doors and wisdom and clarity.

And then, God brought another man into contact with me through my wife's Bible study. And we have been meeting and talking and sharing with a now-planned regularity.

My point—not sure where to start? Go back to this Colossians prayer! If you have a connection that does not turn into a growing connection, still hold out hope for that relationship, but keep your eyes open. And keep praying! It might be coming from a direction you were not expecting!

~Pastor Dave



PRAYER WALKS
June 9 and 30
9:00 AM

We will meet in the parking lot of the Whitnall Park Pond off of Whitnall Park Dr. at 9:00 AM and spend 90 minutes both enjoying God's creation and learning to practice silence and listening to God in prayer. Hope to see you there!

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