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THE ANCHOR

“so we do not drift away”

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Boys Camp Out

Over Christmas Break several of the Awana Leaders and men of the church felt God leading them to show love to the Awana boys by hosting a camp out. These men invited the boys and their fathers to Coletto Creek Park for an overnight fishing trip. It was a night of great fun and the Love of God was shared with these boys and their fathers. What a great way to SHOW God’s love for his people and not to just TELL of his love. The leaders and boys hope to do this again. A special thanks goes out to the Game Wardens for their help and donations and for all others who donated items and time. It was a great two days!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:
 SS 9:45
 Worship 11:00
 FBCU 6:00
 Youth 6:00
 Praise Service 6:30
 Choir 5:30

Wednesday:
 Awana 6:00

Prayer List



- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- TSEASA Ministry

Memory Verse

“Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth..”

1 John 3:18



* Due to unforeseen office issues, please excuse the tardiness of this newsletter. -Kevin Cornelius



Sound Bytes



Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.-Philippians 4:8

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.-Romans 12:2

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye Heavenly Hosts, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Amen.-Doxology

Have you ever considered why we have an offertory in our service? The practice of adding music to the offering was added in the Middle Ages in the Catholic Church and carried over during the Protestant Reformation. The heart behind the offertory was an overflow of joy at being able to give to God. It was also, I'm sure, an opportunity for the composers of the day to show off their compositional prowess by penning some of the grandest music ever set to paper. Our own Mrs. Davenport does a magnificent job every week preparing and performing beautiful praises to our King.

You may be asking yourself, why am I even bringing up the offertory? There are several churches that have eliminated having an offering time in their service as they feel it isolates a newcomer or gives an impression that God is after their wallets rather than their heart. Other churches have gone to giving strictly online. Personally, I enjoy that time of the service, but I feel that we as a church may have lost focus of why we have the offertory in our service. It is still an opportunity to worship! It's a time to prepare my heart for the message, a time to pray for whoever is getting ready to preach, a time to focus on the special and the impact it might have on those who hear it, etc.

The next time the offertory time of our service comes around, use the opportunity God has graciously given you for worship! Try praying for our pastor and his family, or thinking on the verses listed above, or thanking God for being able to participate in an offering, or pondering the words to the song that is being played, or praising God for the ability to attend and participate in a worship service without fear like some in the world must. Let's remember the heart behind the Doxology, that God grants all our blessings and deserves our praise!

~Nathan Jones

SECONDS IN MOTION

"Babe, I am bored. What do you think about doing something? Something different."

"What do you have in mind?"

"Mmm...What about trying to get together with some of our church family about once a month, and making a game night out of it? We could even have snacks and drinks."

"It sounds fun! I say...GO FOR IT!!"

Have you ever had a similar conversation? Are you craving for some fellowship and fun? Well, maybe this is for you. Come join us for our first monthly game night, Seconds In Motion, at 6:00 pm in the FBCKC fellowship hall on January 18, 2014.

Family, friends, and favorite games are welcomed!

For more information call or email:

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Money Life Personal Financial Study

We will be starting a new Crown Personal Financial Study on Sunday Night's at 6pm starting January 26th. If you are interested in being a part of this study you need to sign up by **Friday, January 17th** in order to get all books ordered. Contact Teresa Kunschik for more details.

Youth News

Happy New Year's everybody. It's a brand new year and with a brand new chance to start fresh in serving God. If you're looking for a way to serve God, it might interest you to know the youth department is looking for helper to sit in on the youth lessons on Sunday night. If you're interested and feel this might be where God is calling you to help further His kingdom get with me and we will serve God together. Oh! and speaking of the New Year with the start of 2014 is also the start of our High School ministry starting Monday the 13th and continuing every Monday. For more information on serving in the youth program or about High School Monday Nights get with me and I'll happily tell you about what we are doing.

~Andrew Jones

Stewardship

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>
Month:	17,958.33	36,177.64
Year:	215,499.96	382,816.51



This month's donation is Pudding Cups. The special offering is on January 26th. Feel free to bring your donations to the church office anytime during the month if you prefer.