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THE ANCHOR

“so we do not drift away”

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Well, I am finally not alone in my house. As of last night there is finally another male living under my roof. That’s right our family now has a pet dog, a miniature dachshund named Oscar (fittingly named after Oscar Mayer since he’s a weenie dog). So there has been much barking, tail wagging and nervous excitement in the parsonage, and that just from the girls! I am seriously worried for poor Oscar, because he might be smothered by the hugs and kisses from the girls. For the next few days Oscar is going to be the center of their world. When they get up, they will want to see Oscar, they will fight over who gets to feed him and take him outside for him to do his business. Yeah, for the next three or four days little Oscar is going to living high on the hog, garnering all the attention that he can handle.

But, you and I both know that there is quickly coming a day when Oscar will not be nearly as exciting to my girls as he is now. Sure now while they are excited and he is new and different, they have focused all their attention on him, but that will fade and their affections will wander to the next new thing. No one will want to feed Oscar, but instead they will complain and fight that they just fed him and that certainly it is now one of their sister’s turn to feed him. Oscar will have to come running to Jolee and I if he wants to get any attention at all. Life is going to change drastically soon for Oscar, and I hope he is ready.

Funny isn’t it how quickly our hearts latch onto the newest thing and pursue it with all we have and are, only to quickly lose excitement and fervor and drift to new things trying to fill our hearts. Now it is summer and people are excited about vacation and camps and they live for that, but right around the corner is football/volleyball/band and school, then it is hunting season, and then Christmas and New Year’s, then basketball and baseball and spring break and then summer again. Just thinking about it makes me tired. To realize that if we do not watch ourselves we will quickly become a people just like my girls. Excited about the newest or most urgent activities in our lives, pouring ourselves into whatever the flavor of the moment is only to replace it with something else in just a couple of weeks or months and find ourselves continually pouring ourselves into something new for a short period.

How exhausting! Is it any wonder we find ourselves so tired all the time? We are investing our lives in passing and temporary things, shifting our affections so frequently that we never develop anything of depth in any area. Is it any wonder that we find that we treat God the same way? Listen to what scripture says about this in Isaiah 40:28-31 *Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.* This summer instead of letting your affections wander to the next new thing, stop. Focus on the God who doesn’t change and center your affections there. In that find rest, peace and energy to live and worship. Jesus put it this way: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Let’s do that!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:
 SS 9:45
 Worship 11:00
 FBCU 6:00
 Youth 6:00
 Praise Service 6:30
 Choir 7:30

Wednesday:
 Prayer Meeting 6:30

Prayer List

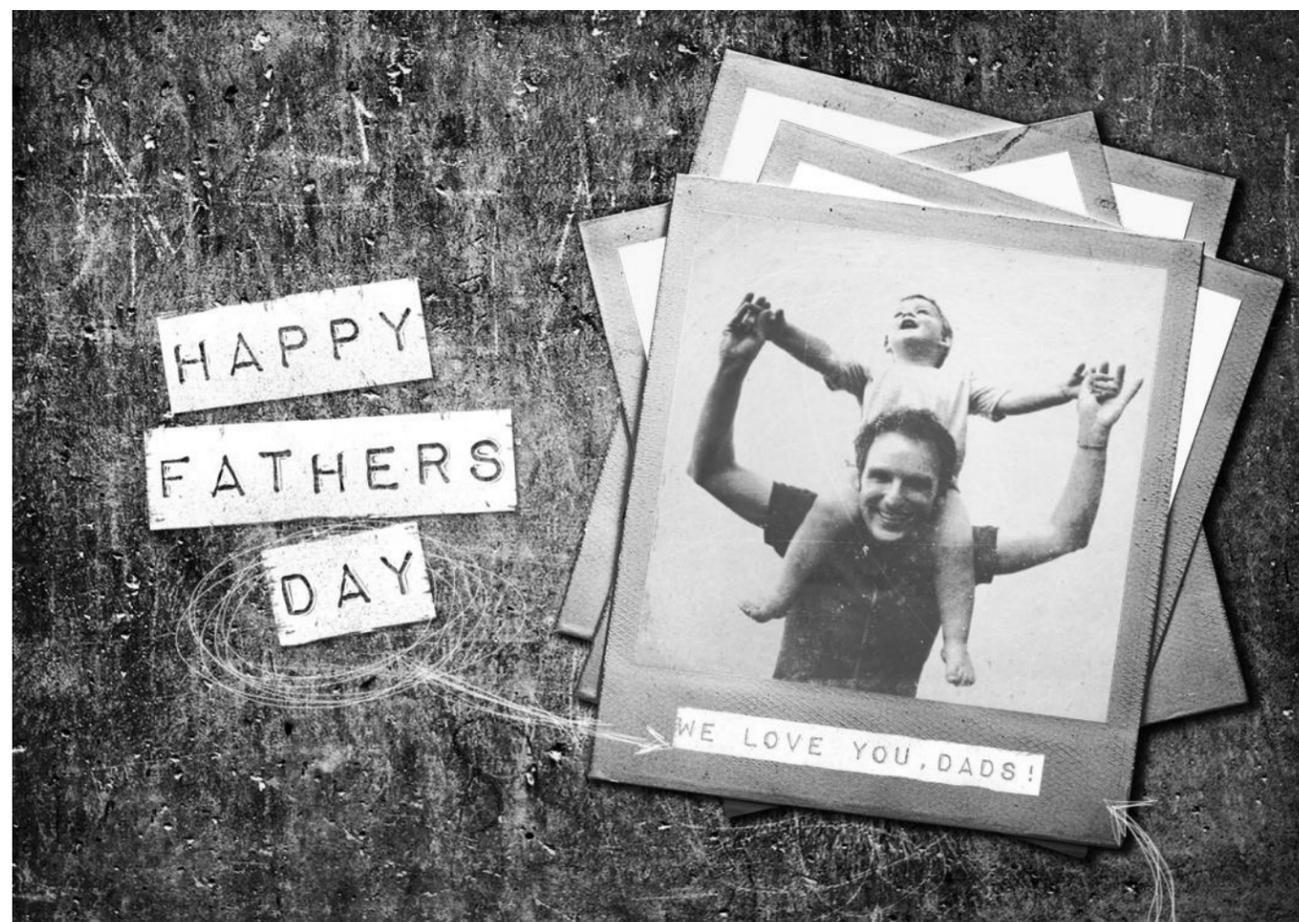


- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- TSEASA Ministry
- Youth/Children’s Minister

Memory Verse

“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”

Isaiah 30:15b



Sound Bytes

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. -Psalm 73:26

What do we do when things don't go as planned? When things do not go according to plans, I am my own worst enemy as far as criticism comes. It's times like these I need to remember verses like the one listed above. Those times when I am weak, those times when I have no strength to carry on, those times when I screw up more than one would think is humanly possible, those times when...well you get the idea. Those times describe the first part of the verse. Then we come to the middle section, to one of my favorite phrases in the whole Bible: "but God". God chose in His goodness not to leave us to ourselves. He chose to intervene, and has promised to fill us with His Spirit, His strength, His goodness. That is where the strength of my heart should come from. This is not a guarantee that everything will magically go better. In fact, oftentimes things get harder, more challenging, more disheartening. But if we give everything over to God to handle, He will use it to His glory. It is from this heart and mindset that leads us to praise of the one true God.

~ Nathan Jones



WMU News

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We exceeded our goal this year and gave \$4417.00 to our North American Missionaries. Thank you for your generosity!



The WMU would like to take this time to thank each and everyone who gave of their time, talents and contributions to the construction of the Witness Dolls. Because of the generosity of everyone we were able to construct 150 dolls for the South African team to distribute to the children in God's name. We ask that you continue to pray that each child who receives one of these dolls will come to know the Lord in a mighty way. Thank you and God Bless!

Stewardship

	Budgeted	Received
Month:	17,958.33	58,527.49
Year:	89,791.65	142,200.28



VBS 2013
June 23-28th
5:45-8:30

Volunteers Needed!

Sign up on the board behind the organ and see how God can change your life as you pour into a child's life this summer.



Alto Frio Children's Camp
June 17-20

Children's Camp is coming quickly. This year there are 26 kids, 3 sponsors, and 2 rec team members going to camp. That is a large group. Please pray for everyone going to camp. Everyone going to camp needs to be at the church at 9:00 am on Monday, June 17th. Be looking for a letter in the mail for further details. You can also call Christy Dziuk with any other questions you may have (hm. 830-780-2028).



Sunday, June 9th
12:00 After Worship Service

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All proceeds go toward Youth and Children's 2013 Summer Camps.