



Together With Jesus

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Pastor Kevin's Korner.

Dear Church Family,

We are very close to finishing our Building program and moving back into our beautiful redone sanctuary. I am so excited as I see it come to completion. The task is not done yet! Lets pay off our bills and move in Debt free! Praise the Lord!!! Before we have our Fund Raising Let me ask you to look at 3 tests and 5 challenges for you to consider as we prepare to move in "Paid in Full"

3 Tests

#1 Test of an adoring heart

Just as what David said: "Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple" (I Chronicles 29:3). The urge in David's heart to build the Temple was self motivated and earnest. His motive was pure. He emphasized that the Temple was not for the men, but was built for God.

#2 Test of willingness to sacrifice

The most practical and tangible test in a Church building is the willingness to offer money. Those who truly adore the Church of God will not stop short at words and tongue, but will actually respond with action. Only then, we can demonstrate our adoration to the Church of God, and prove our love to God Himself.

#3 Test of a faithful heart

There were times of crisis in the course of the building process. Sometimes these crisis were quite scary. However, we innocently held firm to the belief that God had been guiding us from the very beginning. As we were clear who had led us to this place, we could therefore face these crisis courageously by faith. In the end, God led us through all these crises one by one.

5 Challenges

Now that a new church building has been built and that we are entering into a new milestone .Are we just to take pleasure in enjoying ourselves in this gorgeous building? As the watchman of the church, I have five intense wishes for our new church. I believe they are also the challenges given to us by God:

#1 The Church is to pray for all nations

It is the teaching of Jesus: "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations?'" (Mark 11:17) Generally, churches and believers overlook the importance of praying. As a result, many churches are weak or even powerless to fight against the currents of this world.

#2 The Church is to exalt the Truth

The bible warns us many times: Towards the end of the people "refuse to love the truth", "do not believe the truth, but are delighted in wickedness", "will not put up with sound doctrine", "have itching ears."

#3 The Church is to show an abundant life

Jesus said: "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10) The purpose for this church is to exist is to build up life, so that the life of every person who comes into contact with this temple will be nurtured, fostered, cultivated, and consolidated into abundance.

#4 The church is to be in unity

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:35). The early Church was able to attract many people to the Church because they ate together with glad and sincere hearts (Acts 2:46)

#5 The Church is to save souls

Jesus said: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.: (Luke 19:10). , this church is for prayer, upholding truth, and holding together in love and unity, but all these ministries should be directed towards saving the soul of the lost. . May this church is to bear the mission to save the souls of friends, relatives, neighbors, countrymen and the unreached so that through this church, most people will be converted.

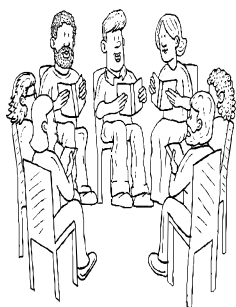
With God's Help lets "Finish the Work of God"

July Events

**To receive Jesus as Savior: A.B.C.
Admit, Believe, Confess...**

Dear Lord,
I have sinned and I am in need of Your forgiveness. I confess my sins to You now... I believe that You died on the cross and rose from the dead. Please forgive me and come into my heart and save me. I trust YOU NOW as my Savior. Thank You for saving me.

Community Group Meetings



1. Alcoholics Anonymous

On Hiatus til Sept. 14

2. T.O.P.S (Dieting)

Mondays 2:30-4:00

3. Gideons Meeting

3rd. Thurs. 6:30 P.M.

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	Dr. Kevin Ahrens 214-4352
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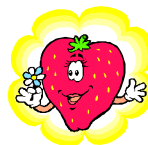
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**Watermelon Feast
July 11 6:00p.m.
Seed Spitting Contest**

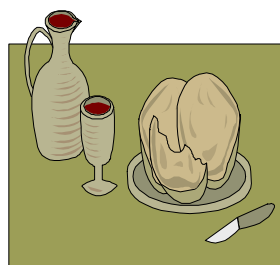
**Strawberry
Festival
July 18th**



**6:00p.m.
Bring Toppings**



**Salad
And
Sweets
July 25
6:00p.m.**



**Deacons
Meeting
Tues. 7:00p.m.
July 27**

August Events



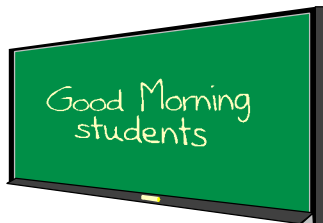
***Nacho Cheese
And Chips
Aug. 1st
6:00p.m.***



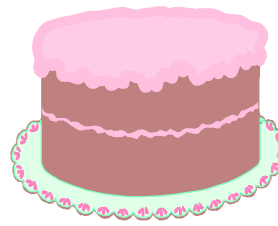
***Chili and
Chips
Aug. 8th
6:00p.m.***



***Sandwiches
Cookies
Chocolates
Aug. 15th
6:00p.m.***



***Back
To
School
Aug.23
Pray &
Prepare***



***Cakes and Karaoke
Night
August 22nd. 6:00p.m.***



***“Sundae”
Sunday
Aug. 29th
6:00p.m.
“AND”***



***God Bless
America
Aug. 29th
Sunday
6:00p.m.
1st. Wauchula
Choir***

***Summer Lord's Supper - Pray & Prepare
Aug. 29 11:00a.m.***

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAYS

9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Morning Worship,
Extended Session, and
Children's Church
6:00 PM Evening Worship

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 PM Meals On Hiatus til September
6:15 PM Wednesday Night Alive!
*Children: Crafts, Recreation, Music and Missions
Study. Youth: Recreation, Fellowship, Bible Study.
Adults: Small Group Studies.*
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting
Church Business Meeting every 3rd Wed of Month
7:30 PM Choir Practice



*For by grace you have been
saved through
faith, and that
not of
yourselves, it is
the gift of God,
not of works,
lest anyone should boast.”
Ephesians 2:8-9*



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