

We Want You To Know

We welcome our visitors! Thank you for worshiping with us. Please fill out an attendance slip so we may acknowledge your visit with a card and bulletin.

We have an attended nursery for children under age two, also a cry room in the foyer. You're welcome to use these, or to keep your children in the assembly. You'll find children's activity bags in the foyer. Remember our evening Children's Bible Hour is dismissed for the summer months.

Our church provides an opportunity for prayer and encouragement each Sunday Morning. An elder and his wife will be in the middle office, and two ladies in the Ladies Classroom. Make your way there during the last song.

This Evening, we'll celebrate the Birthday of our Country with a service under the pavilion. Gary McCool will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs. Ladies are ask to bring the fix'ens. Bread, drinks, chips and condiments will be furnished. Our devotional will start at 6 PM.

The first meeting toward an evangelistic outreach in our area was held last Tuesday. Continual meetings about sharing Jesus with our neighbor will be each Sunday after our Evening Services. A Prayer Meeting focused especially on this effort will be held each Wednesday Evening following our Bible Classes. Both these meeting will be in the Fellowship Area. This sharing effort still needs your help: Prayer Partners, sending cards, providing a list of prospects, visiting our visitors, visiting new comers to our community, those who need encouragement, door knocking, conducting Bible studies. Pick up a flyer from the foyer for more information.

Wednesday Evening, we will have a short Devotional focused on celebrating our freedoms. There'll be no classes. We'll start at 6:45

Remember our VBS starts Sunday Evening, July 15th, at 6:30. Registration is now open. You're asked to please register on-line

Our Teen S.W.A.T. (Service Week & Trip) is planned for July 30th – August 4th. A group of teens from the Heartland congregation in Kansas City will join us. If you're willing to keep one or more of these students, sign up in the foyer

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits

Robbie Arnold is scheduled to continue her immunotherapy treatments. Continue to remember David Bradley, the Reiss' son-in-law. He's waiting on a definitive diagnosis and treatment recommendations from Mayo Clinic. Charles Branstetter has been dismissed from the hospital, and has been placed on Home Hospice. Please continue to remember him in your prayers. Continue to remember: Shirley, Mark Tucker's mom, Debbie Helms, Ann Clark, Jennifer Oxford, David Pippin, and Aggie's friend Delfina Adame.

Other Announcements.

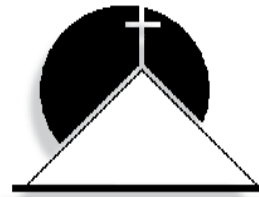
The family of Delores Haley invites you to celebrate her 90th birthday on July 15th from 2-4PM at Concordia Retirement Center. Also there's a "Come & Go" event honoring Mary Montgomery on Saturday, July 14th You can send cards to 2022 South Webb Road #202, Wichita, KS 67207.

If your Zip Code has changed, please leave Nan a note.

Remember the Diaper Shower for the Kramer's new baby girl.

There are tracts, sermon CDs, and other literature for your reading and sharing; along with Tracts to be folded, in the foyer.

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The Place Of Water Baptism In Our Salvation

Baptism Has Always Been Controversial And Misunderstood...

Baptism of John the Baptist

Nicodemus didn't understand Jesus' being born of water and Spirit

The difference between John's baptism and Christian baptism

Misunderstandings about who should be baptized

King James translators acknowledged and surrendered to the controversy

Controversial issues can be easily settled – Allow the Bible to speak

Noting Biblical Examples Of How God Used Water...

Noah and his family were SAVED by water – 1 Peter 3.18-22

Israel was DELIVERED from bondage by water – 1 Corinthians 10.1-4

Naaman was CLEANSED by water – 2 Kings 1-14

Jesus HEALED a blind man by having him wash in water – John 9.1-7

Where God Placed Water Baptism In His Plan For Our Salvation...

Between being IN Christ and OUT of Christ

Ephesians 1.7

Romans 8.1

2 Corinthians 5.17

1 John 5.11

2 Timothy 2.10

How we get INTO Christ...

Romans 6.3

Galatians 3.26 -27

Between GUILT and FORGIVENESS...

Acts 2.38

Acts 22.16

Between being DEAD IN SIN and being ALIVE IN CHRIST – Colossians 2.12-13

Between being SAVED and being LOST – Mark 16.16

Between being IN the BODY and being OUT of the BODY – 1 Corinthians 12.13

A Warning From Scripture And Jewish History...

Israel in Isaiah 1.16-18

The Essenes "Manual of Discipline"

Our Opportunity & Challenge

1 Peter 3.18-22... 18 For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit. 19 through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison 20 who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, 21 and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.



1 Corinthians 10.1-4... 1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. 2 They were all baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. 3 They all ate the same spiritual food 4 and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.

Galatians 3.26-27... 26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Romans 6.1-4 26... 1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? 4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Isaiah 1.16-18... 16 wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, 17 learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow. 8 "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

Essene Manual of Discipline... "No one is to go into the water in order to attain the purity of holiness. For men cannot be purified except they repent their evil. A man who persist in walking in the stubbornness of his heart is not to be admitted to the community of God's truth. For he cannot be cleared by mere ceremonies of atonement, nor cleansed by any waters of baptism.