

Sunday Evening, September 9th, 2018

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. Our Sunday Evening Children's Bible Hour will restart on Sunday, September 9th.

Remember our Parenting Workshop this Wednesday through Friday. If you're going to participate in this workshop, we ask you to sign-up in the foyer so we'll have enough materials. Child Care will be provided. Wednesday, our Devotional starts at 6:45. The Workshop starts Thursday & Friday Evenings at 6 o'clock.

Be sure to sign-up for our new Fun Food Fellowship Groupings. There's a new group! It's called 'Second Sunday Lunch Bunch' hosted by Jennifer Royer. Sign-up for one or both of these groups in the foyer.

If you would like to contribute to the Ukraine Mission Effort, make your check to the church and mark it Ukraine.

Remember our Children's Bible Hour resumes this evening at six o'clock. A special thanks to John & Maryann Bowman, Sharon Schell, Jennifer Royer, Nancy Cash & Crew, along with Abby McSweeny for their work in this program.

Our Wednesday Morning Ladies Class resumes this Wednesday with a "Fall Picnic" theme for lunch. Come join this ladies fellowship and study at 9:45.

Those Needing Our Prayers & Visits

Lonnie Farrar is at home following surgery Friday afternoon.

Kirk Franklin expects to go home today with antibiotic IV treatments.

Mary Bell Banks is to have gallbladder surgery Thursday in Joplin.

Remember Randall & Georgia's family in the death of their son-in-law Eddie Chappell, especially Kathy and daughters Carrie and Lacey.

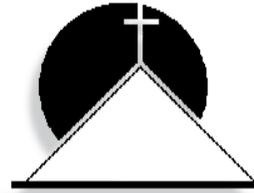
Continue to remember: Lane Duffy, Mike Lacey, Jim Campbell, Robbie Arnold, Doug Klingman, Harold Akridge, David Bradley, Ann Clark, and David Pippin.

Other Announcements

There'll be a Teacher's Meeting for all Primary Teachers Saturday Morning, September 29th. Breakfast will be served. (Program will last about an hour). There'll be an update in the Curriculum, Cheryl Rosenbaum will share information on Media Resources available. Barbara Orr will discuss Student Recognition efforts and other items. Teachers, those thinking about teaching, and parents are invited.

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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JESUS CHANGES LIVES

The Call Of Saul To Be Paul

The Worst Of Sinners Becomes The Chief Among The Apostles

The good news about Christianity is that we can change

Conversion is about our becoming a new and different person

John 3.3 & 5

Romans 6.4

Romans 7.6

2 Corinthians 5.17

Galatians 6.15

Ephesians 4.22-24

Colossians 3.9-10

God specializes in such heart procedures - Ezekiel 11.19-20

Paul is our example of such a New Heart

What it Will Take For Us To Have Such A Heart Change – New Life...

We must see things as they are – See ourselves as the sinners we are

Sometimes God must interrupt life to get our attention

Worship is about visualizing what changes we need to make

Conforming to the image of Jesus takes time

Forgetting the past and pressing on to the goal

Buffet my body to bring myself into subjection

Pick out godly people - Note that it took time for them to become holy

Life in a hurry is of Satan

Cultivating a Jesus Heart demands the right environment

Evil companions corrupt good morals

We can't grow oranges in Alaska

We don't learn democracy in Leningrad

Can't find forgiveness or salvation outside of Jesus

Becoming like Jesus starts with repentance

From baptism we are raised to live a new life - A different life

The greatest testimony of a church is the changed life of its members

Becoming like Jesus demands we share Him with others

If in court for being Christian - Is there enough evidence to convict

Jesus said - You are for Me or against Me – No middle ground

Peace unity and growth is the natural outcome of our being like Jesus

An Invitation To Begin Our Journey Of Change

Acts 9.1-31 – Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 6 "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." 7 The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. 9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. 10 In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. 11 The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. 12 In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." 13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." 15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. 16 I will show him how much he must suffer for my name." 17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptised, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. 20 At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. 22 Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ. 23 After many days had gone by, the Jews conspired to kill him, 24 but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. 25 But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall. 26 When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. 28 So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 He talked and debated with the Grecian Jews, but they tried to kill him. 30 When the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus. 31 Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.