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ANSWERING QUESTIONS ON HELL

SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION

August signals back to school for our children. With the start of every new school year, we also have a special Sunday morning when we promote children to their new Sunday School classes. Our promotion Sunday this year will fall on September 4th. This will be the first Sunday in a new class for many of the children at our church. We currently have four classes for children. Mrs Lola Burton teaches our preK class, Max & Jerri Brewer teach our K & 1st grade class, Becki McBroom and Thelma Zurnheld teach our 2nd & 3rd grade class, and Anna Harris teaches our 4th & 5th grade class. Once children

move into 6th grade they move up to the youth age class with Garth and remain with that class until graduation. As far as our childrens classes go, we current-

ly have some needs to get our classes fully covered. Ideally, we would like 2 adults in each class. Currently our preK and 4th/5th grade classes only have one teacher. One other need we have is people willing to fill in on short notice when teachers may be sick or unable to be at Sunday School. If you have a desire to teach regularly or are willing to be a fill in teacher when needed, talk to one of your pastors. We want to make our childrens Sunday School classes strong. We want them to be a place where our children learn to love and worship Jesus. Will you be a part of making that happen?



The Importance of Biblical Routines For Your Family

Jake Beattie
Pastor



While we still have almost two months of summer left, the beginning of August always feels like the end of summer. Our vacations are behind us, our summer plans are coming to a close, and we know that school is right around the corner. Summer is good for many reasons. Summer gives us a break from the routine of everyday life. That is, of course, for those of us who have children in school.

I know for my family summer has meant lots more time together. Multiple trips to go visit with family, fun days out at the zoo, or local parks, and just being able to go and do more without the daily obligation of school. Those are some things we love most about summer. But once summer ends and a new school year begins there are also many positives that come with this.

One of these positives is routine. I think we can all agree that there is good that comes with having a routine. Since having children, Samantha and I have worked hard to create a routine with our children that involves Bible reading, singing, and praying together. The time that has been best for us to

do this is right before we put them to bed every evening. Our routine is pretty simple, we use a children's Bible and each night read one story. We read them in order from beginning to end. We have a small songbook and each night sing a song together. Usually, we will sing the same song many nights in a row to teach our children the words and the tune. Then we always end by either myself or Samantha praying with them and for them. It's nothing overly complicated, but we have done it for a long time now and our kids know to expect it, and they enjoy it.

I realize not everyone has children living at home to be able to have some routine like this. But the routine is good for two big reasons. It establishes a habit of Bible reading and prayer, but even more important than that, it gets our family reading the Bible and hearing truth from God on a daily basis. Even if you don't have children, or no longer have children living at home, it would be good for you to get into a routine of Bible reading and prayer.

Let me also encourage you that if you have children at home and have not been doing this, it is never too late to start. It may seem awkward at first to try and get something started, but if you embrace that awkward beginning, you can easily begin to form it as a habit for your family. Don't allow the threat of an awkward moment prevent your family from hearing from God. We need to hear from God. We need it regularly.

Whether you have children starting back at school this fall or not, use this time to review your routine. If you don't already have time in the Bible and praying as part of it, there is no time like the present to begin.

BEING A CHURCH THAT PRAYS



Earlier this year we introduced the Church Prayer Team. This is the large whiteboard in the basement with names filled in for each hour of the week. If you have not yet signed up, there are still time slots available.

As a reminder, we are NOT expecting you to be praying for the entire hour that you are signed up for. We ARE expecting you to be prayerful during that hour. At some point during that hour, pause and spend some time in prayer for our church, for your pastors, for the staff, for the community, for the various ministries at our church. There may also be times when we reach out to you about specific things happening that you can be praying about. We anticipate you being able and willing to pray for those things when those opportunities arise.

It will strengthen us as a church to know we have people praying around the clock. It will also strengthen your own faith to be continually committed to praying, and continually being prayed for.

Let's be a people who are constantly and consistently committing ourselves to crying out to the Lord.

Missions Is For Everyone; Children Too!

Chris Harrod
Director of Missions

Back in June during VBS, we were able to teach the kids about missions, amongst the many other things they were learning and doing throughout the week. For the older kids, this meant diving into what missions is and what it means to live on mission. For the really young ones, let's just say we focused on keeping their attention by singing Jesus Loves the Little Children, teaching them that Jesus loves them, and telling them God loves the whole world (which I demonstrated using a globe beach ball, that they called the "earth ball")

Specifically, though, we focused on the theme verse, Ephesians 2:10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do". Using this verse, we taught them how God has created all people specifically and uniquely, and Christians can use their God-given gifts and talents to glorify God and tell people about Jesus. We also got to show them examples of ordinary people who have used their talents, skills, and jobs to share the Gospel around the world.

Our prayer is that as these kids are hearing the Gospel and learning the truth about God, they would come to believe it and be gripped by it. Our prayer is that from nursery to youth, the kids in our church would believe the Gospel, and from this group there will be some who one day take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Whether they are our children or not, we as the church all have a part to play in building up our youth to walk in the Lord. Let's be praying right now and continually, that our next generation will be on fire for the Lord and do great things

for the glory of God!

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Here are some practical ways you can be praying about missions this month:

- Pray for Josh Wamble, as he has a trip planned with Reaching and Teaching later this month. There have been difficulties obtaining the visa, so pray God would provide this.

- Pray for the Thompsons in Ecuador. Even though we couldn't send a team this year, pray for the camp, that many kids would hear the Gospel and believe

- Pray for the Lemans as they get settled into life in the US again. Pray for times of rest and refreshment for their family, and that God continues to give them wisdom concerning their future.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

You have probably noticed the progress being made on the food pantry building next to the playground. We are very grateful to see this project underway and we eagerly await its completion so we can begin utilizing the additional space.

If you were not aware, our food pantry has been continually growing. It seems like a regular occurrence to break a record each week for number of cars through the line or number of families fed. The continual growth of the food pantry is a steady reminder that people in our community are in need.

Our church's mission statement is, "We exist to proclaim

Jesus, while loving and serving both God and people." One of the ways we serve people is through the food pantry. If you have not considered being involved and serving, there is always room for more volunteers.

Even if you are not physically able to commit to serving or your schedule does not permit it, please continue to pray for the food pantry. More than just giving out food, we desire to give out hope through the Gospel. Pray that we would be faithful to do just that.



Coming Events

Bible Studies and Visitation Resume This Month

Family Night In-August 5-6:00-8:30 pm

A night for youth and their parents to come together to enjoy food, fellowship, games and prayer.

Answers In August-Sunday Evenings at 6:00 pm

Join us to discuss what the Bible says about Hell.

New Member's Class-August 14, 21, 28-9:30 am

This class is for anyone who is interested in becoming a member or who would like more information about our church.

Men's Ministry

Prayer Breakfast-August 20-8:00 am/Dinner-August 30-6:00 pm

24 Hours of Prayer-August 19-20-4:00 pm-4:00 pm

A sign-up sheet is available on the board by the church office.

Ladies' Prayer Breakfast-August 27-9:00 am

All ladies are invited to attend this time of Fellowship, Food and Prayer.

Church Directory Pictures

Pictures will be taken September 22-24. There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Events:

Family Night In-August 5-6:00 pm-8:30 pm
College Ministry Retreat-August 5-7-Nolin Lake
Summer Playdate-August 5-10:00 am-Broad Run Park
New Member's Classes-August 14, 21, 28-9:30 am
Men's Prayer Breakfast-August 20-8:00 am
Ladies' Prayer Breakfast-August 27-9:00 am
Men's Ministry Dinner-August 30-6:00 pm
Family Night-Pinewood Derby Race-August 31-6:00 pm
September 4-Promotion Sunday for School Age Children
September 22-24-Church Directory Pictures

Birthdays

August

- 2 Alex Dalton
Hannah Wells
Cynthia Cook
- 3 Joel MacDonald
Benjamin Layman
- 4 Sidney Jones
Cedrick Jones
- 5 Abby Overstreet
- 9 Doug Williams
Cameron Thompson
Stephen Wilkins
Easton Haynes
- 12 Rebecca Thompson
- 13 Bryce Clark
- 15 Morgan Stivers
- 17 Fay Fentress
Caitlyn McBroom
- 18 John Zee
Bill Tindall
Lillian Lundy
Scotty Sanders
- 19 Lola Burton
Greyson MacDonald
- 20 Daniel McBroom
Brittany Lundy
- 23 Grayson Wiedmar
- 24 Fletcher Farmer
- 25 Ericka Richard
- 26 Antonio Holguin
Nicole Davis
Thomas Darnell
- 27 Kristy Stivers
Sandra Johnson
Jim Dickerson
- 28 Linda Stivers
Nathan Vittitoe
Briana Hughes
Jayme Harris
- 30 Dana Dixon
Kathryn Hardin
Angela Mitchell
- 31 Paul Lybrook
Andrew Crawford

September

- 1 Andrew Deaton
- 2 Max Brewer
- 3 Joshua Roseberry
Samantha Wiedmar
- 4 Melinda Lybrook
- 5 Linda Shepard
- 6 Misti Jones
- 7 Micheal Jones, Jr.
- 11 Sheryl Ireland
- 12 Dan Shepard
Laney Anderson
Tyler Weldon
Owen Pigg
- 13 Phyllis Dobson
Abigail Smith
Brantley Beck
Wade Wilkins
- 16 Todd Kendall
- 17 Juanita Childress
Stan Hardin
- 19 Jerri Brewer
- 20 Gail Deaton
Nell Faye Lott
Teresa Valenzuela
- 21 Katilyn Roberts
Kay Powers
- 24 Angie Mattison
- 25 Heather Ezell
Gary Brashear
- 26 Zachary Kemmerer
- 27 Autumn Weldon
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- 28 Emily Baumann
- 29 Christopher Thompson
- 30 Eloise Crawford

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