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Real Life News & Notes

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One of my biggest dislikes is swimming in murky water. Lakes and the ocean just don't do it for me. I enjoy swimming, but I'd always rather do it in a crystal clear pool with *zero* fish. So you can imagine how unnerved I was when I was in Africa and was asked to go snorkeling. This wasn't just any kind of snorkeling. The daughters of the missionaries there were about my age, and they had a favorite activity: swimming through the muddy water of the mangrove swamp next to their house. Visibility was poor, and all I could ever see was the creepy roots of the mangrove trees sticking up through the mud like fingers. I imagined the snakes that definitely did live in those trees. I imagined the sharks that were surely waiting for us on the other side of the swamp, where the trees stopped and the Indian Ocean began.

Facing your fears is tough. For me, it usually takes peer pressure. I couldn't have the sixteen year old daughter of the missionaries in Tanzania making fun of me for not swimming in the ocean. What happens, though, when the people around us reinforce our fears? Does our church culture ever do that?

For a while, I thought I was going to go to Africa and be a missionary for my career. Again and again, I met parents who told me they could never handle their child going away to some faraway country like that. Part of it was the danger, part of it was the distance. Comments like this were very, very common. One person asked me how I could do that to my mother. I began to wonder how so many people could reject the idea of being a missionary simply because it is a hard life.

It's no secret that many of us live very comfortable lives. Most of us would seem unimaginably wealthy to the average person in a place like Tanzania. Have we become so accustomed to wealth and security and safety that we refuse to give it up for the sake of the gospel? Similarly, we live in a time where people live longer lives. More grandparents get to watch their children grow up, and it's a wonderful blessing. But are those family ties more important than the gospel? Is the fear of separation from loved ones a valid reason not to sacrifice for the Kingdom?

Jesus says in Luke 14: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple." This is not a call to be cruel. It is a call to recognize that vast importance of the gospel. It is more important than any human relationship. It is more important than our career goals. It is more important than our desire for safety. It calls us to face our fears and overcome them.

This is about more than missionaries and overseas travel. We're called to live lives of sacrifice. Lives where we are willing to reject the luxuries of our home and even the company of the people we love so much. We shouldn't expect anything less from a savior who calls us to pick up a cross and follow him.

Brian Peacock

Youth News:

Class today: Middle school and high school will both be upstairs in the high school room.

Spin City tonight: Join us at Spin City at 6pm for laser tag, which cost \$10. Spin City is at 637 24 1/2 Road. Skating and bowling are also available, and prices can be found at www.spincitygi.com.

Wednesday night: Join us at 7pm in the high school room.

Camp forms are available! Online and here at church.

Memory Verse For April : I Cor. 15:20

"Christ has been raised from the dead".

Our Gathering This Morning

Guests: Thank you for being with us today. We hope you feel welcome and comfortable. As you will see, our worship assembly is fairly simple, yet Christ centered. We will sing, pray, take of the bread and wine (communion), feed on God's word, give back to God from of our finances, and share family matters (announcements) and meet any spiritual needs through praying together. Occasionally we are blessed to witness a baptism as someone decides to obey Christ's command to be baptized and share in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord as they mark a new beginning moving forward with a changed heart, having past sins forgiven by Jesus sacrifice and the gift of God's Spirit dwelling in us. Please let us know how we might serve you.

Sermon: This morning we will listen to Wisdom (from Proverbs) as She describes for us the value of daily heeding her advice and putting into practice the prudence of God as we think, choose, speak, act, and live each day. May we be challenged to listen to Her sound words and be blessed as we walk in Wisdom.

Thank you! We had a wonderful feast last Sunday with plenty of food, great desserts, and loving fellowship. Thank you all for making this a special day and a special thanks to all those who set up, cleaned up and closed up afterward. **Be looking forward to our church picnic in Palisade park coming up in May!!**

Love One Another!

Upcoming Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Wei Wei Chambers at the home of Jill Wilkins on Saturday, April 12, 10 AM. Wei Wei is the wife of Charles, grand son of Velma Chambers. They are expecting a boy and are registered at Target. If you would like to help with the shower, please see either Jill Wilkins or Patty Webb.

Honduras Mission

The Honduran mission effort is coming up in July. On Sunday, May 4, there will be a special contribution collection to help fund the mission.

Food Drive Planned

We will have a food drive on Sunday, April 13. The pantry is very low. Some have already brought in food and we thank you.—*Melody*

Creative Christian Art Guild Meeting

The Art Guild will meet today at 1 PM in the fellowship hall. Cindy King will be giving a water color demo. Everyone is welcome. Bring a project to work on.

Special Prayer Request

Please pray for the Roberts family, especially Travis. Because of recent circumstances the whole family is in turmoil and has had to make some very tough decisions. Pray that God's will will prevail in Travis' life and he will get the help he needs. Pray for Craig and Elaine as they deal with some of the most difficult choices they have ever had to make.

VBS - Save the Date!

VBS Will be **June 2 - 6**, 6 to 8:30 p.m. Please pray for God to guide His purpose for you in this ministry. Arts? Teaching? Music? Games? Snacks? Publicity? Prayer partners? Watch for more information soon. See Lesa Brassette with questions or to volunteer!

VBS Bibles

This year we are adding a Bible give away to our VBS! Children who do not have a Bible will be able to leave our VBS with one of their own. The selected version is the NIV Discoverer's Bible for Early Readers. It's a version that is easy for them to read. A donation of \$18 secures one for a child who will be educated for years on God's love and promises. Please give donations to Lesa Brassette no later than April 6 and make checks payable to the Church of Christ. Before VBS, donors will be given a chance to inscribe their donated Bible!

Open House

Chris Tubbs is hosting an Open House on Sunday April 13 in honor of Teddie Goodner's birthday. The event is at the Tubbs home, 586 Grand Valley Drive from 4—6 PM.

Do You Need A Listening Ear?

There are times when we all feel overwhelmed with life. We need someone to help us see what we cannot see, hear what we cannot hear and remind us that Jesus is working in our lives. He is close to the brokenhearted. God fights for our troubled marriages, for people in bondage to sin, for the discouraged and for those who feel like giving up.

Sometimes it helps to talk with someone about our problems, to have another person validate our feelings. We have trained peer counselors in our congregation available to listen without being judgmental, to hear the hurt and pain and the feelings of hopelessness and frustration, to explore answers with others and to point them to God for direction and counsel, relying on His power and grace. There is no cost for this counseling. If you would like to talk to someone about problems in your life, call 970-260-7309 to schedule an appointment. Maybe you know someone outside of our church family who would benefit from this service. We have business cards available in the foyer for you to give to these people so they can know we are here to help.

“The prayers of a righteous man is powerful and effective..” James 5:16

Please continue to pray for those with ongoing health issues and their families.

Continue to pray for those who have lost loved ones..the most recent being the family of Ruby Morrill.

LAURA, TRACY, BARB ROTH, SHARLENE FRANCISCO, JOHN REED,...All of these are fighting cancer.

VERLYN MATTHEWS pray for relief from severe back pain.

LINDA CARLY pray the surgical treatment for Parkinson’s will work and give her relief from the symptoms she has.

JAMES OSMONDSON, pray the treatments for his burns are going well and for his comfort.

MILLIE YODER... pray for her recovery from a recent heart attack.

JOHN AKERS... continue to pray for John’s health issues to be resolved and his faith restored. Pray also for Barb as she cares for him.

The RICHARDSON FAMILY. Pray for Melissa as her MS is causing her problems. Pray for comfort and healing for her. Pray for the rest of the family as they move. Pray for Jessica to realize what she needs to do to follow God and honor her parents.

Continue to pray for those fighting addictions of any kind. Pray they will seek help, and especially God’s help in overcoming.

Continue to keep our missionaries and their families in prayer...and for the persecuted church around the world. Pray for wisdom, guidance and protection for them.

Continue to pray for our nation. Pray for a repentant nation that will turn to God. For guidance from above for all in places of authority and decision making, that all may lead a peaceful and quiet life.

Pray continually for God to bless our MILITARY people and families, for protection, guidance and wisdom for them and all involved in their lives.

Pray for us as a family , may we truly live our lives as our God would have his children live, bringing honor and glory to Him.

Thank you for your prayers, and know that you too, are in someones prayers daily!! (you may not even know they are praying for you.) Perhaps the good things that happen in your life are an answer to others prayers for you!!

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, WITH THANKSGIVING, let your requests be known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6,7



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For the Record

Mar 23, 2014

Attendance	241
Average Attendance, 4th qtr.	238
Contributions	\$5,202.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in April

Bryce Sanburg
David Scheurman
Ed Seela
Richard Sisco
Herb Tinkle
Chuck Tourney
Edgar Treu
Dick Truitt

Communion Preparation—April Richard & Peg Sisco

Communion Table 4/6/14

Eddie Tinkle

Announcements: Vince Urbina

Sunday Morning Adult Classes—9:00 AM—9:45 AM

Tom Deister _____ Auditorium
Young Adult (Under 30) _____ Room 207
Jenna Hill, Ladies Class _____ 103
Bob & Bobby Heath, _____ O.T. Survey _____ 202

Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7- 8 PM

John Cooper _____ Life's Lessons _____ Auditorium
Shirlene Caraway _____ 103

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2 _____ Nursery
2 & 3 yr. old _____ 104
Pre KK, Kindergarten _____ 205
1st & 2nd Grade _____ 209
3rd thru 5th Grade _____ 208
Middle School _____ 213
High School _____ 203

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

2 & 4 yr. old _____ 104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd _____ 205
3rd thru 5th Grade _____ 208
All teens meet in _____ 203

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:15 AM

Mesa View Retirement Service Schedule Meets Sundays at 10 AM

Apr 6	Bill Tidwell, Dave Scheurman	Mark 14:12-26
Apr 13	Chuck Tourney, Hunt	Mark 15
Apr 20	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Mark 16
Apr 27	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Col. 1: 1-14
May 4	Wes Yeager, Scott Delancy	Col. 1:15-2:5
May 11	Bill Tidwell Dave Scheurman	Col. 2:6-23
May 18	Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt	Col. 3:1-17
May 25	Bud Treu, Mike Hurd	Col. 3:18-4:1
June 1	Bill Barslund, Sandy Harris	Col. 4:2-6

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.