



Spreading the Word

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From the Pastor's Desk.... "let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of trouble. " (Heb. 4:16)

These times raise so many questions, often without answers, that we wonder if heaven is silent. Where is God in all of this? Herein lies the battle of faith—to hold on and keep believing God despite what natural senses tell us. Our challenge is to wait in faith for the day of God's favor and salvation.

How many times have we battled this contradiction? We so love to hear of God's promises. We pray with all our hearts and take our stand on his Word. But then... nothing, absolutely nothing seems to change. When the "people of Zion cried out that the Lord had forsaken them. (Isaiah 49:14). The answer came, "Even some may forget, yet I will not forget them. See I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands...(15-16). Here it is. It was done on Calvary!

Which lesson of faith is God seeking to teach you? Are you willing to trust him with the problems and heartaches you are facing today? Remember, he has not-- he cannot-- forsake or forget you, no matter how hopeless things may seem. He is waiting for you to transfer your problems, doubts, pain... and challenges into his hands in total trust.

I believe the hardest element of faith is waiting for the "time of favor" to come. During times like these as was we wait, that discouragement sets in. But there is danger when we look away from the promise and who made it. When no answer comes, do we take things into our own hands? That glow of fresh faith fades away as the days, weeks, months, and even sometimes years go by without seeing our prayers answered. This is something every real follower of God has dealt with sometime in life. Another part of Isaiah comes to mind. "Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He doesn't faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. Those who wait, for the Lord shall renew their strength." (40:28-31).

The secret is to have a heart that "waits on the Lord," to keep waiting in faith and glad expectation for the things he has promised. Don't forget—he works for those who wait! As you rest in the Lord, you can be sure that "the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are *all who wait for him!*" (30:18).

Know that you are loved as we continue to prayer for each other and the circumstances in which we are living. Never give up, but instead trust God to bring the world about for the good.

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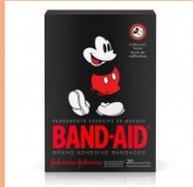
The *deadline* for submitting articles for the **September newsletter** **August 22 at 5 p.m.**

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MISSION

Almost Home Kids

Band aids

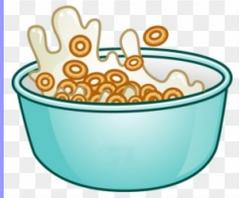


CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Crayons, markers, colored pencils



WHIP
CEREALS


SPECIAL OFFERINGS—

The Pentecost offering (40% of the amount collected will be used to purchase classroom equipment for the mentoring program.) will continue thru August. Wireless keyboards, sound reducing headphones, erasable clipboards have already been purchased to support the school mentoring program. **Envelopes are on the table in the East Room.**

We are saving to purchase a Cricut machine and other miscellaneous supplies for a 2nd grade classroom. Please consider supporting our youth. If you are interested in making a donation to directly support the project please make note on the memo line of your check.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	FAMILY FUN MONTH NATIONAL EYE EXAM MONTH NATIONAL PICNIC MONTH					1
2 WORSHIP 9:30 am	3	4 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day 	5	6 Wiggle your toes day 	7	8
9 WORSHIP 9:30 am	10 Lazy Day	11	12	13 Left Hander's day 	14	15
16 WORSHIP 9:30 am	17	18 Daffodil Day 	19 FRIENDSHIP WEEK	20 Session meeting 6:30 pm	21	22 Newsletter info due
23 WORSHIP 9:30 am	24	25 National Banana Split Day 	26	27	28 Stuffed Green Bell Pepper Day 	29
30 WORSHIP 9:30 am	31					

Birthdays:

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| 4 Lance Escue | 7 Garrett Siebert | 20 Paula Sights |
| 5 Jazz Kroeger | 9 Tessa Gilfillan- Jones | 22 Neah Miller |
| 6 Drew Voorhees | 14 Judy Wilder | 26 Dick Freeman |



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