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Family is Where You Belong



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Family is where you belong! In our day this statement may seem naive or even idyllic. This isn't the fifties anymore! So many of us have had family-life experiences in which we didn't feel like we "belonged." Satan has attacked the family like few other targets and the result is that strong healthy families are a minority. This may be the reason that social media platforms have had such a meteoric rise. People are looking for a feeling of family—a community where they can belong. But, this is a false sense, and is a playground of fantasy and façade.

When many of our children reach college age, they don't just leave our homes, they are leaving active membership in another family—the

Church. Some studies estimate that 7 or 8 out of 10 young people follow this path away from the family of faith. So, at every level, family seems to be in the evil one's cross hairs. And, his attack is succeeding to a large degree.

Satan has made progress in his plan precisely by convincing us that family is a contract where we all try to get out of the deal what we can. When we stop getting what we want, we move on. This is seen in our families and the family of faith. What should we do?

This year, our ministry vision is expressed as 3Cs. The first of the Cs is "Covenant." Since the beginning of time, God has used covenants to create or recreate family.

As we see the family in shreds all around us, perhaps a return to the ideas of the Biblical covenants is exactly what the Great Physician ordered.

Covenants are not contracts which set the arrangement for an exchange of goods or services for a price. Contracts are usually "me-focused" and each party tries to get the best deal for themselves. Covenants are quite different. They are an exchange, not of goods or services, but of people! If we are going to see renewal of our families, we need to learn to give ourselves away for the sake of the other. This is the definition of true love, and is the answer we seek. If we would live and love this way, family would be where we truly belong.

Children and Youth Matters



*By Daulton Peters
Youth Ministry*

Now that the pandemic is diminishing, we are able to resume our slate of children and youth ministry activities.

On Sunday evenings at 5:30 we gather for AWANA. This ministry for children teaches them a Bible lesson and helps them memorize verses of Scripture. There is also a music and recreation

component that keeps it active and fun. Children 1st through 5th grade are welcome. Our youth will also be meeting at 5:30 on Sunday afternoons. This is a change from Wednesday nights when many of the young people were unavailable.

On Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., our children have Music and

Missions. They learn about using their gifts to serve and worship God.

Finally, allow me to thank everyone who helped with our modified cake auction fund raiser for Valentines. Our young people will benefit greatly from your generosity and we are very thankful!

Church Family Information—March

Birthdays:

2	Michael Lyons	25	Sam Ball
3	Genevieve Adams Jackie York	26	Betty Jo Cavanaugh Claire Vance
4	Aaron Burns Kamaya Caudill	28	Sue Jones Kristi Lancianese
5	Ben Oaks	29	Carl Peters
8	Amy Bishop Charles Floyd	30	Dick Edwards
11	Paul Jorgensen David Powers Ron Romano	31	Stephanie Denniston
12	Patrick Kelley		
16	Clare Frazier		
17	Jane Kenny Boone	15	Caleb & Amara Landolt
19	Diane Smith	23	Joey & Toni Bennett
20	Rick Boyatt		
21	Chris Ledford		
22	Jane Culler Nick Ruber		
24	Rosemary Carter Zellene Salyers Alicia Schnupp		

Anniversaries:

2	Roscoe & Jeanie Covington 70 YEARS!!!
15	Caleb & Amara Landolt
23	Joey & Toni Bennett

Please contact the church office if your Birthday or Anniversary has been missed. We would like to acknowledge all of our members' special occasions!



by Paul Jorgensen

John 3:36 - *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

Romans 10:14 - *...how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?*

Mark 16:15 - *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*



Gospel To Every Home

If the Bible is true, and I absolutely believe that it is, every person will either live for eternity in heaven or die for eternity in hell. We have a responsibility to take the Gospel to those who may not have ever heard and this duty begins with our neighbors. Studies show that 84% of people in Lexington do not attend church on Sunday. This means that there is a high probability that our neighbors have never accepted Christ as their Savior and do not have a place of worship to receive spiritual encouragement and edification.

Recognizing this truth, our church joined with 2,360 other Kentucky Baptist Churches last year

in a coordinated effort to take the Gospel to all of the 1,728,681 homes in the state of Kentucky. After prayer and consideration, our church adopted nearly 11,000 homes in our immediate neighborhoods with which we would share the Gospel. Last year, we reached 4,500 homes with the Gospel, prayed with hundreds of our neighbors about issues in their life, were an encouragement to other Christians in our area to share the Gospel and saw three people make a profession of faith in their homes.

As warmer weather approaches, it is time for our church to once again continue our mission to

fulfill the Great Commission in our local region. Every person in our church can be involved in this great effort of local missions. I would like to encourage **everyone to attend a training meeting on March 19 at 10:00am**. During this training we will re-introduce every part of this mission work and show how you can be involved through prayer, preparation of materials and proclaiming the Gospel. Join us again **on March 26 at 10:00am to prepare materials** that will be delivered. Then **on April 2 at 10:00am we will meet at the church to pray and proclaim the Gospel To Every Home.**

Welcome New Members!

Barbara Cox

Ron Cunningham

William Petross

DEACON
Ordination

Earl Broome will be ordained as Deacon during the 11:00 service on Sunday, March 6, 2022

We invite you to stay for a potluck luncheon to celebrate this occasion following the service!



*By Sara Sutton
on behalf of the Women's
Missionary Union*

WMU News– Missions

March is here, a time of transition from Winter to Spring and snow to flowers peeping through. In our lives just think of all the transitions we are continually going through. As you reflect no doubt you think how could I have made it through this (whatever it might have been for you) without the presence of the Holy Spirit within me to see me through.

It is so hard to imagine what it must be like to live a life where God is not a part of my “everyday existence and all the little things that make up a day”. What if you were part of an unengaged and unreached people group and did not believe in the existence of God?

Unfortunately there are many people in the world that are in this situation.

Our March WMU Meeting will feature James Atherton, son of Jim and Helen Atherton, as our speaker. James is the Richmond/Somerset Director of the “City for the Nations” partnership with Niger, Africa.



“City for the Nations” partners with a church of a city or area within a nation that has unengaged and unreached people groups to assisting in reaching all the people in that nation. Almost three years ago they launched a partnership

by adopting 7 unengaged people groups in Niger. Over the three years they have seen 7,942 people come to Christ, 21 churches started with

believers and a church in every one of the people groups.

If you would like to learn more about the work that James is involved in with “City for the Nations” plan to attend our WMU meeting on Sunday, March 20th at 2:30 in the sanctuary. Come and listen to how “City for the Nations” is helping to transition Godless lives into Godly lives.

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Media News

S ometimes things just happen out of your control. I got a call Friday night from the Trinity Church that our internet wasn't working in the sanctuary and they couldn't stream video for their church that meets in our sanctuary now. I was hoping it was just a temporary thing as internet can often go out as you all know. I found out later from Patty and Carl that it had been hit and miss all day last Friday. People were working on it but just couldn't figure it out why it had stopped working throughout our whole building. Then Sunday came around and it didn't work for our streaming service at 11 a.m. Ugh!!! I quickly tried to use my Boost Mobile Hot Spot and it worked. For a little bit anyway. Then my memory for my hot spot ran out right as the sermon was starting. We were simply out of memory. Out of service. We had no way to communicate with those at home. Thankfully Larry always records a CD each Sunday as well so I was able to make a video for Facebook and our website that has the

audio of the sermon. Aren't you glad that our connection to Jesus is never interrupted. Never ever. Unlike internet service providers we will never be offline and out of commission. We have a direct line of prayer and intercession open at all times and it's free. Doesn't cost a thing. We just have to call out his name and pray in the name of Jesus Christ and He hears us. Our every prayer. Our every petition. Our every cry. He never ever goes offline. We will never ever lose service if we don't pay our bill or debt either.

I think of the little chorus I used to play at Evansville, Indiana Youth for Christ when I worked there in 1992 right of college. Goes like this: *He paid a debt he did not owe. I owed a debt I could not pay. I needed someone to wash my sins away. And now I sing a brand new song. Amazing grace the whole day long. Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay*, what a great little chorus. Thankfully our internet was all paid up and it was just a temporary loss of internet for a few days. It was restored today Monday

at 1 pm. It is amazing yet kinda sad how tied we are to the internet and dependent on it working every second. From our phones to our streaming video for our church services to our checking accounts. It controls and affects just about every aspect of our lives now. When things go offline it puts most of what we do on hold during the day at least for a little while. Thank goodness the Kingdom of God is NEVER offline and never out of commission for even a second. Call upon the name of the Lord and he will hear you from Heaven and heal our land. 2 Chronicles 7:14. "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Let's stay online with the Lord and keep praying for God to heal our sin sick land in the USA and the world. We need revival and to be connected to the Father like never before!!!!



By Phil Jackson
Music and Media

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