

From the Pastor's Pen...



Pastors Pen,

We have probably all heard about Samaritans Purse and the Christmas shoeboxes. This year our church family will have the opportunity to be involved in this worthy project 'up close and personal.'

Several days ago Betty Moilan and I met with Veronica Harris, who volunteers with Samaritans Purse to discuss the details of our potential participation. The CWF has, I understand, embraced this opportunity, but I believe this is something we can all be involved in. Betty has agreed to coordinate the initiative from our church.

Shoe stores will donate boxes, and Samaritans purse will also make boxes available. Wrapping them with Christmas decor will make the recipient special, and the top and bottom should be wrapped separately. Items to be included; brush, washcloth bar soap, crayons, pencils, small toys, and one "wow" gift-- possibly a small stuffed animal.

Each box ramp should include a note, and we would like to take a picture of the group from our church family who will be wrapping these boxes.

Very soon Betty will be providing additional details.

But what I want to emphasize is that this initiative is much more than sending Christmas gifts to needy children. Each child is told about the "Greatest Gift"—salvation through faith in Christ. In 2021, I understand that 12.6 million children made decisions for Christ through Operation Christmas Child. A follow-up program, "The Greatest Journey," provides a 12-lesson discipleship class. What a unique and special opportunity this gives us to participate in the joy of Christmas giving!

Don Hawkins, D. Min. Interim Pastor



ENCOURAGEMENT LIVE

Encouragement Live can be heard Saturday at 7:05 PM central time on American Family Radio (90.9 FM) or (www.afr.net) and on www.theworshipchannel.org. Re-broadcast Sunday 9 pm on The Worship Channel.

A worldwide ministry, Encouragement Live is hosted by our Pastor, Don Hawkins, and is currently broadcast from our church. The guests on the show have timely messages for all. The program reaches listeners in 192 countries and is growing.

Our church helps sustain this ministry with prayer and tithes.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The CMF meets every Tuesday at 1:30. They are enjoying the fellowship and discussion of God's word, current events, and, in general solving all the world's problems.

All men of the church are invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The CWF will meet Tuesday the 26th. The pancake breakfast was a great success. Thirty-five attended. Joanne's pancakes were wonderful!

BOARD MEETING

Six members were in attendance. Treasurer's report was given as of May with a balance of \$12,786.75. The Fall Festival currently has registrations for 37 booths.

New business included the details for the change from Frontier to Spectrum for WIFI coverage. The monthly price will be reduced and a second phone line will be included. Jim Casteel was appointed by the Board to address property issues as needed. Barbara Bates was given authority to address business concerns for needed goods and services of the church between Board meeting. Board members are to be apprised of these actions. The actions will be attended to at the next meeting of the Board for official vote. A motion was passed to offer the Fellowship Hall for use by Charlotte Rose for her yoga classes on a one month trial. Fee to be assessed is \$15/hour. Jo Murphy will present the proposal to Ms. Rose.

LAY LEADERS

July 3	Mike Hall		
July 10	Viviana Hall		
July 17	Jo Murphy		
July 24	Bobby Ayala		
July 31	Barbara Bates		

If you are unable to serve on the day listed, please make arrangements to switch with someone else.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 3 rd	Annual Cookout After Services
September	Sunday School Classes Begin
October 15 th	Fall Festival

CHOIR

Choir rehearsals have started again. They meet on Tuesdays at 5 PM. Come join and add your voice in praise of God.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

Due to work schedule changes with the Summer Vacation needs, we have moved our time to Wednesday's at 5:30 PM. We are studying Judges. As with all of our studies, we will not limit our references to just one book but will let the Bible take us on a journey over time from Genesis onward.

July Scripture: Galatians 5:1

Freedom is what we have—Christ has set us free! Stand, then, as free people, and do not allow yourselves to become slaves again.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Birthdays Sue Ann Healy Ken Brown Peter Fomin	29 th 30 th				1	Encouragement Live 7:05 PM American Family Radio (90.9 FM)
3 Worship 10:45 Annual Cookout After Services	Happy Birthday USA	5 CMF Meeting 1:30 PM	6 Bible Study 5:30 PM Online	7	8	9 Encouragement Live 7:05 PM American Family Radio (90.9 FM)
10 Worship 10:45	11	12 CMF Meeting 1:30 PM	Bible Study 5:30 PM Online	14	15	16 Encouragement Live 7:05 PM American Family Radio (90.9 FM)
17 Worship 10:45	18	19 CMF Meeting 1:30 PM	Bible Study 5:30 PM Online	Search Committee 7 PM	22	23 Encouragement Live 7:05 PM American Family Radio (90.9 FM)
24 Worship 10:45	25	26 CMF Meeting 1:30 PM CWF Mtg 6 PM	Bible Study 5:30 PM Online	28	29	30 Encouragement Live 7:05 PM American Family Radio (90.9 FM)
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Worship 10:45						
Sing-Along 6 PM						