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Our purpose is to bring people to Jesus
Christ as we love, learn and live the
word of God.

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June—100% Juice Boxes or Large Juice
July—Baked Beans
August—Peanut Butter

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I am sure people are noticing some changes and improvements happening in our church.

The Beautification Committee has been hard at work! Our first big project was to brighten the church main entrance, also the Meals on Wheels room. The walls were washed, taped, and made ready for a new coat of paint. A big thank you to Jodi and her husband Chris for doing the painting. Jodi painted the window frames and washed all the windows inside and outside- she is amazing! Our committee really appreciates Pastor Paul's support, encouragement and how he is always available to help. I lost count on how many times Paul had to move the water cooler.

Thanks to Dan and Jake for removing the rug and tiles from the Meals on Wheels room. We are so grateful for you help, it wasn't an easy job. Soon the vinyl flooring will be placed in both rooms. Kathryn is such a blessing, besides helping with these projects, she is great at researching new ideas for our church.

Good news the upstairs bathrooms are also being updated!



Mark your calendars!

Our annual picnic is scheduled for Sunday,
August 10th, after church.

More details will follow next month.

Telephone Directory Update

Our telephone directory is out-of-date. We use the information to contact congregants about church closing, electronic Links and prayer requests to name a few.

There will be sheets on the round table in the back of the sanctuary to be completed and returned to Melissa Bove. Information to be provided is your name, address, cell and home phone numbers and an email address. Thank you for assisting us in getting the most up-to-date information for our directory. Please return information as soon as possible. Thanks again!

Father's Day

Father's Day is more than just a date on the calendar—it's a moment to reflect on the gift of fatherhood and the powerful role it plays in our lives and our faith. For many, fathers are the first to model strength, provision, and protection. But even more, godly fathers reflect the heart of our Heavenly Father, offering a glimpse of His steadfast love, grace, and guidance.

In a world that often downplays or distorts fatherhood, we look to Scripture to see the high calling and beautiful responsibility of being a father. Psalm 103:13 says, "*As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.*" This verse reminds us that fatherhood is rooted in compassion—an attribute that defines God's relationship with His children.

A father's strength is not only measured in what he provides, but in how he stands firm in faith. Ephesians 6:4 gives fathers a vital charge: "*Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*" This verse highlights the nurturing strength of a father—not domineering, but discipling. It is the kind of strength that points children to Jesus through love, patience, and example.

When fathers lead their families in prayer, when they read Scripture with their children, when they humbly ask for forgiveness and extend grace—they

are building a foundation that will last for generations. Their strength is not in perfection, but in persistence and in their reliance on God.

Every act of fatherly love reflects the heart of our Heavenly Father. Whether it's a listening ear after a long day, a reassuring hug in a moment of fear, or wise counsel before a big decision, these are echoes of how God walks with us daily.

Even Jesus spoke of the goodness of earthly fathers in Matthew 7:11: "*If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!*" Earthly fathers are not perfect, but they serve as vital reminders of the goodness and generosity of our heavenly Dad.

Father's Day can also stir up a mixture of emotions. Some may grieve the loss of their father, others may feel the sting of absence, and some may carry the weight of being a father doing their best every day. To each heart, the promise remains: "*The Lord is a father to the fatherless*" (Psalm 68:5). God meets us in every story—with comfort, with healing, and with hope.

To every father, grandfather, spiritual dad, and father-figure—you are seen, valued, and appreciated. Your role matters more than words can say. When you show up, when you pray, when you love and lead—you're doing God's work. Your legacy is not in grand gestures, but in daily faithfulness.

Pastor's Thoughts

June arrives like a breath of fresh air—longer days, warmer weather, and nature in full bloom.

It's a month filled with graduations, family gatherings, and the first days of summer. But beyond the sunshine and celebrations, June offers a beautiful reminder: life, in all its seasons, is a gift from God.

The beauty of June mirrors the joy and abundance found in walking with the Lord. Psalm 118:24 declares, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Whether we're standing in a season of new beginnings or simply soaking in everyday blessings, we're invited to rejoice—not just in the good times, but in the presence of God that carries us through them all.

In nature, June is a season of growth. Flowers blossom, gardens flourish, and trees are full and green. In the same way, God is always at work growing something new in our lives. Galatians 6:9 encourages us: "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." June reminds us to keep planting seeds of kindness, faith, and hope—even when we don't see immediate results.

God's timing is perfect, and He's often doing His deepest work during seasons of waiting or preparation. If you're in a time of transition, trust that the Lord is watering your faith and preparing a harvest of blessing. Keep walking, keep praying, and keep trusting.

As the pace of summer begins, June is a great time to slow down and savor God's presence. Take a walk outside and thank Him for the beauty around you. Spend time in His Word and let it refresh your soul. James 4:8 tells us, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." In a world full of noise and distraction, time spent with God is always time well spent.

June invites us to rest—not just physically, but spiritually. To breathe deep and remember that we are loved, valued, and cared for by a God who never grows tired or weary. He's with us in the big moments and the small ones, offering peace and strength for every step.

This month, let's choose gratitude. Let's thank God not just for what He's done, but for who He is. Let's be intentional in noticing His goodness—in a kind word, a gentle breeze, a child's laughter, or an answered prayer. And let's extend that same grace to others, being a source of encouragement and light wherever we go.

June may mark the start of summer, but it can also be the start of something new in your heart—a deeper trust, a renewed hope, a fresh joy. Let it be a time to celebrate God's faithfulness, reflect on His blessings, and look ahead with expectation.

So this June, open your heart to all that God has for you. Rejoice in today, rest in His promises, and remember: every season has a purpose, and every day is a gift.

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Please Pray For...

Tim Lowrey*

Jill Schuhmann

Adam Kamff

Kendall Johnson—Smith

Geoff Begley

Matt MacWilliams*

*Indicates illness