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There will be a Summer Feeding Program for children ages 18 and under. It is free and any child is welcome to participate. The dates are June 12th – August 3rd. They will be closed July 3rd - 6th. There are 2 locations: West Elementary, 750 School Road NW, Monday – Thursday, breakfast: 8:15 – 9:15 AM, lunch: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM. Park Elementary, 100 Glen St SW, Monday – Thursday, breakfast: 8:00 – 9:00 AM, lunch: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM. They are also in need of volunteers. If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Anne Bassett at 320-234-2603.



Our Mission:
To relate to
God more
intimately,
to evidence the
fruit of the
Spirit, and to
bring Jesus
into all our
relationships.

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HRCC News

From the Pastor's Pen...

This month we celebrate Independence Day in the United States. 247 years ago the Declaration of Independence was passed by the Continental Congress on July 4th, 1776. The Declaration of Independence was originally drafted by Thomas Jefferson, in consultation with members John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and William Livingston. The United States was declaring its independence from Great Britain.



(Gleaned from Encyclopedia Britannica <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Independence-Day-United-States-holiday>)

As we celebrate America I also believe we need to pray for America. **Psalm 22:27-28** says, “**All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations will worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord’s and He rules over the nations.**” The psalm writer, David, praises God and announces a future time when God will receive worldwide acclaim and worship. He seems to look far ahead, as His words foretell an eventual worldwide conversion to the Lord. At that time God’s promise to Abraham to bless all the families of the earth in him (Genesis 12:1–3) will be entirely and wholly fulfilled. **Zechariah 14:9** says, “**And the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.**”

These are reminders that one day Jesus will reign over all the nations. I believe we need those reminders today. We have problems that abound in our nation. Economic issues, inflation, deep polarization among politicians, our media, and people as a whole. We have attacks on long standing family and moral issues. There is often dishonesty in “high” places that trickles down to everyone. And talk of the upcoming elections with political figures pushing their own agendas.

As followers of Jesus we need to lift America before the Lord. It is important that we pray consistently for our nation. The Apostle Paul asks us to plead for God’s mercy and pray for our leaders. In **1 Timothy 2:1 – 4** he writes, “**First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**” God wants us to pray for our leaders even though many may not reflect Godly principles and values. God wants us to pray so that we can, “**...lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.**” God wants us to pray so that all can be “**...saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**”

Sometimes it is easy to think that our nation has fallen so far away that God Himself can’t return us to Him. Yet He can! We read in **2 Chronicles 7:14**, “**...and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and**

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seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

We have been greatly privileged and greatly blessed to live in a nation like ours. Yet we also know from history that nations have suffered and fallen because they did not honor God. I pray that we will take time this month to pray for America. I pray that we will remember those who have sacrificed their lives in battle and conflict in order to preserve our freedom. We can salute and thank those who gave of themselves for our nation. I thank God for those in our own church that served to preserve freedom for our country.

I thank God who gave us His Son, Jesus, so that we can find freedom in Christ. **Galatians 5:1** says, **“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.”** I thank God that we can be free from sin through the death of Christ and then liberated to live a life obedient and pleasing to the Lord.

Let’s take time to pray for our nation and that God would change our nation greatly.

Please know that I love you and desire that we all become more like Jesus.

Pastor Howard

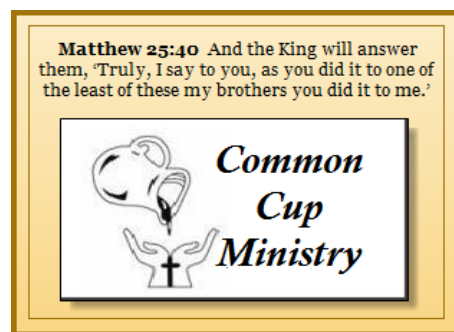
Ladies’ Fellowship

Ladies! Mark Your Calendars! You are invited to join us on Saturday, July 29th at 9:00 AM for Coffee and Muffins and a time of fellowship together.

Village Creek Bible Camp

Please be in prayer for our campers going to Teen Camp 2, July 23 – 29, Grades 7-11: Keaton Peik, Kolden Peik, Emma Zherdetsky, Makayla Douglas, Riley Paech, Wyatt Remington

Below are pictures from the June camps.



While it seems that summer has just started, school will start before we know it. Please watch for the upcoming Back to School display in the foyer. Common Cup is collecting back to school supplies starting in July for McLeod County students in need of school supplies. Please check out the display and see how you can help.



Common Cup would like us to continue collecting Pudding cups throughout the summer to build up the supply for the coming school year. Some of these supplies are also used to help feed children during the summer months. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



The All-Church Picnic will be at Northwoods Park (885 Elm St NE) after church on Sunday, July 16. Beverages, plates, cutlery, glasses and serving utensils will be provided. Families are asked to each bring a main dish. If your last name begins with A-O, please also bring a side dish. If your last name begins with P-Z, please also bring a dessert. Singles may bring an item of your choice. It is recommended to bring lawn chair, outdoor games and bug spray (there are no planned games). If you have any questions, contact Pamela Houk, Dawn Ashburn, Eileen Carter, Brenda VanDeSteege or Natalya Zherdetsky.



Neta Jackson is a successful author who has written a wide variety of books, both on her own and with her husband Dave. She is also the featured author in our library this month. In the library we have her Yada Yada House of Hope series as well as her Souled Out Sisters series. Find inspiration and entertainment in one of her novels this month!



Our Men’s Group is kicking off Saturday, July 1, 8:00 AM at the church. We will meet to fellowship, pray together, and decide what schedule and format works best for the group. Interested, but Saturdays don’t work for you? Contact Ben Sritesky at 320-535-1080.

Psalm 101-150

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Read Through the Bible

In 2023 we will be reading through the Bible using a portion from the Old and a portion from the New Testament each day.

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| 1. Job 20-21; Acts 10:24-48 | 9. Job 38-40; Acts 16:1-21 | 17. Ps 18-19; Acts 20:17-38 | 25. Ps 37-39; Acts 26 |
| 2. Job 22-24; Acts 11 | 10. Job 41-42; Acts 16:22-40 | 18. Ps 20-22; Acts 21:1-17 | 26. Ps 40-42; Acts 27:1-26 |
| 3. Job 25-27; Acts 12 | 11. Ps 1-3; Acts 17:1-15 | 19. Ps 23-25; Acts 21:18-40 | 27. Ps 43-45; Acts 27:27-44 |
| 4. Job 28-29; Acts 13:1-25 | 12. Ps 4-6; Acts 17:16-34 | 20. Ps 26-28; Acts 22 | 28. Ps 46-48; Acts 28 |
| 5. Job 30-31; Acts 13:26-52 | 13. Ps 7-9; Acts 18 | 21. Ps 29-30; Acts 23:1-15 | 29. Ps 49-50; Romans 1 |
| 6. Job 32-33; Acts 14 | 14. Ps 10-12; Acts 19:1-20 | 22. Ps 31-32; Acts 23:16-35 | 30. Ps 51-53; Romans 2 |
| 7. Job 34-35; Acts 15:1-21 | 15. Ps 13-15; Acts 19:21-41 | 23. Ps 33-34; Acts 24 | 31. Ps 54-56; Romans 3 |
| 8. Job 36-37; Acts 15:22-41 | 16. Ps 16-17; Acts 20:1-16 | 24. Ps 35-36; Acts 25 | |