



Youth Revival with Jeremiah Bolich was an incredible time of decision for our youth. Please continue to pray for those who made decisions to follow Christ and for those committing to a deeper walk with Him! Revival is NOT over, the seeds planted in their hearts need to be nurtured by our love, prayers, Biblical example and instruction. Praise to the Holy Spirit for His continuing presence and leading !

“Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ.”
Philippians 1:6



Pastor's Reflection

As we have been on a journey through the story of the first church, we see there was an absolute priority of sharing the "Good News" of Jesus Christ with any and all. Regardless of how the world sees someone, or how culture defines and classifies them, God desires that all would turn to him. Some will hear the message and reject it, some will need to hear more, and some will hear and believe. Ours is the task of sharing the story and the gift offered through Jesus.

But what is the "Good News" that anyone needs to hear? I believe it depends on the "bad news" in which we live each day. To the spiritually weak and broken, He offers grace and comfort. To those gripped in sin, He offers forgiveness and freedom. To those consumed by trials and pain, with no relief in sight, He offers a future and a hope. To those oppressed by worry and the world, He offers justice.

At the start of his earthly ministry, Jesus quoted Isaiah when he said, “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Luke 4:18-19).

The greatest news anyone will ever hear is that Jesus is alive and active, and He offers new life to all who will confess with their mouth and believe in their heart that he is Lord. This has been and always will be the Gospel we share.

Pastor Sean Hampton

There is a song we sing, “Break every Chain.” In this song, it says this: **There is an army rising up....** I believe it. Do you? This past week was youth zone revival. The challenge to our younger generation was “now is the time, take back your generation IN CHRIST. Be a trend setter. Be a leader.... For Christ.

The Holy Spirit is stirring our younger generation. As older Jesus Followers we get to stand with them. Our young people are rising up. They are rising up against gay/lesbian lifestyles, transgender lifestyles, abortion, witchcraft, pornography, and other forms of sin. Its real in their world. We teach them about the armor of God, but they struggle with how to wear it. They are asking the tough questions and they are not happy with gray answers.

I watched our teens this past week. Your teens. They are done with the circus show that the world puts on for them. They are craving the word. They are craving MORE. As a church, our challenge has been: Be Light and Bear Fruit. Are we setting the example that if we claim to be a peach tree.... we are producing peaches? If we claim to be a Jesus follower, are we producing such fruit?

Ezekiel 37: 12 *My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.”*

This generation: their bones are rattling. Christ is calling them out of the grave. There is an army rising up. We are called as Jesus Followers to set the example in love and truth. I challenge all of us to suit up! Put on the full armor of God. God's Army is calling...

Love, Pastor Shea



UPWARD soccer games begin Saturday, August 29th! Volunteers are still needed for concessions! There will be a meeting for coaches and refs on

Saturday, August 15th at 1:30 pm.

If you'd like to do a half-time devotional for the kids on a Saturday between August 29th and October 17th, please contact Greta Durkovic in the church office. You can give a testimony, share a favorite verse or Bible story, or be creative! The goal is to present the gospel clearly so children can come know Jesus as their Savior...and their parents too! We're excited to see what the Lord is going to do through UPWARD, come be a part of it!



PRAYER CONCERNS



Those suffering the loss of a loved one: Jim & Louise Flack

Those in Nursing Homes or Confined at Home: Bud Tanner, Jean Glotzbecker, Letha Long, Sandy Coachman, Betty & Earl Colby, Frank & Sue Taylor

Church Family Prayer Concerns: Jim McKee, Ruth Robertson, the Goehring Family, Annie Pae, Cole Hampton, Drake Brandjes, the Pavlovic family, Tom & Kathie Watts, Frank & Sue Taylor, Karl & Betty Williamson

Please join us as you are able on Fridays in corporate prayer and fasting. Remember our NCO District churches, pastors and Superintendent, Rev. Wendell Brown and his family.

Pray for all who have been exposed or are sick with COVID-19; that they would experience the healing touch of the Lord and draw closer to him.

Pray specific names of those who don't know the Lord personally, that the Lord would prompt them to seek Him, and for opportunities and boldness to clearly share the gospel.

Pray for our local, state and federal officials. That those who know the Lord and serve in government will hold fast to the word of God, resist temptation to compromise, and be a strong, courageous example of Christlikeness that draws many to Jesus.

**Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;
You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
Wash me and I will be whiter than snow.
Let me hear joy and gladness;
Let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
Hide your face from my sins
And blot out my iniquity.
Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
And grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.**

Psalm 51:6-12

**"I have been driven many times
upon my knees by the over-
whelming conviction that I had
nowhere else to go. My own
wisdom and that of all about
me seemed insufficient
for that day."**

- Abraham Lincoln

**"Because he loves me, " says the Lord,
"I will rescue him; I will protect him,
for he acknowledges my name.
He will call upon me and I will answer him;
I will be with him trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
With long life will I satisfy him
And show him my salvation."**

Psalm 91:14-16

CHURCH MISSION



WE ARE COLLECTING HYGIENE ITEMS to make back-to-school kits for our Whosoever Club kids. There's a box in the foyer for the following items: soap, deodorant, shampoo, feminine hygiene products and body spray. Thank you for making the start of the school year bright for these kids!



THE NAZCAR CRUISE-IN IS CANCELLED due to the size of the gathering, the logistics involved, and for everyone's safety. We plan to have the car show again on Saturday, September 11, 2021. We ask that you pass this information to any that participated in the past.



NOTABLES

MAILBOXES REORGANIZED in the Ministry Resource Office. The boxes are alphabetized by Board members, staff and ministries. There is also a miscellaneous box if you need to leave something for someone who is not in one of those categories. Be sure to check it out!



Our weekly grief seminar and support group, begins on **Tuesday,**

September 15th from 6:30-8:30 pm. This program runs for 13 weeks and is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from GriefShare, please pick up a brochure from the Welcome Center or visit <http://www.griefshare.org> for more information.



Sunday Evenings –
 6:30-8pm Youth Group at the church.

Wednesdays –
 6:30-8pm Hymns and Bible Study in the Sanctuary
 Children's Outdoor Activities

- 8/01 9-NOON UPWARD EVALUATION
- 8/02 FAITH PROMISE WITH DR. SPAULDING
- 8/08 9-NOON UPWARD EVALUATION
- 8/08 7:30AM MEN'S BREAKFAST
- 8/15 WHOSOEVER CLUB
- 8/15 1:30 PM UPWARD COACH & REF MEETING
- 8/29 UPWARD GAMES BEGIN

**Please note events are subject to change as needed.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- AUGUST 1 TERRY CRANE
- AUGUST 2 MIKE DUFOUR
- AUGUST 9 KELLY MCCONNELL
- AUGUST 12 BRAYDEN HALL
- AUGUST 13 JOE TAYLOR
- AUGUST 17 STEVE BARTONE
- AUGUST 18 ELISABETH ROCKWELL
- AUGUST 24 HAZEL STEIGERWALD
- AUGUST 27 BILL THOMAS
- AUGUST 31 PENNIE CANALES

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- AUGUST 1 MATT & ROBIN MCKEE
- AUGUST 5 DOUG & RUTH EDWARDS
- AUGUST 7 NATE & ELISABETH ROCKWELL
- AUGUST 12 TJ & NICOLE BRAESSLER
- AUGUST 17 ROBERT & CARRIE KENNEDY
- AUGUST 18 STEVE & JENNIFER BARTONE

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please notify the church office at 440-992-0246 so it can be added.

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I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes; first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel the righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last.
 Acts 1:16-17a

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 UPWARD Evaluation
2 Faith Promise 6:30 pm Youth Worship	3	4	5 6:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary/Children's Activities	6	7	8 Men's Breakfast UPWARD Evaluation
9 6:30 pm Youth Worship	10	11	12 6:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary/Children's Activities	13 7:00 pm Leadership Board Meeting	14	15 Whosoever Club UPWARD Coach & Ref meeting
16 Family Worship 6:30 pm Youth Worship	17	18	19 6:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary/Children's Activities	20	21	22
23 6:30pm Youth worship	24	25	26 6:30 pm Worship in the Sanctuary/Children's Activities	27	28	29 UPWARD Games
30 6:30pm Youth Worship	31					