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What did you say?

Recently Andy and I made our way to the cell phone store to replace his broken phone. As I sat across from the salesman I had trouble hearing what he was saying. I had to lean closer and cup my hands behind my ears to catch his words. As he explained our options I started to become frustrated because I wasn't hearing everything he was saying resulting in my lack of understanding the different plans available to us.

There were two basic problems working in this situation. The first problem in this situation was the salesman was speaking extremely soft and the second is I don't hear as well as I did at one time. Each of these problems separately doesn't really cause

major issues, but when the two intersect, look out! Problems develop, misunderstandings are created, frustration sets in, and with me I just wanted to walk out and go to a different store.

I have discovered that communication is the key to about everything, and when there is a lack of it major problems develop at astronomical speed. This is true in the world and it is especially true within the church.

When the communication lines breakdown between the leadership of the church and the congregation, problems are certain to develop. The solution to this comes from two directions. We need to speak a little louder and we need to listen

more attentively. As we function in the world and in the church we need to practice both.

The Bible is God's primary source of communication to the church. We need to all be a little more attentive and at times speak His truth a little bit louder. "He who has ears, let him hear."

What did you say?

Pastor Marvin



Worship & Music

Pastor Marvin's Upcoming Sermon Topics

August 1st – "Accepting Responsibility" Ruth 4

August 8th – Pastor John will be speaking

August 15th – Mission Speaker Jeff Bleijerveld

August 29th – Baptismal Service "Getting Caught" Romans 3: 21-26

August Helpers

First Service

Aug. 1st – Jennifer Hamrick, Bryan Sutton, Donna Foster, Chris Heitkamp and John Foster

Aug. 8th – Jerrold Eichenauer, Ben Schleucher, Sharon Davis, Marge Sill, Larry Worden and Ed Garver

Aug. 15th – Jerry & Connie Sell, Martha Baltzell, Jamie Pontsler, Bill Miller, and Jerry Sill

Aug. 22nd – Jerrold & Sue Eichenauer, Ben Schleucher, Ralph & Susan Moeller, and Ed Garver

Aug. 29th – Jennifer Hamrick, Bryan Sutton, John & Donna Foster, and Chris Heitkamp

Second Service

Aug. 1st – Same as first service

Aug. 8th – Mike & Candy Weitz, Adam & Lisa Williams, Bob Schumm, and Jim Sager

Aug. 15th – Same as first service

Aug. 22nd – Rob Hoe-

hamer, Bob Schumm, Linda Meyer, Johnnie & Billie Tullis, and Jim Sager

Aug. 29th – Same as first service

August Birthdays!!!

1st – Jenna Schleucher
Raegan Bransteter

2nd – Lori Burtch
4th – Keith Rutledge

6th – Brett Swygart
8th – Macy Henkle

9th – Dee Brewster
Greg Pontsler

14th – Lorie Beerbower
Misty Riley

15th – Margaret Felver
Johnnie Tullis

16th – Brooke Hoehamer
17th – Hollis Dilbone

18th – Herminie Williams
20th – Nicholas Hoehamer

21st – Betty Johnson
Seth Zimmerman

Wyatt Felver
26th – Brad Keller

29th – Tony King

Christian Education

Bible Travelers Ministry continues their journey through the Bible at 9:30 and 11:00 each Sunday morning. All children through 5th grade are encouraged to join us. Please note, however, that on the 5th Sunday, August 29th, the 1st - 5th grade children will worship with their parents in the sanctuary.

Bible Traveler Leaders for Aug. 9:30 Service

Aug. 1st – Sandy King/Marcia Koepfel

Aug. 8th – Connie Sell/Jenny Armstrong/Katy Sill

Aug. 15th – Bob & Barb Schumm

Aug. 22nd – Rick, Rachel & Jenna Schleucher

Aug. 29th – Children 1st - 5th grade in sanctuary

11:00 Service

Aug. 1st – Jill Williams/ Youth

Aug. 8th – Same as first service

Aug. 15th – Grady & Toni Hauter

Aug. 22nd – Jill Williams/ Youth

Aug. 29th – Same as first service

9:30 Service Nursery

Aug. 1st – Linda Schwartz, Shirley Pryer

Aug. 8th – Janice & Andrew Peel

Aug. 15th – Laura & Jenna Schleucher

Aug. 22nd – Katy Sill, Jane Smith

Aug. 29th – Sue Eichenauer, Merhanda Sager

11:00 Service Nursery

Aug. 1st – Donna Riley, Reagan Bransteter

Aug. 8th – Lorie Beerbower, Youth Helper

Aug. 15th – Julie Long, Bridget Brogan

Aug. 22nd – Pam & Madison Meyer

Aug. 29th – Barb Schumm



The Wired Youth Group

exists to win non-believing students to Jesus Christ making them disciples of Christ.

August is here. Summer is coming to a close which means school is imminent. This summer has been packed full of really meaningful events and trips and we've had so much fun experiencing these things together! I have been thinking a lot about our "experiences" together as a community. Wired Youth Group has been functioning as a faith community of adolescents for several years. How-

ever, with the last couple years that I've been involved, the depth of relationships, commitment to Christ and to one another continues to strengthen and deepen. It's a known struggle in youth ministries around the country to be relationship driven and not program driven.

We have programs in place, but it's not about the biggest, best, and fanciest, most state of the art youth parties and programs. It's all about the relationship we have with Christ and our relationship with each other,

and as a result our programs will grow. We have to provide something deeper and more meaningful than what the world is offering. Any place can offer teenagers video game systems, big screen TVs and flashy "stuff" but not every place offers an active relationship with a living God who cares about every single aspect of a young person's life. This is what Wired Youth Group is all about.

What are you wired to?
Pastor John

Congregational Care

"Back to School Bingo Night"

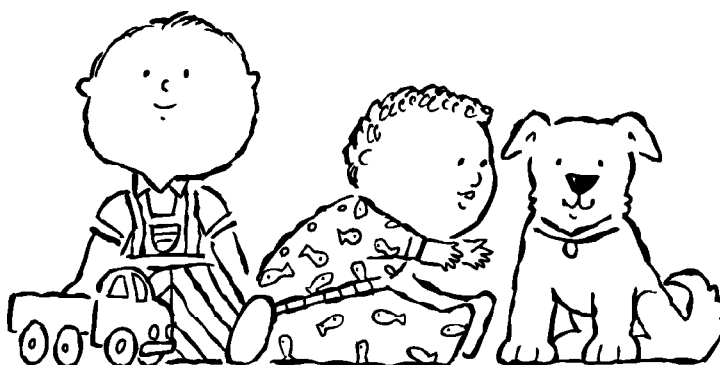
We would like to invite you to "Back to School Bingo Night", on Wednesday, August 18th, in the Family Life Center.

We will be assisting the Parkway Schools by collecting school supplies to help families in need. So please bring a favorite snack and also a school supply and join us for this fun, family event.

The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. with snacking and family fun free bingo will go from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Here is a list of school supplies that we will be collecting: glue sticks, tissues, pocket folders, sandwich size Ziploc bags, gallon size Ziploc bags, pencils, erasers, scissors, 24 count crayons, regular school glue, yellow highlighters, disinfectant wipes, paper towels, 24 count colored pencils, ruler, wide ruled spiral notebooks, small tip dry erase markers, red ink pens, loose leaf paper, large book covers.

Many stores now are having "Back to School" sales so this is a good time to buy.



IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Ben & Sara Laux on the birth of their son, Ezekiel Leon Laux.

Ezekiel was born on Tuesday, July 20th @ 3:20 p.m.

He weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Everyone is doing well and they are enjoying Ezekiel.

Congratulations also to Adam & Lisa Williams on the newest addition to their family, Obadiah Paul Williams.

Obadiah was born on Sunday, July 25th @ 4:50 a.m.

He weighed 8 pounds 1.1 ounce and was 21 1/4 inches long.



College Ministry

From the early days until present, our purpose has simply been to know Christ and to make Him known. On the college campus, our mission is this: to reach, disciple, and equip college students in the U.S. to know Christ and to make Him known through successive generations in all the nations. Our passions are Jesus and students, and we want to look at crowds the way Jesus did as fields ready to be harvested.

On campus, we see lost students who need to find the hope that comes from a relationship with Jesus Christ. We see students who need to grow in their walks with God. And we see the incredible potential of young men and women ignited for God and the huge impact they can make as workers in the spiritual harvest fields.



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Youth Mission Trip to Cincinnati

Know Sweat is all about God's Heart. Their Needs. And Your Service. Our youth group joined nearly 3,000 students across the nation in dedicating a week of their lives to service this summer. The last week of June 16 students and five adults from our youth ministry engaged hope in Cincinnati, OH. It was an incredible, life-changing week. We were encouraged to step out of our comfort zones and were stretched physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally as we served others.

Our youth group was responsible for the building renovations to the main office of the Urban Appalachian Council. UAC has four main directional goals: empowering individuals, strengthening families, developing communities, and reforming systems. They teach literacy to people of all ages, help academically struggling children with homework, and tutor teen and adult dropouts who are preparing for the GED exam. The UAC program also prepares participants for employment, allows students to gain skill to help them overcome barriers to employment and offers the opportunity for students to learn job retention skills.

I believe that I can speak on behalf of all of the students and adults - THANK YOU!!!! Thank you so much for your prayers, financial support, and morale support. You (the NHCC congregation) made it possible for us to serve and love others in this way

Pastor John

