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CONNECT

Following Jesus as we worship, connect, and serve together



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As Summer came to a close, I was counting down the days until school started, as I'm sure many parents were. Don't get me wrong, I love my kids and getting the chance to hangout with them more often during the Summer, but I am ready to get back to the routine and structure of the school year. This time of year also makes me think of my time back in school. The fun times I had, the dumb ways that I embarrassed myself, and the friendships that were created. I also think of how hard school was for me at times, both inside and outside of the classroom. As I reflect on the things I went through 20 years ago, I think about the kids of today and the struggles they are going to face this school year.

A couple of years ago, I was talking to a former student of mine and they were telling me about their frustrations and struggles. When I asked them if they had talked to their parents, they said they did and that their parents' response was "Nothing new under the sun." Which they did not find very encouraging. This is a reference to Ecclesiastes 1:9, which says "What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done; there is nothing new under the sun." I'm knocking these parents as I know that I've found myself saying something similar to this while talking to my own kids or my youth students, but we need to remember that while things like grades, assignments, bullies, teasing, etc. are things that have been around for a very long time, things are still very different for kids today in a lot of ways.

School especially has changed a lot from when I was a kid, and I'm sure when many of you were as well. The biggest aspect of this that I've seen is technology.

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Stay Connected

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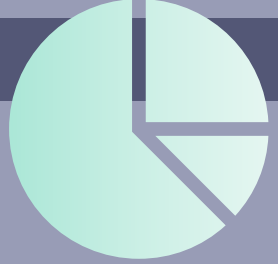
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July Giving Report

GENERAL FUND

• Revenue: \$38,473

Year-to-Date General Fund Budget Use: 39.12%

MISSION FUND

• Revenue: \$3,553

From The Pastor (continued)

I graduated high school in 2007, the year the first iPhone was introduced. Facebook was in its infancy back then as well. Instagram, snapchat, TikTok, YouTube, and many other social sites and apps weren't even a thought yet when I was a kid. I was never given a laptop by my school all the way through Sr. High. Meanwhile, last year my kindergartener and 3rd grader were both given a laptop to use for their school assignments. Now a days, kids can't go anywhere without having something in their pocket that keeps them connected to everyone else at all times. Gone are the days of leaving school at school, as technology and the internet has invaded our kids lives on a regular basis. All of those things that were struggles when I was kid were things I could leave behind once I got home. The kids of today do not have that luxury anymore.

Fortunately, we have a God who doesn't change and all the promises that we could hold onto when we were kids are the same ones the kids of today can hold onto. One of the biggest ones we can find is Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; in all your ways know him, and he will make your paths straight." No matter the obstacle that gets in the way of our kids, they can stand firm knowing that God already has a plan and as long as they trust Him, He will guide them to where they are meant to go.

Kids today still need our help! Here are seven verses that you can use to pray for our students as they enter a new school year. I encourage you to look them up and highlight them for use in your daily prayer:

- Courage: Joshua 1:9
- Obedience: James 4:7
- Confidence: Hebrews 10:35-36
- Endurance: Hebrews 12:1-2
- Wisdom: Proverbs 19:20
- Protection: 91:1-2
- Friendship: Proverbs 22:24-25

SEPTEMBER EVENT HIGHLIGHT

As we head into fall and the temperature begins to drop, our Women's Ministry is holding a bonfire for the entire family! Join us for roasted marshmallows, hot dogs, and a good time with friends! It will be held at the Crouse Family Farm on September 16th at 4p. We can't wait to see you there!



SEPTEMBER 2023

September Operation Christmas
Child Donations: *Miscellaneous*

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						01 02
	03	04	05	06	07	08 09
	Family Worship Communion 8:15a Prayer 10:25a Prayer 4p Sermon Talks	6:30p Men in the Word	7p Dart Ball	6:15a Prayer 6:30p Rock Solid 6p Youth Group	6a Zoom Prayer 7p Prayer	12p JOY Senior Luncheon
	10	11	12	13	14	15 16
	Move-Up Day 8:15a Prayer 10:25a Prayer	6p Love & Respect 6:30p Men in the Word		6:15a Prayer 6p Bike Night 6p AWANA Leader Training 6p Youth Group 6:30p Rock Solid	6a Zoom Prayer 7p Prayer	6p Next Steps 9:30a Grief Share 10a Books in the Bible 4p Family Bonfire
	17	18	19	20	21	22 23
	8:15a Prayer 10:25a Prayer 12:30p Next Steps Luncheon 4p Sermon Talks	6p Love & Respect 6:30p Men in the Word		6:15a Prayer 7a See You at the Pole 6p AWANA Leader Training 6p Youth Group 6:15p Changed by a Child	6a Zoom Prayer 7p Prayer	9:30p Grief Share
	24	25	26	27	28	29 30
	8:15a Prayer 10:25a Prayer 11a Membership Class	6p Love & Respect 6:30p Men in the Word		6:15a Prayer 6p AWANA 6p Youth Group 6:30p Rock Solid	6a Zoom Prayer 7p Prayer	9:30p Grief Share 6p Persecution