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You Are
Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

1st Morn. Worship 8 a.m.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
2nd Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
Wed. nights 6-7:30p.m.

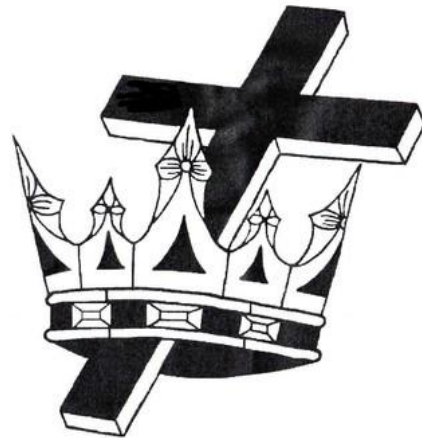
June

June 8th - VBS cookie donations due before VBS
Saturday June 11th, 10a.m. VBS closing program

Sunday June 12th after church MOVE group meeting
with the youth who are going to the conference
Sunday, June 12th, 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 14th, 6:30 p.m. Man Up group
Meeting
Wednesday, June 15th, 6:00 p.m. Summer Family
Night at the church, potluck with hotdogs and
hamburgers provided
Thursday, June 16th, 6:30 p.m. Soul Sisters Meeting

Sunday, June 19th - Pregnancy Resource Center baby
bottles due
Monday, June 20th, East LaMoine Camp Fellowship
at Versailles Christian Church

Different age groups will be camping at LaMoine
Camp June 7th -30th and Camp Emmanuel June 6th -
25th. Please be in prayer for a blessed and safe
camping season.



Thiner Baby Food Prep – come help prepare meals
for the Thiner family at the church from 9am until
done on July 9th.



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Love God, Serve God, Love Others, Serve Others

But **Seek** ye first the
kingdom of
God

and his righteousness; and all
these things shall be added
unto you . . .

Matthew 6.33

Growing up, I loved fortresses and chain mail, arrows and broad swords, dragons and drawbridges, siege towers and battering rams and just about anything related to castles and knights. I played for hours with my Lego knights and castle and searched for whatever types of swords and spears I could find to battle my brothers. When I read the ‘Chronicles of Narnia’, I was caught up into the language of battles and kings and queens. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the ‘Lord of the Rings’ trilogy, especially the elves and their mysterious ways. Even now, I sometimes play with my kid’s knights and castle Imaginex toys, and occasionally I’ll even let them play with me!

There is just something about that kingdom imagery that I am drawn toward. And that’s one of the reasons I love the language that Jesus uses about the kingdom of God. The Gospels (Matt, Mark, Luke & John) use the word ‘kingdom’ nearly 100 times, most of which are Jesus’ words describing God’s kingdom. To me that suggests this kingdom is an important part of what Jesus wants us to know about. Jesus tells us in a few short verses that:

‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field’ (Matt 13.24),

‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field’ (Matt 13.31)

‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough’ (Matt 13.33).

Now those are some unusual metaphors, but each one helps us to better understand what the kingdom of God will look like. However, the questions that remain are how and when does the kingdom look like that?

I think the best way for me to answer the question is that God’s kingdom is here, but it’s not fully here. There are bits and pieces of his kingdom found in his people and in his communities, but we can’t completely see his kingdom this side of heaven. But I also think that by telling us what the kingdom will

look like, Jesus is encouraging us to find ways to help it to look like that. I believe that, as followers of Christ, we can help bring his kingdom here on earth more fully through our attitudes and actions.

The key is beginning to fully understand and appreciate what Jesus is describing and trying to live it out in our daily lives. So, I encourage all of us to take some time and read Jesus’ words about the kingdom of God and see how we can make that more fully part of the world around us.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

During this summer, Matthew will be out of the office for the following dates:

Family Vacation: June 18th to June 23rd
MOVE (Youth Conference): June 27th to July 2nd
4th Grade Camp: July 5th to 8th
Conference (NACC): July 12th to 16th

If there is an emergency, you can contact Matthew (507-360-2405) but also please contact a church elder: Bill Palmer (309-333-1425), Tom Stevens (309-252-1921), Steve Trone (309-224-8232) or Don Watson (309-221-4729).

Summer Camp

June 7th-August 4th, Different age groups will be camping at LaMoine Camp. Please be in prayer for a blessed and safe camping season. Check Weekly Bulletin prayer list for children attending each week.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

We are collecting money for the Pregnancy Resource Center in Rushville to help a pregnant woman choose life for her baby. Please return the filled bottle (with coins and/or bills) no later than June 19th, Father’s Day. Thank you

The Soul Sisters

The Soul Sisters met May 19th at 6:30 p.m. with 10 ladies present. Secret sister fact sheets were filled out. We drew for a “Secret sister” at the end of the evening.

The raffle baskets were put together for the LaMoine Christian Camp Kick-off. We put together two baby themed baskets - one for a boy and one for a girl.

We did a little cleaning and sorting in the church basement. One of our members has graciously been working on new curtains for the basement windows. Be sure to take a look - little changes can make a BIG difference.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. We invite ALL ladies to join us ~Judy!

Offering and Attendance for May

date	1 st	S.S.	2 nd	offering	offering needed
1 st	17	28	75	\$1,965.00	\$1,685.56
8 th	19	25	75	\$2,707.24	\$1,685.56
15 th	15	36	79	\$1,671.01	\$1,685.56
22 nd	17	30	55	\$752.17	\$1,685.56
<u>29th</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>\$1,566.00</u>	<u>\$1,685.58</u>

Totals 70 150 296 \$7,353.55 \$8,4237.82

Youth offering on the 29th was: \$808.00

LCSC Camp Details

Campers	15
Church Payments	\$1,071.00
<u>Camp Sponsors</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
Total Cost	\$771.00

Prayer list (6/5/2016)

Linda Allen - cancer, prayers for emotional and physical peace

Olivia Anaganostopolus - cancer

Donald Anderson - mass on kidney, surgery May 26th, Pam S. brother-in-law

Julie Anderson - breast cancer Pam S. sister (5/22/16)

Doris Baker – Alzheimer’s, fractures, seizures

Mike Bankes - cancer

Patricia Barnes - heart attack, at OFS Sharon Jones’ niece (6-2-16)

Denise Belville - continued health issues

Joyce Belville’s niece, JoAnn is having a brain tumor removed

Nellie Bucher - recovery of broken femur, at the Elms, Pam S. aunt

Jim Comstock - had a stroke (3-16), 1 side paralysis

Hurley Crossman - biopsy kidney tumor (12-13-15)

Linda Danner - continued healing on arm

Nicole Elliott - air conditioner repair, need parts

Sharon Griffith - heart

Tim & Linda Hamblin - house to rent

Sharon Harris – continued breathing issues (5-22-16)

Rick Heller - kidney transplant recovery (5-22-16)

Pam Klinebough - prayers for a job and friend Shelly

Pam Klinebough - lawn mower repair

Holly Kolves - seizures, other health concerns (5-22-16)

Jim Lascelles- health, more surgery

Christy Lehman - knee surgery went well, home recovering (5-8-16)

Terry Lehman - cancer

Laurie Martin - Lung Transplant recovery, home soon

Shirley Molenbruck - heart attacks, not doing well (Kay Mathewson’s mother-i-l)

Dan Palmer - chemo treatments, tests show more tumors (4-24-16)

Rodney Parks - skin graphs (6-5-16)

Brenda Reynolds - surgery recovery (2-21-16)Jody

Dean’s sister-in-law

Joel Rittenhouse (4-10-16)

Alan Snyder - personal

Phillip Thomas - eye problem

Brian VanBevern - sinus surgery recovery 5-22-16

Chris VanBevern - MRI for torn shoulder, work, light duty, personal issues. Pamela C’s brother(5-22-16)

Judy Wilson - needs kidney transplant

Special Prayers:

Prayers for the end of cancer

Prayers for VBS this week

Prayers for Camp LaMoine’s just for girls camp, June 7th - 10th , Erin Elliott

Prayers for Camp Emmanuel’s youth camp, June 5th - 11th , Ashley Weiss. Cynthia Skiles, Kirstin Davis

CIY MOVE conference - Matt, Marci, Ashley, Andrew, Maddy

Condolences:

Dale McCurdy family

Praise:

Greg Gaither - scan came back clear

Anita Watson, Don’s s-i-l, cancer free at this time!

Betty C. has a new great-great-granddaughter!

Brenda Fawcett treatments done, Lori R.’s mom

Nyda Adcock - gained five pounds

Keith Weinmann - back to work

Please let Matthew or Marcia know prayer list updates. Thank you

