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You Are
Welcome At
Our Services!
Sunday
Morning Worship.....9 a.m.
Sunday School10:30 a.m.

June

- Sun., June 11th -10:00 a.m. Sanctuary Dedication
-12:00 p.m. All Church Cookout at Hamblin's
- Sat., June 17th - Camp Cooking
- 5:00 p.m. - 12 a.m. Peoria Chiefs Family Night(for ticket holders)
- Sun., June 18th - Happy Father's day
Baby Bottles for the Pregnancy Resource Center are due today
-Congregational meeting after worship service
- Mon., June 19th -6:00 p.m. Camp Fellowship at Versailles Christian Church

*Dates and times are subject to change.
Please check your weekly bulletin for updates.*

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Blogger Matt Walsh wrote recently, “John Henry Newman once suggested that our attitude towards church is a pretty good indication of how much we really desire Heaven, and how much we’d actually enjoy it if we went there”(http://www.theblaze.com/contributions/matt-walsh-you-might-not-want-to-go-to-heaven).

I encourage you to take a moment and consider that statement. In fact, I encourage you to take the next day to constantly consider that statement and you’ll be about where I am right now. What do you think? Is our experience of the church and our attitude towards it going to be how we feel about heaven? Whether you agree with this statement or not, it begs the questions: what is our attitude toward the church?

Now, we can look at this a few different ways. Does he mean the Sunday morning service? Does he mean the building and structure of the church? Or does he mean, like the New Testament describes, the people who make up the church? But even then, does he mean a particular church or the church as a whole?

But any way you slice it, we all have a view of the church and that view is important. There are many in our culture who say they love Jesus but don’t want anything to do with the church. And I don’t blame them in some ways. Jesus was and is perfect. He loved perfectly and gave his life in order to restore a relationship with us. What’s not to love? And the church; A whole group of imperfect, naturally selfish, people who repeatedly hurt each other and fall short of their own standards. What’s to love about that?

But...we need those relationships. We need those others around us. We can’t live this life with just Jesus and me because

that is incredibly lonely, more difficult and goes against what Jesus showed and taught.

Jesus didn’t go it alone. He chose 12 close followers and 3 really close followers. He taught all about living in relationship with others and how to work stuff out and even spent a significant amount of time praying for his future followers to be united (John 17). To attempt to navigate this world, especially attempting to follow Jesus in this world, is impossible to do it well when we’re alone.

And it’s not always easy, but it’s worth it. In fact, when we don’t feel like being involved or connected to others is probably when we need it the most.

And I don’t know if our view of the church reveals how much we’ll enjoy heaven, but I know that a lot of the same people in the church will be in heaven with me some day. So right now might be a good time to start preparing for eternity with them.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

The Parsonage needs an Upgrade

There will be a congregational meeting on June 18th following our worship service to vote on upgrades to the parsonage. The board has approved, via the improvement committee’s recommendation, that Cameron Construction be contracted to do \$32,000 worth of updates to the minister’s home. This amount exceeds the current bid and allows for flexibility in unforeseen expenses. We expect that the final cost will be below this amount. There are sufficient funds to cover these expenses in the donation given for building improvements as well as the fund from the sale of the Roosa property. Please see a board member with any questions. Quotes and details of updates from Cameron Construction are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please prayerfully

consider this decision. Thank you.

St. Jude Stop

The current structure of the stop in Astoria for the St. Jude’s runner is changing. We are looking for someone to help lead the cause here in Astoria. Please let Matthew know if you are interested or have questions.

We have 21 kids going to camp LaMoine this summer and 3 youth going to MOVE conference! Thank you so much for your donations and efforts to allow this many to experience camp from our church. In a continued investment of these students, will you please pray for them during their time at camp and MOVE? Here is a list of who and when they are going:

Overnighters 1	(6/9-6/10) – Xander Thiner (Matthew), Madalyn Carlock (Pamela), Jerzi Clark (Ledena)
High Teen Niners	(6/11-6/16) – Jerious Hammond
MOVE	(6/18-6/23) – Tyler Graham
	(6/26-7/1) – Jerious Hammond, Ashley, Eli and Marci Weiss, Matthew Thiner
Overnighters Junior 1	2 (7/3-7/4) – Kynley Mitchell (7/9-7/14) – Jude Thiner, Larissa Carlock, Addison Briggs, Jonah Shaw, Matthew, Missy Shaw
Junior High 2	(7/16-7/21) – Adam Prather, Grayson Spires, DJ Ratcliff, Kynlee Stambaugh
Day Camp 2	(7/22) – Silas Thiner, Charlotte Elliott, Brooke Sherrod, Matthew Thiner
Junior 2	(7/23-7/27) – Tanner Graham, Caden Mitchell, Ben Sherrod, Kooper Jones

Prayer List

(5/2/2017)

Donald Anderson - cancer treatment (10-16)
Doris Baker – Alzheimer’s
Denny Belville – awaiting surgery (4-6)

Leroy Bollinger - not doing well (3-19)
Jerry Bubb - fractured neck (5-7)
Mike Busby – radiation treatments
Justin Cozad - battling cancer
Hubert Cripe – hospital in Rushville
Jack Danner - hospice (12-16)
Linda Danner – fell again, broken arm
Mike Davis – ICU, moved to private room
Brenda Fawcett - surgery recovery (5-30)
Todd Hamm - cancer surgery, treatments (2-5)
Danny Jones - prostate cancer, Pet scan May 26th showed cancer wasn’t as severe as thought-treatments locally
Frankie Jones - health issues (5- 14)
Leonard Kaufman - cancer (10-16)
John Moose - surgery recovery (3- 22)
Sharron Musson - tests 3-19
Gerald Nelson - cancer in bones, chemo (1-1)
Dan Palmer - infection in the body, on antibiotics
Karen Sager - radiation (1-17)
Tammy Smith - white blood count issues /surgery (2-5)
Linda Schneider – cancer treatments

Praise:

Laurie Martin - positive report 101% lung function
Rachel Koenig - Healthy baby (in May)
Joyce Belville - great grandson Declan Llewellyn son of Jessica and Brandon – additional prayers for weight loss (May 19th)
Gary and Rosemary Hulett 50th anniversary in May
Charlotte Elliott – annual scans went well

Condolences: family of Betty Bucher
Nancy Butler’s son passed away (5-21)

Attendance/Offering March					
Date	1 st	S.S.	2 nd	Offering	Needed
7	22	26	48	\$1,399.00	\$1,636.41
14	20	26	55	\$947.00	\$1,636.41
21	18	39	61	\$1,343.45	\$1,636.41
28	23	26	39	\$1,897.00	\$1,636.41
Totals	83	117	203	\$5,586.45	\$6,545.64
Averages	20	29	50		