

Often, we hate labels. Which is why we can now buy t-shirts without labels (tags) on them. Right? Well, those labels are annoying, too, but the labels we especially hate are the ones that others have placed on us. We don't mind labeling ourselves as much, but if someone else tries to do it for us, we often get a little defensive or even angry.

And to avoid labels is a reason we often don't speak up. We remain quiet and reserved, even when we are opposed to another person's idea or thoughts, because we don't want to be labeled in some way. And I think this is especially true for our culture today. We as Christians tend to not say much about the state of our culture and the choices of others except behind closed doors with others who agree with us. Ultimately, none of us want the label of 'judgmental' or 'self-righteous'.

I'm not saying we should be judgmental or self-righteous by any means. And I'm not proposing that we get into people's faces or become moral police to our family and friends. However, I find myself not saying what I see as right and wrong, even when it's based on what God says, because I don't want to come across as judgmental. And obviously, there is balance here, but so much of our fear is dictated by a wrong understanding of what it means to be judgmental and self-righteous. Those terms in our culture have become less about their Webster definition and mean simply "a moral stance or criticism that makes me feel uncomfortable about myself" (Matt Walsh). And the hesitation to stand up for what we believe is understandable knowing that

assumption. But I also believe that not standing up for what we believe and the truth we find in what God has said can be equally damaging to us and others.

So, where's the balance? I don't know that I have a definite line drawn, but I know that God repeatedly teaches us to be humble. To see in ourselves the sin and the shortcomings that we face (see Matthew 7) and to hate it is where we need to start. But it also means we know what God's standard is and seek to live that out in our own lives. Modeling his love and grace to others, but being willing to express our stance and even criticism of sin in loving ways is also a part of being followers of Christ. So, I encourage us to love well, standing up for what we believe in and not allow fear of labels to keep us from sharing our faiths or what we believe.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

Summer Camp

Matthew is the dean of the week of Junior 1 (July 8-13) at LaMoine Christian Camp this year. We are taking several campers and a couple adults with us from our church and wanted your help, too. In order to bless those who are volunteering their time that week, we'd like to bring snacks and treats for them to enjoy throughout the week. If you'd be willing to bake or buy some simple snacks that could be grabbed and taken on the run, we would appreciate it. Examples would be cookies, bars, Skittles or licorice. Again, desserts that can be eaten with fingers are preferred, nothing that

needs a fork, please! Bottles of water are also good.

Please let Matthew know if you'd like to bring something and have them here by the morning of Sunday, July 8th. Matthew especially likes homemade frosted sugar cookies and Skittles... *wink*wink. Thanks for supporting the camp in this way!

Open Board Meetings

As of our May board meeting, the board has now decided to open the board meeting to any member of the congregation who wishes to attend. Attendees must follow the board guidelines. They must be placed on the agenda by letting an elder know prior to the meeting if they have an item they'd like discussed.

VBS Supplies

VBS this summer is on **June 11th – 15th**. We will still meet from 9-11:30am and follow a similar format to past years. If you're interested in helping, please let Matthew know. For VBS this year, we're asking for the following items: (1) regular sized 'soup' cans without lids, (2) various sizes of plastics lids (from milk jugs, water & soda bottles, etc), and (3) empty paper towel and gift wrapping rolls. Please have these items to the church by July 10th. Please pray for God to use this program as he desires as well. Thanks!

Baby Bottles

The Baby Bottle Boomerang is returning again this year. You can still pick one up at the church and return it on Father's Day (June 17th). Filling up these baby bottles with loose change and cash is a great way to support the Rushville Pregnancy Center.

May Finances

	Weekly Actual	Yearly Actual	Yearly Budget
May 6	\$1,170.00	\$27,164.85	\$28,759.68
May 13	\$707.00	\$27,871.85	\$30,357.44
May 22	\$1,631.00	\$29,502.85	\$31,955.20
May 27	\$1,149.99	\$30,652.84	\$33,552.96
Totals	\$4,657.99		

June Prayer List

Beckie Beaird (Laurie M's friend) – colon cancer surgery (4-15)
 Denny Belville – no insurance, in need of surgery (8-6)
 Sheila Belville – diabetes – possible foot amputation (5-27)
 Shelly Claxton – cancer (Pam K's friend) (12-24)
 Cory Chockley – health issues & job (4-22)
 Marilyn Groff – fell, broke leg (5-27)
 Todd Hamm - cancer treatments (7-30)
 Doris Harper (Cindy M's mom) – hospice (4-15)
 Ruth Hurt (Paul Morris' daughter) – breast cancer, surgery (5-27)
 Renee Kagel - tests
 Leonard Kaufman - cancer (10-16)
 Gloria Lapping (Pam Carlock's mother) – serious health issues (4-29)
 Laurie Martin – blood clot, port removed (5-6)
 Bruce Mercer – upcoming surgery (4-15)
 Margaret Miller – stints and recovery (4-15)
 Bob Mummert – infection, future work on kidneys (5-6)
 Kevin & Denise Owsley – health issues (5-20)
 Sarah Shriver – broken foot (5-20)
 Marissa – cancer (Letha Stambaugh's friend) (11-5)
 Karen (Jones' friend) – cancer treatments (4-22)

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Sunday

Morning Worship.....9 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

June Events:

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| Sat, June 2 nd | 10:00 a.m. Camp Open House |
| Sun, June 3 rd | Following Sunday school, mission trip meeting |
| Sun, June 3 rd | 6:30 p.m. Leadership Development |
| Sun, June 10 th | 12:00 p.m. All Church Picnic @ Hamblin's |
| Sun, June 10 th | 3:00 p.m. Camp Cooking |
| Sun, June 10 th | 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting |
| Mon, June 11 th -
Friday, June 15 th | 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. VBS |
| Fri, June 15 th | 7:30 p.m. Movie in the Park - Macomb |
| Sun, June 17 th | 4:30 p.m. Youth Committee |
| Mon, June 18 th | 6:00 p.m. Camp Fellowship – Versailles |
| Wed, June 20 th | 11:30 a.m. Picnic in the Park @ Hughes Prk |
| Wed, June 27 th | 11:30 a.m. Picnic in the Park @ Hughes Park |



**Happy
Father's
Day**

The righteous
man walks in
his integrity;
**His children
are blessed
after him.**

PROVERBS 20:7