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Birthdays & Anniversaries

March

1st- Kim Chaney
19th- Troy Drayer
22nd- Amanda Drayer
24th- Joyce Leinbach

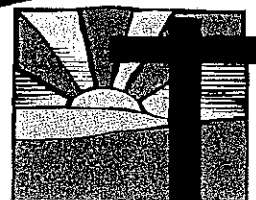
April

1st- Brent McAfee
3rd- Don Weaver
11th- Betty Johnson
12th- Erick & Jessica Kahn
19th- Aubree Horne
29th- Doris Emley



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He Has Risen... He has Risen Indeed!!



Each morning, Grandpa was up early sitting at the kitchen table reading from his old worn-out Bible. His grandson who wanted to be just like him tried to imitate him in any way he could. One day the grandson asked, 'Papa, I try to read the Bible just like you but I don't understand it, and what I do understand I forget as soon as I close the book. What good does reading the Bible do?'

The Grandfather quietly turned from putting coal in the stove and said, 'Take this old wicker coal basket down to the river and bring back a basket of water.' The boy did as he was told, even though all the water leaked out before he could get back to the house.

The grandfather laughed and said, 'You will have to move a little faster next time,' and sent him back to the river with the basket to try again. This time the boy ran faster, but again the old wicker basket was empty before he returned home. Out of breath, he told his grandfather that it was 'impossible to carry water in a basket,' and he went to get a bucket instead.

The old man said, 'I don't want a bucket of water; I want a basket of water. You can do this. You're just not trying hard enough,' and he went out the door to watch the boy try again.

At this point, the boy knew it was impossible, but he wanted to show his grandfather that even if he ran as fast as he could, the water would leak out before he got far at all. The boy scooped the water and ran hard, but when he reached his grandfather the basket was again empty. Out of breath, he said, 'See Papa, it's useless!'

'So you think it is useless?' the old man said. 'Look at the basket.'

The boy looked at the basket and for the first time he realized that the basket looked different.

Instead of a dirty old wicker coal basket, it was clean. 'Son, that's what happens when you read the Bible. You might not understand or remember everything, but when you read it, it will change you from the inside out.'

The Vision/Evangelism Committee met on February 15th to begin making plans for 2012. The meeting began with a review of the Committee's first year (2011) accomplishments. Those included: (1) Welcome Bags, (2) One Post Card Mailing, (3) Family Movie Night, (4) Outdoor Concert, (5) Trunk or Treat, (6) Faith Circle, (7) Participation in Community Easter Egg Hunt, (8) Shut-in visits, and (9) Development of Vision Statement.

The meeting continued with discussion of plans for 2012. Those included: (1) Continue/replenish Welcome Bags, (2) Family Movie Night, (3) Outdoor Concert, (4) Trunk or Treat, (5) Faith Circle, (6) Community Easter Egg Hunt, (7) Bring a Friend Sunday, (8) More post card mailings, (9) More shut-in visits, (10) Get people more involved, (11) Improve outreach to new people, and (12) Improve contact with absent members of the Congregation.

The V/E Committee plans to meet again before Easter. If you have any ideas or thoughts that you would like the Committee to consider, please let one of the Committee members know.

February Budget Summary	February Actual	February Budget	February Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	6,923.61	4,012.58	2,911.03	10,110.41	8,025.16	2,085.25
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	3,505.37	3,957.08	451.71	8,862.52	7,914.17	(948.35)
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	3,418.24	55.50		1,247.89	110.99	

A note from the parsonage...

Galatians 6:2

Carry each other's burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Words cannot express our love and gratitude to our church friends and family. You have encouraged us with cards, food, prayers, monetary gifts, phone calls and text messages. We have felt your support and know that we could have not walked this road without each of you. We thank God for all His blessings. The surgery went well and now we are on the road of healing.

We love our church family so much. The check we received last week was overwhelming. We have used it for gas, hotel stays and upcoming medical bills. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. It is an honor to be a part of this community and church family.

Love, Pastor Troy and Mindy

Confessions of a Single Girl, living in a small town

On Friday, March 23, I will be heading to Destin, Florida, with 240 high school kids from Adams and Wells counties. I will be chaperoning the Youth For Christ/Campus Life annual spring break trip. I'm really not sure what I've gotten myself into...I've been volunteering with Campus Life at Southern Wells High School for 3 years. I'm going to be honest...high school kids scare me. Give me a day old baby or a 3 year old and I'm the most confident person in the world. Give me a sophomore in high school and I'm terrified. However, after 3 years of being around these crazy, yet adoring high schoolers, some of the terror has gone away. These high school kids aren't much different than toddlers. All they want is love and positive attention. And you know what?? I can give them that. I may not know the right words to give them when they are hurting and feeling alone. High school kids are dealing with way more serious stuff than I ever did in high school. I can't fathom going through the experiences that they have dealt with. But I don't have to let that scare me away from being a positive influence in their lives. Dear church family, please pray for me and the entire group of campus life as we head to Florida for spring break. I ask that you pray for the staff members as well as the other volunteers. Pray that Jesus can shine through us and that the students going will have open hearts. Pray for safety and traveling mercies. Thank you for your never-ending love and support!! (Part 2 will come next month to let you know how I survived :))

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Upcoming Events and Opportunities!!

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| <i>March 24</i> | <i>Faith Circle at 2:00 pm at Connie Hix's home</i> |
| <i>April 1</i> | <i>Palm Sunday - Children will be sharing during worship</i> |
| <i>April 5</i> | <i>Maundy/Thursday service at 7:00pm at the church</i> |
| <i>April 6</i> | <i>Good Friday Service at Prospect at 6:30pm</i> |
| <i>April 7</i> | <i>Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am in the yard behind the church.</i> |
| <i>April 7</i> | <i>Stations of the Cross from 8:00 to 4:00pm at the church</i> |
| <i>April 8</i> | <i>Easter morning Breakfast at 8:00am</i> |
| <i>April 8</i> | <i>Easter morning Worship at 9:00am.</i> |