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From the Pulpit

When the early pioneers traveled west they would choose an object of geography to give direction to their journey. Hence Chimney Rock in Nebraska, or Pike's Peak in Colorado became rather famous objects for direction. But there was the priority of day to day travel in the plains that sought simple objects like a grove of trees, or a city water tower, or a high point that could be easily distinguished. As the church we know to follow scripture. Jesus is our direction. These clearly stand out. We know that we are to be light/righteous in a very dark time. We seek as individuals to be obedient to the will of God. Like our ancestors though, we need simple objectives for our daily journey. Many of these objectives become the things scheduled and publicized for our church family.

Leadership tends to influence the nature of those priorities. Leadership seeks to communicate clearly the vision behind those priorities. Leadership disciplines the relationships and church family that will embrace the call of God. The writer of Hebrews (13:17) knew the urgency of leadership and admonishes the first century church to "Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

February 16th & 17th several of our leaders will gather in retreat to dialogue about the day to day priority of vision. We will gather at Maranatha Retreat Center overnight to pray, fellowship and discern the vision to come. Pray for our leaders as they gather. If you would like to come, talk with me soon as arrangements can be made. Finally, just as Hebrews (13:7) says, "Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

Thank you to the many men and women who serve and have served as leaders to our church family. Your vision has been the guiding light of our church family for decades. Thank you.

C U Sunday,

Bill



WHO IS ON YOUR LIST TO INVITE THIS WEEK TO JOIN YOU IN A BIBLE CLASS? Sunday morning groups meet at 9:30 AM to examine, discuss and share God's Word. Hope, direction and help for our every day challenges are shared. You adults also have some mid-week classes nearly every Wednesday night, and, every First and Third Thursdays of the month. Check out the *Soul Sisters* and *Cord Brothers* schedules.

SEEKERGEN, for teens (Middle School and High School) enjoy some great times most Sunday evenings, beginning at 5:30 pm. **LITTLE TREE MINISTRIES** for your children (Preschool through 5th grade) meet Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall. Join us in learning more about God's love and grace for each of us.

BRING YOUR SINGING TALENT TO CHOIR AND USE IT FOR GOD. Join the team on Sunday nights at 5:00 pm in the sanctuary for some fun, challenge and unity as we develop our praise for God. Please join our practices as we prepare an Easter cantata filled with medleys of familiar songs. Come give us a try. NO CHOIR PRACTICE ON FEB. 4TH. Practice on Feb. 11th will begin at 4:45 pm.

Encourage your fellow church members to improve our testimony for Jesus. Be a light and good example that will lead others to knowledge of their Redeemer and salvation.

Singers and musicians are welcome at all services. Speak with the worship leader of the service you would like to help with. Honor Jesus with your desire and talents.

Because of Jesus,
David Rorabaugh

Disciple Makers Nepal Adopt - An - Evangelist



Adopt an evangelist with Disciple Makers Nepal. Nepal is a country of about 30 million people, with only 3% who are Christian. Since 2001, Disciple Makers has been working in Nepal to establish indigenous, self-sustaining and self-reproducing churches with a goal of 1,000 churches by the end of the year 2020. More information is in the church West Entry.



We Rejoice
in the recent
Baptisms
of
Dominic Zermeño and
Susan Shepherd.

“Bring a Friend Sunday” is Sunday, March 25. Plan now to have a friend join you at Sunday School and in Worship on this day. Let’s see how many new faces we can bring!



VBS 2018 will be July 29 through August 3 from 5:30 to 8:30 each evening. The first fundraising Bake Sale is scheduled for Sunday,

February 11 between services in both buildings. The next VBS meeting will be Sunday, February 25 at 1:30 pm in the Church Parlor. If you would like to participate in the planning of VBS you are invited to attend this meeting.



The Valentine's Youth Benefit Dinner will be Sunday, February 11. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$12 each or \$24 per couple. Find a young person for your ticket!!

New members, new attenders, new phone numbers and new addresses. It is time for an update to our church directory!! We are just updating addresses and phone numbers, not pictures. Please fill out an update form sometime within the next four weeks for your changes to be included in the 2018 FCC Directory. Update forms are available at the Welcome Centers in both the Parlor and the Fellowship Hall.



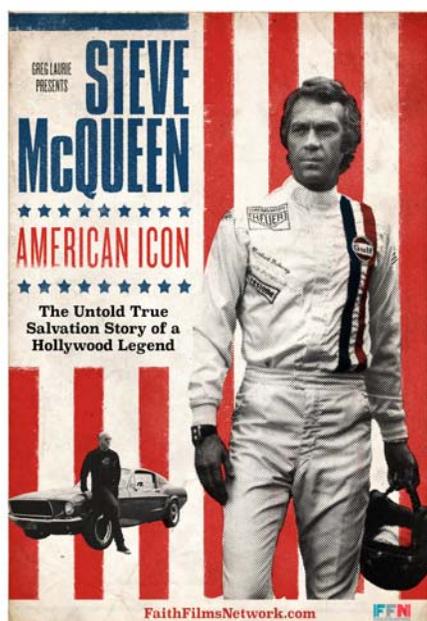
VBS Bake Sale - Sunday, February 11 in the Church Parlor and in the Fellowship Hall. If you can provide homemade baked goods for our sale, please sign up in your Sunday School classroom, in the parlor or in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to stock up for your Valentine's Day festivities!

Soul Sisters Women's Bible Study

“The Women of Easter”

by Liz Curtis Higgs

Begins Thurs. Feb. 15, 6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



C.O.R.D. Brothers

1st & 3rd
Thursdays
6:30 pm

Youth
Center

Saturday with Soul Sisters... a One Day Bible Study of “You Make Me Crazy” by Rick Warren. Saturday, February 24 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you were not able to attend the regular Thursday night meetings of Soul Sisters or missed some of this study, here is your chance to see it all. The study books are \$9.00. If you need a book, please call the church office at 417-667-3540 by Friday, February 16 to let us know if you need one.



To help support our local Community Outreach Food Pantry we are collecting non-perishable food and dry goods.

A box is in the parlor for collection.

Suggested February products are: Canned tuna, canned veggies, canned fruit, jelly, pancake mix, pancake syrup, peanut butter.

Anyone needing a ride to Sunday School/ Church in our vans, please let us know by calling the church office at 667-3540 by noon on Friday.

