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From the Pulpit

A Partnership made for Heaven

“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20

In the late 1980's it was a mission partnership born of desire. A family was seeking support to go to eastern Africa and this church family was following the call of Christ to “Go and make disciples.” Both were grounded in the desire to do God's will. The Woods family made it to Kenya and through the years their ministry expanded to several other countries in eastern Africa. This church family continued to support them even through the history changing events that happened here: still grounded in desire to do God's will.

This partnership was fueled with the desire to do God's will. Many are the times we as church family would pray for the varied needs and events happening in Africa. Many are the times that Gary and Judy would stop and share of the work, or reach out asking us to think of them. Our partnership has spanned decades and truly is a symbol of our ongoing desire to serve the will of God.

Now, the Woods' children have scattered to other corners of the globe. They are following calls to ministry in a variety of ways. While the younger generation responds to God, the older generation of Gary and Judy have returned to Oregon. Ministry takes on a new dimension in several ways this 30 plus years later.

We will celebrate the ministry partnership with Gary and Judy on July 7th at 6:00 pm over ice cream and cake. We will celebrate their devotion and their new direction. They will be here, and they asked to share this celebration of life with us. I would urge you to come and hear the details. Come and talk with them of memories, family, and our ongoing desire to serve God. I would also ask you to bring a card or drop it by the office saying thank you for their devotion to Jesus.

C U Sunday,
Bill



HALF OF 2018 IS GONE! That means we are six months closer to meeting Jesus face to face and receiving His final blessings. But until His return, we still have a lot of work to do in sharing the Good News of life with Him. Let's work together for the glory of our Master!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS FOUR WEEKS AWAY. Come to the meeting for all workers on July 1st at 1:30 pm in the parlor. Contact Gage or myself if you haven't volunteered to help. All of the key positions are filled, but EXTRA HANDS are always needed in: serving, guiding, registering, cleaning, playing, singing and more!

DEVOTE SOME TIME TO LEARNING MORE OF GOD'S WAYS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES at 9:30 AM. There are classes for every person in your family every week to help you grow in your dedication to and service of our Redeemer and His body.

MID-WEEK CLASSES FOR ADULTS: Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in a verse by verse walk through the Old Testament (book of Hosea). *Soul Sisters* and *Cord Brothers* meet the first and third Thursdays of the month in helpful topical lessons.

Singers and instrumentalists are welcome. Please share your talents with Jefferson Smith or myself if you would like to assist in one of the worship services.

THIS FALL: the Armouraires Gospel Quartet returns on **October 13th, 2018**, singing at the United Way Oktoberfest near noon. We host them for a full concert at 6:00 pm, followed by a fellowship meal. Their liveliness depends upon the generosity of their audience, so please plan for a generous love offering for that evening.

Let your friends and neighbors know. Continue to pray, plan and seek for God's blessing in great inspiration, encouragement, fellowship and transformation in Christ.

Walking with Jesus, David Rorabaugh

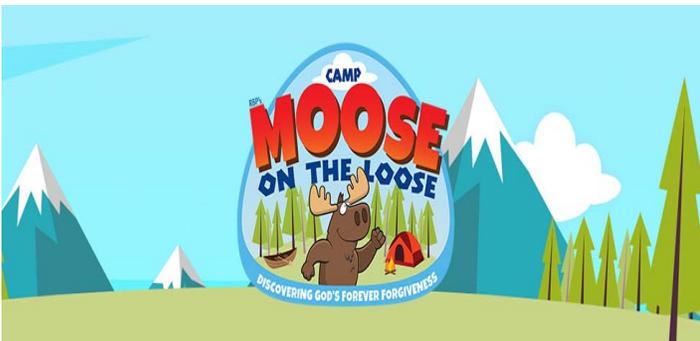
Jesus, King of the Jews

Church camp is a great experience for all ages. There is fun music to worship with your friends. There are outdoor activities to keep you busy. There are all kinds of people around you who are trying to learn more about Jesus. One of the things I've learned in my time at church camp is that kids say some of the funniest things. There is a cross at Maranatha Bible Camp that has a sign on the top with the letters "INRI" written on it. During one of our first meals, one of our campers pointed to the cross and said "Gage, I know what that stands for. 'I kNow youR Income taxes.'" Everyone laughed, and after a while I got to thinking about it and realized I wasn't sure I knew what it actually meant. My initial thought was "Jesus Christ, King of the Jews", and so once I got home I decided to look into it to find out what it really meant. INRI is a Latin acronym for "Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum" which roughly translates to "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews." This is a reference to John 19:19-20, which says:

"Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek."

You see, the custom for crucifixion, as a public execution method, was to write the person's name and his crime on the cross. The Jews actually didn't like what Pilate had written on the cross, but because he thought Jesus was being wrongly killed, this could have actually been a form of passive-aggressiveness toward the Jews on Pilate's part. Whatever the matter, this is an acronym I have seen all throughout my life and didn't really know what it meant until one of the students threw me off with their joke. All in all, you learn something new every day, even when you least expect it.

Until He returns, Gage Addington



**First Christian Church
Vacation Bible School 2018
July 29 - August 3
5:30 to 8:30 PM**



*You are invited to an
Ice Cream & Cake
Social in honor of
Gary and Judy
Woods.
Saturday, July 7,
6:00 pm
FCC Parlor*

Missionaries Gary and Judy Woods want to celebrate with you what God has done during the last 31 years in Kenya and Tanzania! They will retire from the field September 30. Sign up sheets to bring cake or ice cream available at Welcome Centers.



This past Tuesday the FCC team brought in 875 pounds of produce for Community Outreach! Once a month for 3 months, on the fourth Tuesday of each month, a group of volunteers goes to the

fields of the Amish farmers to glean non-sellable produce. The next gleaning date for FCC is July 24. The team meets in the south parking lot at 7:30 am. Contact David Rorabaugh if you want to participate.

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.



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 July products:** Mac & cheese, canned veggies, pork & beans, raman noodles, cereal, salt, applesauce.

