

July Newsletter 2022

| Date: | Family to Pray For: | Scripture Reading |
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| 1 | Ken & Laurie Huff | John 1 |
| 2 | Rebecca Huffman | Proverbs 22 |
| 3 | Mark, Jessie & Levi Hunter | Proverbs 23 |
| 4 | Fred & Lucille Johnson | John 2 |
| 5 | Donnie, Kelly, Christian and Caylin Kern | John 3 |
| 6 | Arnold & Sheila Keyser | John 4 |
| 7 | Larry & Kae Lacy | John 5 |
| 8 | Clarence & Doris Lavender | John 6 |
| 9 | Jonah & Jennifer Layman | Proverbs 24 |
| 10 | Shawn, Cori, Micah & Isaiah Layman | Proverbs 25 |
| 11 | David & Connie Liptrap | John 7 |
| 12 | Ronnie & Becky Liptrap | John 8 |
| 13 | Ronnie & Selena Liptrap | John 9 |
| 14 | Luke Lyons | John 10 |
| 15 | Rose Mace | John 11 |
| 16 | Joshua, Faith & Paisley Mills | Proverbs 26 |
| 17 | Cathy Mines | Proverbs 27 |
| 18 | Michael, Kristina, Gabe, Judah & Haddie Neill | John 12 |
| 19 | Alex & Hollie Nicely | John 13 |
| 20 | Richard & Ruth Nicely | John 14 |
| 21 | Matt, Amy, Eliot & Morgan O'Meara | John 15 |
| 22 | Robert & Shelley Persinger | John 16 |
| 23 | Dave, Kathy & Hannah Pritt | Proverbs 28 |
| 24 | Shirley Riley | Proverbs 29 |
| 25 | Pastor Mike & Tracy Rollins | John 17 |
| 26 | Pat & Mary Ryan | John 18 |
| 27 | Gertrude Simmons | John 19 |
| 28 | Lee & Frannie Simmons | John 20 |
| 29 | Greg & Cindy Smith | John 21 |
| 30 | Jesse & Holly Smith, Eliana | Proverbs 30 |
| 31 | Betty Snead | Proverbs 31 |

July Birthdays

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| 1 | Donnie Kern | 23 | Fred Johnson |
| 1 | Kelly Kern | 23 | Larry Hayslett |
| 5 | Rylee Clark | 23 | Dylan Brown |
| 6 | Connie Liptrap | 24 | LaDonna Stevenson |
| 7 | Gerald Black | 27 | Tabitha Abbott |
| 19 | Christian Kern | 28 | Ken Huff |
| 21 | Micah Fender | 31 | Ronnie Carpenter |

July Anniversaries

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| 1 | Danny & Barbara Black |
| 4 | Ronnie & Becky Liptrap |
| 24 | Fisher & Tabitha Abbott |



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Genesis 32:26

'Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken."
But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."'

Church Family,

Recently in our Wednesday morning Bible study, we talked about Jacob; the only person in the Bible who can say they got into a physical scuffle with God (and prevailed). Jacob himself is such an interesting character, you never quite know what to expect from him and, likewise, his story is full of drama and excitement. I think the story of Jacob wrestling with God has to be one of my favorites because it shows us a unique picture of God; an intimate, fatherly, and gentle picture.

The topic of Jacob and his wrestling match actually came up in our study through the book of Hosea. In Chapter 12 of Hosea, God uses the story of Jacob to try and ignite a desire for repentance in His people. You see, Jacob was not a perfect man, but he was a man who knew what he wanted, and would do anything to get it. And what did Jacob want? He wanted God! He wanted God's blessings. He wanted everything that God had for him. When we read the story of Jacob wrestling with God, we see Jacob's desire on full display. He has latched on to God with all his strength and refuses to let go until God blesses him. Why is he so desperate? Because deep down, Jacob knows that God's blessing is all he needs, and that without it, he has nothing.

God wanted His people to have that same desire of Jacob – to be desperate for the blessing of God. Unfortunately, in Hosea's time, they weren't. God's people were not desperate for His blessings, they were desperate for the blessings of the world. They had come to believe in the lie that they could take care of themselves better than God could. God is pleading with them to repent, and to seek Him with that same desire that Jacob had.

I think the obvious question for us is what is the focus of our desires? Where is our heart? We know that one of the biggest dangers we face, as the church, is being seduced by the pleasures and the worries of this world. So often, just like the Jewish people, our hearts grow cold to our need for God. It's a problem that we can't fix on our own. We can't make ourselves desire the things of God, but God can. God can change our hearts and our desires. I believe that God wants us to be a people who are obsessed with Him. He wants us to be a people who are never satisfied, a people who always want more of Him!

My prayer for myself and for our church family is that God will change our hearts. That He will make our greatest desire become to please Him. I am so thankful for the great mercy, faithfulness, and promises of God.

Philippians 1:6 - And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

I love you,

Pastor Matt

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July Events

Monday, July 4th: For Americans, the 4th of July marks an extremely important holiday. It's the day that the United States declared independence from the British. Americans associate this day with the beginning the nation's true freedom. Freedom is also an important theme in the Bible. For many Christians, 4th of July and the Bible go hand in hand. Independence Day is an important day for our nation, but Jesus was the first to give us our freedom.



Thursday-Saturday, July 7th-9th:

Special Revival Services Thursday & Friday July 7-8, 6:30 PM NIGHTLY

Saturday, July 9: *Fish & Pork Dinner 5:30-6:30pm, Gospel Sing 6:30pm**



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| Thursday: | Music: | JOSHUA MILLS & LIVING STONES BAND |
| | Speaker: | ***GEORGE BROUGHMAN |
| Friday: | Music: | JOYFUL PRAISE |
| | Speaker: | ***VINCE HARTFORD |
| Saturday: | Music: | THE ANNOUNCERS |



*****LOVE OFFERINGS & DONATIONS ACCEPTED
CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED NIGHTLY**

Sunday, July 10th: Baby Shower for Hollie Nicely, 3:00 PM, Life House

Monday-Friday, July 18th-22nd: Vacation Bible School, Lifeway's Spark Studios, 5:30pm to 8:15 pm for ages 3 to 12.

Pastor Matt will be on vacation July 25th-30th.

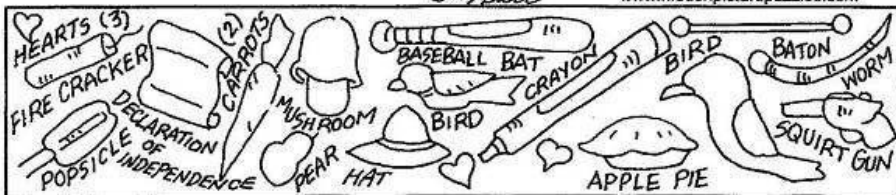
Sunday, July 31st: Rick Via will speak in the morning service

Weekly:

Wednesday: Small Group Study, 10:30am

Sunday: "Singing Stones" music practice, 10:25 before service begins. Dates for July to be announced.

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WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY. Find and circle each word.

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BEANS COOKIES ICE CREAM RIBS
 BROWNIES CORN ICE TEA SALAD
 CAKE CUPCAKES LEMONADE STEAK
 CHICKEN FRENCH FRIES PASTA VEGETABLES
 CHIPS FRUIT PIE WATERMELON
 COBBLER HAMBURGERS POPSICLES WINGS
 COLESLAW HOT DOGS PUNCH