



Radical Dependence

I had a very rough night a few weeks ago (as though 2020 hasn't been testing already). It was a Saturday night and I felt I was ready to preach the next morning. And I did. It was a good message, I guess. But not as good as the object lesson God had for me the night before. Buckle up...

It has been a pleasant Saturday full of chores and rest. The sun shone and brought the heat expected for Oklahoma in early July. But if you don't live here, you may not understand what that kind of "nice" day brings to the evening. You see there was a "dry line" on the western Oklahoma/Eastern Texas line. Again, the locals know that's where the storms start brewing on a "nice sunny Okie day." And they brewed until about midnight. Then they let it pour. Fast and hard. Winds exceeding eighty miles an hour. Rain going in all directions looking more like a school of fish in the ocean swimming with perfect formation. I had just tilted my bed up to keep an eye on the incredible meteorologist watching and alerting when it happened.

The power went off.

You probably think, "No big deal." But not to me! Remember the bed that I had adjusted to the "sitting angle"? And I have sleep apnea and can't sleep without a CPAP machine (ironic that it took me nine months to be able to sleep with it). And the meteorologist? Gone with the power. "No worries," I thought. I'll just wait until it comes back on. Surely it won't be out too long. FOUR HOURS LATER!!!

I couldn't sleep sitting up! I couldn't nod off without my machine. And what was that CRAZY STORM doing?!! I could only see it in brief flashes of light. I NEEDED THE ELECTRICITY TO COME BACK ON!! How am I supposed to meet and greet people at God's house, not to mention preach a great sermon when the electricity isn't on and I am unable to sleep?!

Then I heard it. That still small voice that seems to rattle you sober (no, I wasn't drinking). Just a thought. A spiritual whisper. "Why don't you need Me like this?"

Ouch. That hurt, But He was right. I am more dependent on the electric company than I am on God. I can't function without lights, A/C and someone on TV leading me through the storm. But how often do I try to do life without needing God to guide me.

Am I dependent on God ALL THE TIME? Does my need for Him wax and wane? What does this look like and would I KNOW THE DIFFERENCE? I want to be completely connected to God in every aspect of my life.

What are you more dependent on than God?

From My Heart,

Billy

STUDENT IMPACT

KNOWN • VALUED • LOVED

AUGUST 2020

If you play a sport, sing, play in band, are king of your chess club, or if you are involved in anything, GET ME YOUR SCHEDULE!! I would love to see you compete or perform.



1 Corinthians 13:1-7

"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Here is just a reminder on how we are called to love.

Caleb Page

Every Wednesday Check our youtube page for an awesome teaching time

NCC Student Impact Youth Ministry



What are we teaching?

WED NIGHTS: Wednesdays nights check out a new teaching video every wednesday on our youtube channel NCC Student Impact Youth Ministry

SUN NIGHTS: We are having sunday nights again! 6-8pm you have got to be here!!



Sponsor meeting in the youth room
August 30th!



August Newsletter

Our mission is to help children come to **KNOW** Jesus Christ, **GROW** to be like Him, and **GO** serve Him.

DISCIPLESHIP AT HOME

Leading, helping our children walk in faith. For some families this may come easy in doing. Other families may be asking themselves, "how do I do this?!" or "how do I start?"

Here are some easy first steps:

- Morning Prayer
Taking a morning pause to pray with your family to start the day.
- Drive Time
Listen to Christian music, download a kid friendly Bible story app or talk about God's landscape.
- Dinner Discussions
Focus your conversations around these questions; "What was a high or low for the day?", "Where did you see God today?"
- Bedtime Blessings
Story time in the Bible. Pick a story to read, discuss the story and point out where God is in the story. Or this is a good time to ask, "Do you have anything on your mind?" End your day in prayer. (Children's Bible or Children's Bible Storybook would work best)

There's four weeks in a month, I would encourage starting with #1, Morning Prayer. Do this all week with your family. Then add another step. Do both all week with your family. By the end of the month you'll be doing all 4 steps with your family.

Loving God, loving your family... Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NLT)
"Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Children's Church at Home & Wednesday Night lessons are being added to our church website each week and can be shared with everyone. I will send out email reminders.



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

3yo ~ 5th grade meets in the KFC Room, Door will open at 10:15 am for check in. Church will start at 10:30 am until further notice.



KFC Volunteer Schedule



*Loving God, Loving our Neighbors"

by Deep Blue Kids - Cokesbury

Week > 3yo-2nd grade/3rd-5th grade

1st Sunday: Cheri, Emily/Canceled

2nd Sunday: Courtney, Open/Canceled

3rd Sunday: Amanda & Luke Nix/Canceled

4th Sunday: Courtney, Open/Canceled

5th Sunday: Courtney, Open/Canceled



LOOKING FOR NEW LEADERS & HELPERS

Say YES to Children's Ministry means saying 'Yes' to;

hugs questions imaginations
FUN! GAMES listening giggles

Sunday School and Wednesday Nights

CANCELED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



Courtney Loveless
Children's Ministry/Preschool Director

We have openings!

News & Upcoming Events



Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 School Year
18 mos. through 5 yr. old/PreK

Visit our church website, www.nccok.com
for more information and to print enrollment forms.

First Day of School - Tuesday, Sept. 1st

PLAYGROUND REFURBISHING

August 1st, 8:00 am

Need volunteers to bring tools and help fix up and clean up the church playground. Bring the kids who can help pull weeds, etc.

*Contact Caleb for more information
Need the following tools:*

- *Circular saws*
- *Tape measures*
- *T-squares*
- *Power sanders*
- *Cordless drills*
- *Socket sets*
- *Security bits*



Newcastle CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Newsletter August 2020

Prayer Requests

**Call or email the church office, 387-4100,
ncc@nccok.com.**

Prayer Requests will be taken during the week, shared on Sunday mornings, and then added to the prayer list. Since we won't be meeting on Wednesday nights until fall, you can still and always call or email the church with your prayer requests and updates during the week. These will be added to the list and emailed out a couple times a week. And also, we'll continue to send out urgent prayer needs as we find out about them.

Pre-school Open House

Thursday, August 27

6:00 pm

Offering

For the time-being, the offering plate will not be passed during service. There is a giving box in the foyer for your checks or cash (in an envelope please). Giving is also available through the church website, or by mobile device on the GivePlus app. (Directions are on the website).

(Reminder: If you give on the website to the Other category, *please* type in the text box the purpose for it.)

If using your mobile device, the "Other" giving category is *not available* through the mobile app. If you have a payment or donation to make to other than the listed categories, please use an alternate method, such as the website, or by check or cash (in an envelope with the purpose written on the outside.) If you have any questions about this, call the church office.


FoodPantry

AUGUST 14

9:00-10:30 AM

Wednesday Night

Every Wednesday night, Billy brings a video presentation of a lesson, with a downloadable worksheet (accessible through the website). This will continue until we start up the meals and Bible studies again in the fall.

ATTENTION

Every Sunday Sermon is also available on our website each week.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

EVEN THOUGH WE ARE MEETING AGAIN FOR WORSHIP SERVICES, WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOME PEOPLE MAY NOT BE COMFORTABLE YET WITH COMING OUT OF ISOLATION. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN HELP YOU WITH. CALL OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE, OR ANY OF THE LEADERSHIP.



AUGUST 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Playground work -day 8:00 am
2	3	4	5 <i>Bible Study online 7pm</i>	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 <i>Bible Study online 7pm</i>	13	14 9-10:30 am	15
16	17	18	19 <i>Bible Study online 7pm</i>	20	21 	22
23	24	25	26 <i>Bible Study online 7pm</i>	27 Preschool Open House 6:00 pm	28	29
30	31					



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Rick DeWeese—Gary Pitzer

Deacons

Travis Cotten—Garland Hawkins

Sunday

Sunday School not at present
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study (access on website)



CHURCH *is not*
A BUILDING YOU GO TO,
IT IS *a family* YOU BELONG TO

Important Dates in August

1st—Playground refurbish 8:00 am
14th—Food Pantry 9-10:30am
27th—Preschool Open House
30th—5th Sunday Potluck ???

August 2020 - Communion & Offering Thoughts

	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
COMMUNION	Ed Harris	Gary Pitzer	David Rodgers	Caleb Page	Rick DeWeese
PRAYER TIME	Caleb Page	Garland Hawkins	Mike Aston	Rick DeWeese	Gary Pitzer