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From Bobbie's Desk...

No Greater Love

When I found out this month's theme for our Fellowship Meal was going to be "LOVE", it immediately got me to thinking. Love. I immediately thought about how much God loves us. He loves us so much that He sent His One and Only Son to die for us. Such love!

Jesus willingly came to this earth, became a man who experienced temptations and pain, and CHOSE to be the ultimate sacrificial lamb. I love what John 15:13 says, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

I can't even fathom that sort of love, or to even fully grasp the significance of why Jesus would choose to die for you and me. I guess that goes back to Isaiah 55:8-9 : "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

Then, I stop to think to myself, am I loving others as Jesus loves us? That would be a big, fat NO. I have to be honest with myself before I can be honest with others. Do I love others? Yes, of course. But, to love like Jesus loves? I have a lot of work still to do. God gave us all a commandment. John 13:34 says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." It wasn't a suggestion. It wasn't a question. It was a commandment.

What about you? Do you struggle with loving others as God commanded us? If so, you're not alone. Let's love like Jesus – without fear, judgement, bias, or jealously. Cling tight to the God of Moses, Isaac, and Abraham. Cling tight to Jesus. With love as our focus, we will succeed in reaching our goal and know that there is no greater love than this.

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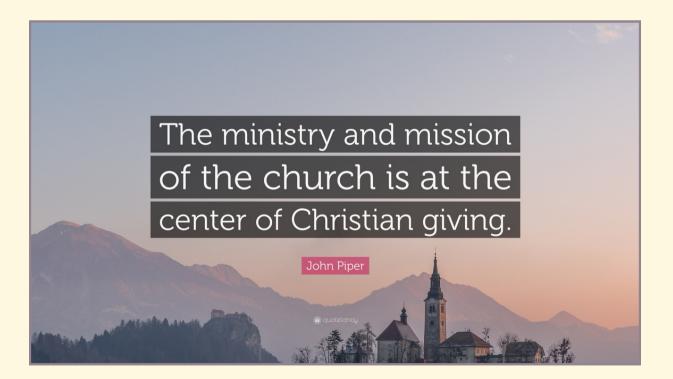
Ministry Updates

Kitchen Ministry

The Kitchen Ministry is headed up by Toby and Kelli Nigh. We have a Fellowship Meal every 4th Sunday of the month. This month the theme for our Fellowship Meal is "Valentine's Day," or LOVE. Bring your favorite date or family night dish to share or anything chocolate/sweet. Special thanks to Toby and Kelli for always making sure the our Fellowship Meals are set up, ready to go, and makes sure everything is taken care of afterwards. They are a blessing to our church.

Missions/Outreach Ministry

February is for Local Heroes. Our plan is gather cookies and other goodies and hand them to our local heroes to say, "Thank you." If you'd like to participate, let Bobbie, Lois or Meta know.





A disciple of Jesus is Spirit-empowered. Acts 1:8 Jesus tells the disciples that they "will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost and we have full access to the Spirit in our lives right now. We believe that we can be baptized in the Holy Spirit with initial physical evidence of speaking in other tongues. As such we experience the empowering, leading and purifying work in our lives.

-Pastor Shawn



Dates to Remember



Saturday, February 3, 2024: 9 a.m. She Believes Prayer Breakfast.

Sunday, February 4, 2024: Annual Business Meeting

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, February 25, 2024: 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal



Anniversaries

• Justin and Kendra Yaukey 2/3

Missionary Birthdays

• Sam Kinnunen 2/5 • Scott Miller 2/9

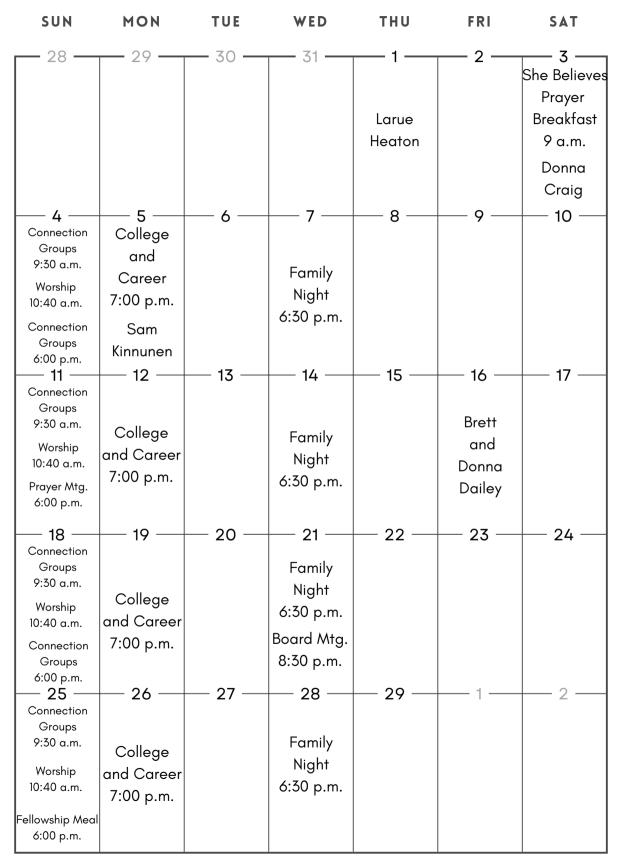
Missionary Anniversaries

• Brett and Donna Dailey 2/16



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