

Newsletter

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Kirksville First Assembly of God

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From Bobbie's Desk...

Reaching the Secular World for Christ

The missions/outreach team, Beyond Borders, is about to start another Bible study called, "Jesus in the Secular World," by Ben Pierce. This is an 8-week video series to help us step out in faith and take bold steps in reaching the world, one person at a time.

This is exciting. Our current study has been showing us how the ways we've always known to reach others isn't effective anymore and what ways are now effective. It's opened up so many opportunities for us to partner with agencies in the Kirksville area that we probably would have never done so otherwise.

These opportunities aren't grand events. They're small movements of intent to partner and work along side these agencies to develop life long relationships to be Jesus to those who don't know Him. One of things I'm excited about is in July the Stars Club I now teach is going to partner with Beyond Borders and we're going to have a church-wide worship in park at Brashear Park. The Stars Club girls will be there with a ice cream stand with your favorite flavors and toppings. For any donation amount, you can get your favorite ice cream. The money raised will go for Coins for Kids. Coins for Kids (in connection with BGMC) is a missions that donates a hygiene kit to a girl in Africa for every \$15 raised. How many hygiene kits can we make possible for girls in Africa? Come out in July, enjoy some awesome music, and help us make it happen.

Another reason I'm excited is in November CAPNEMO will be doing their annual coat drive. We want to continue our partnership with them and donate hats and gloves to go with those coats. Starting in October we'll be collecting hats and gloves. Please join us in this worthwhile outreach for those in our community that desperately need these items.

By doing these partnerships, we are reaching this world for Christ. We can be the light of Jesus in this dark and dreary world. 😊

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Ministry Updates

Kid's Ministry

Kid's Camp is coming! Mark your calendars for **July 8-12**.

The Stars Club is doing great. We're averaging 6 girls each week, plus we've already received two new girls! We do memory verse activities, Bible lessons, art murals, and so much more! This summer is going to be a blast!

Youth Ministry

Youth Camp is coming! Mark your calendars for **June 24-28**.

Family Meal Ministry

The theme for June is Backyard Picnic. Join us Sunday, June 23 at 6 p.m. with your favorite picnic dishes!

Beyond Borders Ministry

Starting Monday, June 3, Beyond Borders will be switching to Mondays for their Bible study. The time will remain at 5:30 p.m.



This ministry and Bible study is open to anyone wanting to get involved in the local and foreign missions of our church. If you have ideas and want to be a part of our partnerships, but not the Bible study, let us know. All ideas are appreciated.

We'll be starting a new study in couple of weeks: "Jesus in the Secular World." By Ben Pierce. This is just the next part of our journey as we continue to grow as a team and individually. If you are interested, just let the office know. "Jesus in the Secular World," is an 8-part video series with a free study guide. We'll be watching this on our RightNow Media account.

Here's the introduction to give you a snippet: "If you're anything like me (Ben Pierce), you're probably noticing that people are increasingly apathic if not hostile to the things of God. Today, so many people view Christianity as a relic of the past, a beautiful cathedral that's empty on Sundays. But, this isn't some vague cultural issue - this is personal.

"These are our friends and our family members. These are the people we're working with. And while the mass exodus from the church is tragic, there is hope. Second Chronicles 16:9 says: For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him." Consider the power of those words. The omnipotent Creator of the universe is actively looking for men and women who will give Him their whole hearts so He can strengthen them as they step out.

"The purpose of this video series is to draw your heart closer to God, so you can experience His amazing power as you take risks to reach the secular world for Jesus!"

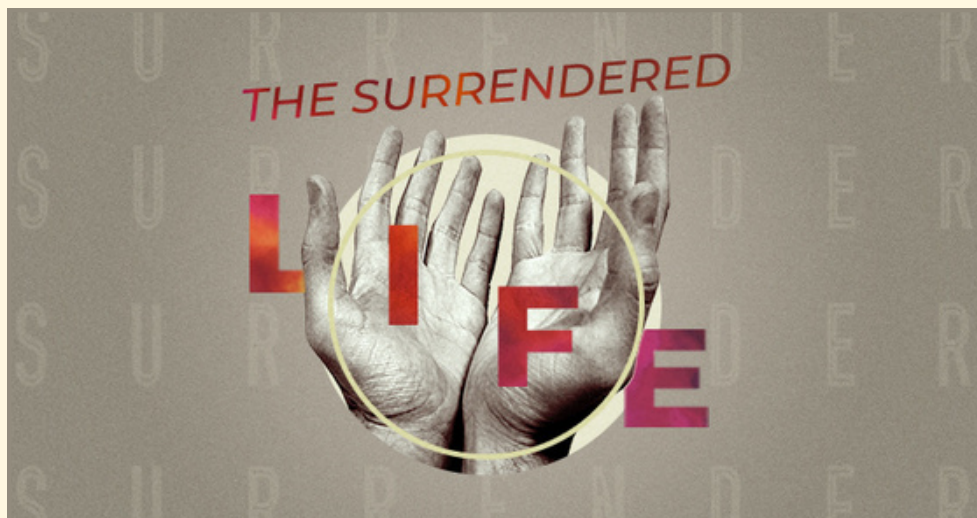
Pastor's Thoughts

God wants you to worship Him alone. Judges 6:8 tells us that the people of Israel were really worried about the approaching armies of the Midianites. So they cried out to YHWH who sent them a prophet. The prophet reminded them that God “led you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of slavery.” and warned them in verse 10 not to worship the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But the people had not obeyed his voice. They had worshiped other gods besides the one true God YHWH.

We have the same temptations today living not in the land of the Amorites, but living in the land of the Americans. And we are tempted to worship the gods of the Americans - liberty, wealth, sex, power, and success. Even gods like comfort we worship by sitting on the couch and watching tv when we could be working for Jesus. We're coming up on somewhere where leisure time becomes our king and we worship at the altar of cookouts and lawn chairs. Then sports will start and we worship at Chiefs Kingdom or the altar of our couch. This is a political year where people express their worship of political power. 'My guy will save us or that guy is evil.' And we see Christians begin to worship at the altar of their political idols. But as Christians we must reject all false gods and worship the one true God, Jesus Christ.

How do we do that? Jesus said if we love him we will obey his commands. And what are his commands? To love God with all our heart, soul, mind and body; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We cannot treat God as an accessory to our life. He is central to it.

-Pastor Shawn



Dates to Remember

Sunday, June 9, 2024: BGMC (Boys and Girls Missions Challenge) Sunday



Sunday, June 16, 2024: Father's Day

Monday June 24-June 28, 2024: Youth Camp



Tuesday, June 25, 2024: Office Closed

Sunday, June 30, 2024: Missionary John Davis



Birthdays

- Alice Cook 6/2
- Bonnie Tuttle 6/3
- Joel Kelso 6/4
- Kelli Nigh 6/7
- Joyce Robertson 6/14
- Brynnley Kelso 6/16
- Sandy Flynn 6/28

Anniversaries

- Brice & RaeLynn Kelso 6/5
- Matt & Tiffany Ellis 6/23

Missionary Birthdays

- Heide Wade 6/2
- Cosmo Panszetta 6/9
- Wendy Osborne 6/13
- Margarita Guerrero 6/19
- Diana Miller 6/21

Missionary Anniversaries

- Frank & Lois Mayes 6/24
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2024 June

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Alice Cook Heide Wade	2 9:30 a.m. Groups 10:40 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Groups	3 Bonnie Tuttle Beyond Borders 5:30 p.m. College/Career 7:00 p.m.	4 Joel Kelso	5 Brice and Raelynn Kelso	6	7 Kelli Nigh	8
BGMC Sunday Cosmo Panzetta	9 9:30 a.m. Groups 10:40 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Groups	10 Beyond Borders 5:30 p.m. College/Career 7:00 p.m.	11	12 Family Night 6:30 p.m.	13 Wendy Osborne	14 Joyce Robertson	15
Father's Day Brynnley Kelso	16 9:30 a.m. Groups 10:40 a.m. Worship NO GROUPS	17 Beyond Borders 5:30 p.m. College/Career 7:00 p.m.	18	19 Margarita Guerrero Family Night 6:30 p.m. Board Mtg. 8:30 p.m.	20	21 Diana Miller	22
Matt and Tiffany Ellis	23 9:30 a.m. Groups 10:40 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal	24 Beyond Borders 5:30 p.m. College/Career 7:00 p.m. Frank and Lois Mayes	25 Office Closed	26 Family Night 6:30 p.m. YOUTH CAMP	27	28 Sandy Flynn	29
Missionary John Davis	30 9:30 a.m. Groups 10:40 a.m. Worship						