# THE STEEPLE

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# From the Pastor's Pen

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Greetings Church Family,

I pray that you find yourself and family well. It is hot at my house and I am currently sitting on the inside, considering that after I write this I need to go spray some weeds growing in the cracks of my driveway. My mind tells me it's just too hot with a forecast of 100 F later this afternoon, can I wait until 8:00 pm? I bet, most of us are ready for the fall, to find some relief from the heat of the Louisiana summer. The first preseason football game has already been played and

soon another year of College ball with start. I can't wait!

Kayla and I enjoyed our time in Colorado at Estes Park. Even though I admit, she caught the biggest fish. We would wake up in the morning to a temperature of 61 degrees with the humidity gone. I like that about being up in the mountains during the summer at those 7,000 foot elevations. Our wonderful city of Ruston sits right around 331 feet above sea level, so it is a large change. Yep, love those mountains.

As Kayla and I so enjoyed our brief time experiencing the views and the climate of the mountains, I am reminded what the lord teaches us in:

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Psalm 121: 1-2 - "I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Make of heaven and earth."

The writer was on a journey to Jerusalem and could see what we would describe as large hills compared to the 14,000-foot peaks of the Rockies. His help would not come from their beauty or strength that they symbolized, no his help was from the Creator of heaven and earth; yes, the Creator of even those mountains. I wonder, are we allowing God to be over the hills and valleys of our life, as we walk our journey? Or are they just too big and make us feel all to low? Are you depending upon looking in trust to the One where your help comes from that is even still higher

than the highest mountain, who stands confidently over your current valley? Be reminded, be encouraged your help comes from the Lord. Call to Him, He will answer you. He is your breath of fresh crisp air even on the hot summer day. Lift up your eyes, see who is truly beautiful, all powerful and in control.

Love to All. Bro. Marv

## August Birthdays

**AUGUST 1ST - ELI THOMAS** AUGUST 2ND - DEBBIE LOLLEY AUGUST 3RD - PAYSON VINING AUGUST 8TH - JAMIE BURNHAM AUGUST 12TH - BEN LOLLEY AUGUST 14TH - LOGAN JOHNSTON AUGUST 24TH - CHELSEY TELANO AUGUST 27TH - LORI GASKIN

AUGUST 28TH - PATRICK PELLEY AUGUST 29TH - LAUREN CARTER

# Usher Assignments Nursery Assignments

AUGUST 4TH - BEN THOMAS & LOGAN JOHNSTON

AUGUST 11TH - MATT CARTER & **BLAKE CARTER** 

AUGUST 18TH - KERRY GASKIN & JACOB GASKIN

AUGUST 25TH - JOE AULDS & JOE CHRISTIAN AULDS

AUGUST 4TH - VICKI SOLOMON

AUGUST 11TH - DAWN MARI

AUGUST 18TH - DEBBIE LOLLEY

AUGUST 25TH - BARBARA SELLERS

Jambalaya

August 14th Taco Bar

August 21st

August 28th Fried Chicken

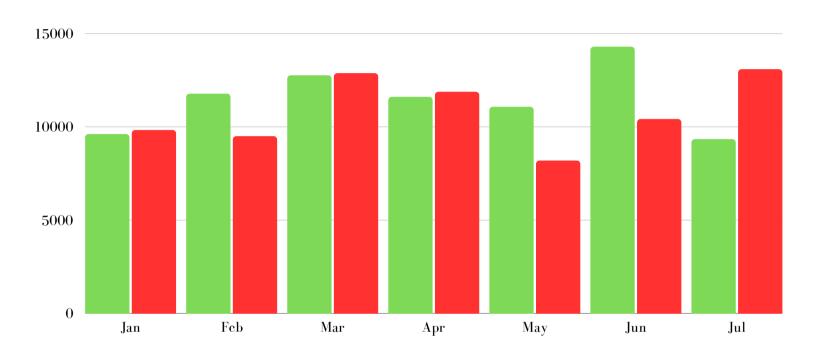
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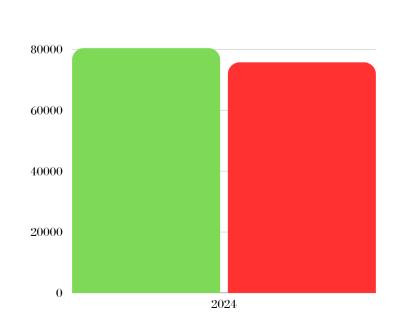
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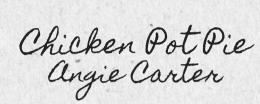




Income

Expenses

From the Cookbook...



Ingredients for the Jop:

1/2 cup mayo / cup milk / cup self-rising flour

Ingredients for the Bottom:

/ can chicken

2 cans Cream of Chicken Soup

1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup

1 can Vey-All, drained

Butter

### Directions for the Top

MIX ALL INGREDIENTS. POUR OVER AND COVER THE BOTTOM. BAKE UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN AT 350 DEGREES

### Directions for the Bottom

Mix ALL INGREDIENTS. PUT IN A GLASS 9X13 DISH. ADD 2 TO 3 TABLESPOONS OF BUTTER ON TOP. CUT INTO SLICES.

