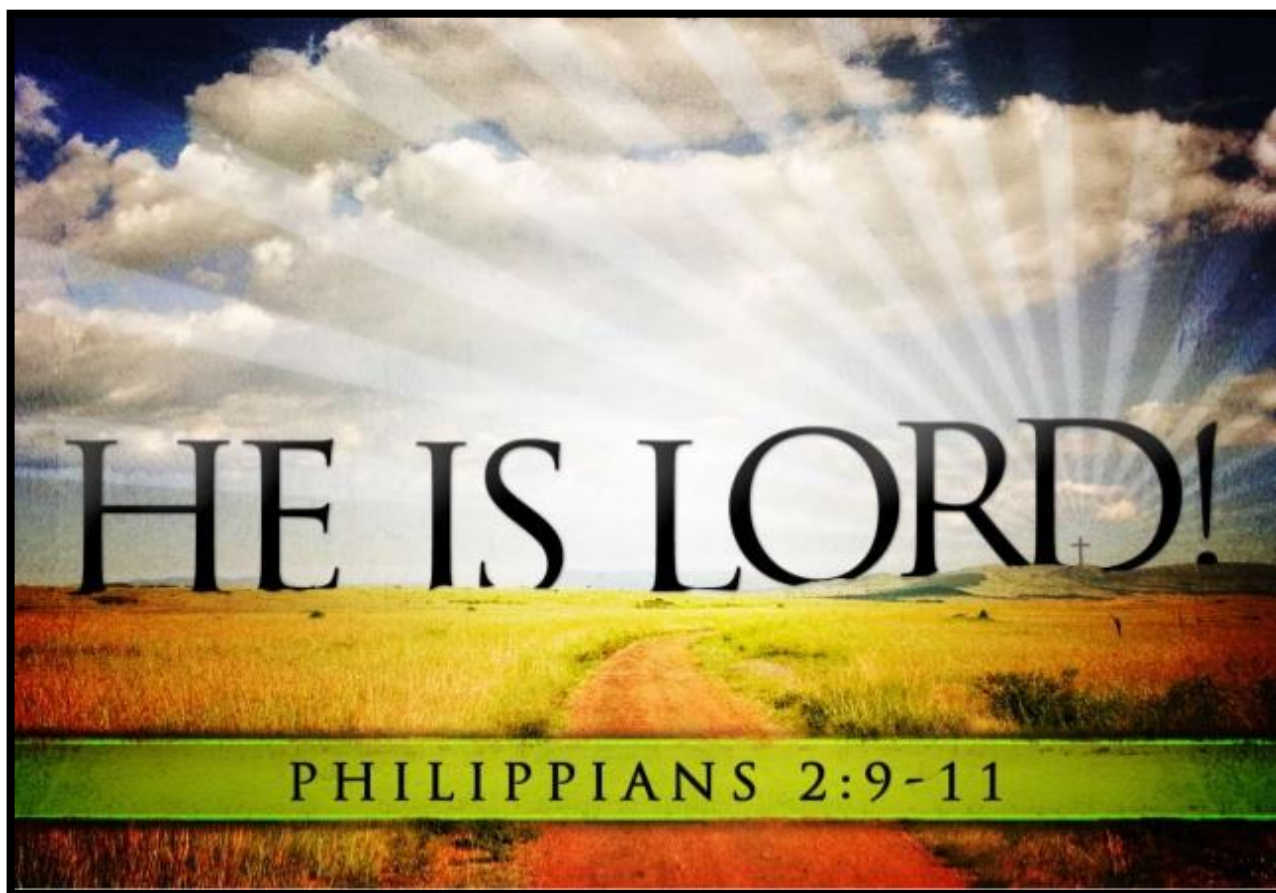


EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER



Flag Day
Wednesday, June 14th

Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on June 14, 1777

Father's Day Service

Sunday, June 18th
10:00am



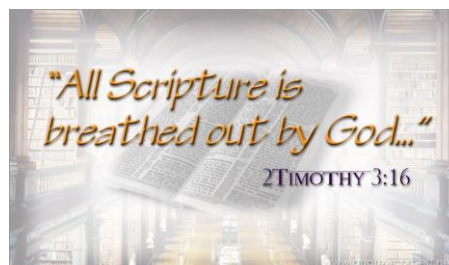


A Note from Pastor Seth

As I write this we are one sermon away from finishing off the letter of Philippians. We started this letter about three months ago and it is amazing how fast the time has flown. As I look back over the sermon series I am struck by how many topics this book covers. We have learned how to pray for others and we have seen that the gospel spreads like wild fire when proclaimed by all Christians. We were shown what our life is really all about. Our life is meant for fruitful labor, and once we die we will be far better off in Christ's presence. We also saw that Jesus is the focus of Philippians. He left the high place of heaven to come to earth. While being God himself, he made himself a servant and died for our sins upon the cross. We are to treasure him above all else. As we follow Jesus we will look different from the world, shining like stars in the midst of darkness. We have seen in Philippians that one of the ways we follow Jesus is by following the right people. We aim to follow Christ as we follow the example of those further along in the faith. The other topics we covered were conflict resolution, anxiety, Christian contentment, and Christian generosity.

The number of issues we found in Philippians shows us how the Bible covers every topic in life. The Bible says of itself that it is "Breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). This is why we preach the Bible, and not try to fit the Bible around topics that we think are relevant. Everything in the Bible is relevant. God knows what we need for the life of faith. He has written it down for us. Through the preaching of the Word we dig and we find gold. He uses this gold to change us to make us more like his Son. I have enjoyed taking you through Philippians. I look forward to learning more about God with you as we go through a sermon series on the attributes of God in the months ahead.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth



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Sunday Morning Service
10:00am
*Kid's Church during Service
Adult Sunday School
9:00am
Bible Study
Wednesday 6:30pm



Leadership Meeting

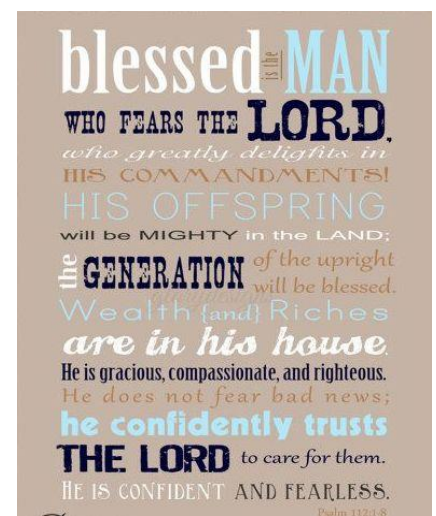
There will be a Leadership Meeting on Sunday, June 25th after the Morning Service.

Newsletter

If you have anything you'd like to contribute to the Monthly Newsletter, please have it to Amber by the 20th of the month. j.a.lindo@hotmail.com

Church Picnic and Baptisms

Please keep August 20th open for our Church Picnic at Skonewood Christian Retreat. Baptisms will follow picnic.



My Dad

Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance.

To her, the name of father was another name for love.

My father didn't tell me how to live. He lived and let me watch him do it.

Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, story-tellers, and singers of song.

A father is neither an anchor to hold us back nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.

A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you have grown.

Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a Dad.

My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: He believed in me.

Old as she was, she still missed her Daddy sometimes.



It's only when you grow up and step back from him—or leave him for your own home—it's only then that you can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it.

And while mothers can cry where it shows, fathers stand there and beam outside—and die inside. Fathers have very stout hearts, so they have to be broken sometimes or no one would know what is inside.

Fathers give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough so they can have grandchildren who are smarter than anyone's.



Words About ... the Tongue

Words Kill
and
Words give life:
they're either poison or fruit
-you choose
~Proverbs 18:21

The things you say about others
says a lot about you.

“Put a bridle on thy tongue; set a guard before thy lips, lest the words of thine own mouth destroy thy peace... on much speaking cometh repentance, but in silence is safety.”

—William Drummond

Loose lips
sink ships.

One kind word can change someone's entire day.

Don't say something
PERMANENTLY PAINFUL
just because you are
TEMPORARILY TICKED-OFF.

~Karen Ehman

The tongue of believers
are bridled
by a heartfelt regard to truth, love, and purity
in what they say of
and to
others.

~Proverbs 16:24

The tongue has no bones but it is strong enough to break a heart.

Be careful with your words.

Kind words are like honey: sweet to the soul and healthy to the bones.

~Proverbs 16:24

Before you speak, let your words pass through three gates:

Is it true?

Is it necessary?

Is it kind?

Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are endless.

Speak in such a way
that others love
to listen to you.
Listen in such a way
that others love
to speak to you.

Today, guard what you say.



Woman's Study Group met the morning of May 6th. The woman sang, enjoyed a study of the Bible and comforted each other in prayer. Woman's Study Group meets the first Saturday morning of every month at 9:00am.



The Men had a nice size turn out for their gathering on Saturday, May 13th. Gordon Trombley made pancakes and the group studied 1 Corinthians. Men's Breakfast meets the second Sunday of every month at 8:00am.

Small Groups

4 Reasons Small Groups are Vital to Your Church's Health

By Ed Stetzer, www.christianitytoday.com

If you think community is an important part of healthy church life, and I hope you do, then small groups should also be important to you. They are actually crucial to the life of any church.

Why It Matters?

I find that a lot of Christian discipleship deals with what you need to know, not who you need to be with. That is sad, because if we get the relationships right, the information will follow. If we connect people in real gospel community, they will learn. But the opposite is not always true.

We're too often concerned only with conversion and information download, and we don't take community and relationship-based discipleship seriously enough.

You can't build community by way of programming, but you can use a program to create a pathway through which community can happen. Maybe you should read that sentence again; the difference in the two is subtle.

Programs do not community make. However, programs can create the pathway—the opportunity—for birthing healthy community. When we preach the gospel to one another in close-knit community, there is spiritual growth that changes us individually and as a whole. That change causes us to position for an outward focus and encourage gospel transformation in the communities outside the church walls.

As much as I love gathering with the whole of the local church for corporate worship, there is something powerfully unique about an intimate gathering around a living room, a small classroom, or a dining room table that forces us to think differently than when we are in a big room for worship.

Small groups, in fact, are where much of the theology taught in our pulpits begins to be fleshed out in conversation and action. If you want your church to be on mission, teach it from the pulpit and equip your people to wrestle with it in small groups. It's messy that way, but it's fruitful.

Four factors we found in transformational churches that were foundational to small group success.

1. Personal Discovery

First, personal discovery happens in small groups better than large groups for a number of reasons. You can learn, ask questions, involve yourself in the lives of others, and generally make yourself vulnerable among other people who are doing the same in small groups.

You just can't do that in sermons. There is no conversation, no feedback, and no questions. There's no room to challenge the preacher or even question any part of what's being taught. Spiritual growth happens better with others, in community, with open lines of communication and freedom to speak into one another's lives.

2. Smaller Communities Are More Effective

Second and closely related to the first, smaller communities act more like, well, *communities*. That may seem like a given, but the bigger the group is, the less like community it feels. The kind of community I am advocating requires a level of intimacy easily lost as numbers grow.

You simply cannot know everyone beyond a certain point, and you certainly will not open up about your struggles and sins in a large group of people you don't know.

3. Deeper Friendships

With that in mind, the third factor is that small groups deliver deeper friendships that double as accountability. When people know you, really know you, your life becomes far more transparent, including your sin.

Others learn to read you and will call you out for those sins, creating opportunities to deal with real life difficulties as they surface. This is part of what we should expect from good friends.

4. Maximum Participation

Finally, small groups deliver maximum participation. There are opportunities to discuss the issues with others in the church. Church life issues can be discussed openly among trusted friends.

Mission can be planned out and participated in together. Lives are sharpened and leaders developed. Small groups are an absolute necessity for involving as many people as possible in the life and ministry of your church.

Make Space for Community

Community matters enough to be prioritized. It needs to be more than an afterthought, but needs to be part of our focus. We often say there is not more important ministry in the life of our church than our small groups. It's that important.

Whatever your plan or program for small groups, keep these principles in mind. Understand why groups are good and take advantage of the good they can bring into your church.



Local farmers are working long days this time of year. Please remember them in your prayers.

So God Made A Farmer

And on the 8th day God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker!" So, God made a farmer!

God said I need somebody to get up before dawn and milk cows and work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board. So, God made a farmer!

I need somebody with strong arms. Strong enough to rustle a calf, yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry and have to wait for lunch until his wife is done feeding and visiting with the ladies and telling them to be sure to come back real soon...and mean it. So, God made a farmer!

God said "I need somebody that can shape an ax handle, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire make a harness out of hay wire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And...who, at planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty hour week by Tuesday noon. Then, pain'n from "tractor back", put in another seventy two hours. So, God made a farmer!

God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop on mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place. So, God made a farmer!

God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees, heave bails and yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink combed pullets...and who will stop his mower for an hour to mend the broken leg of a meadow lark. So, God made a farmer!

Author Unkown

Kid's Corner Caroline Hall



Caroline is the 3 ½ year old daughter of Jeremy and Rachel Hall. She lives in New Richmond. Caroline has a younger sister, Annabelle, who is 1 year old. Caroline likes to play outside and blow bubbles.

What do you love to do with your little sister?

Play chase. I run and she crawls and I try to catch her.

When you talk to God, what is one thing you say?

I Love You and You Love Me

What is your favorite thing to do at Kid's Church?

Hear Bible Stories

What do you really like to eat?

Watermelon

If you could have any animal, what would it be?

A zebra and a dog

Who do you like to play with?

I like to play with my Mommy.

Happy Birthday!!

Bob Swanson 6/12

Jeremiah Johnson 6/13

Rachel Hall 6/14

Kyle Swanson 6/22

Jonathan Johnson 6/24

Farmer's Prayer

As I rise with the dawn, I drink in the morning. I taste the goodness of your creation and smell the crispness of new beginnings. I sense you beside me, my good shepherd watching over me as I care for the farm. I whistle a tune of praise as I go about my work. I feel blessed to walk in the long lived rhythms of sowing, feeding and reaping. Fill me anew today Lord with your Spirit. Give me strength and health when I feel tired or weary. I release my anxious thoughts to you, Knowing that you hear my prayer.

Please bless my farm, my home, my family.

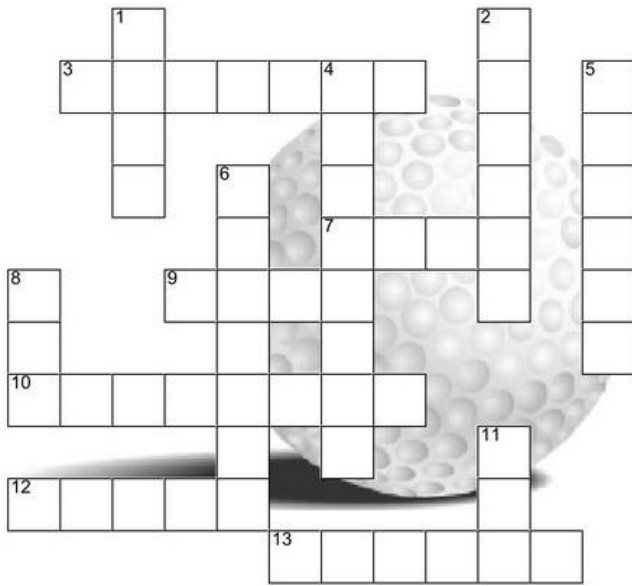
Please bless the work of my hands.

Please remind me each morning

To give thanks to you anew, my Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Things to Do With Dad Word Search



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 PLAYBALL
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 YARDWORK

Across

3. I should always _____ my father.
7. The greatest gift a father gives is _____.
9. I love to give this to dad. I write special things in it.
10. Female child is a father's _____.
12. On father's day we _____ our fathers.
13. My dad is loving and _____.

Down

1. My father is my _____.
2. Father's day is to honor a _____.
4. Father's day is a celebration for men with _____.
5. I love to give dad _____.
6. My father is also a _____, I learn s much from him.
8. I also call him _____.
11. Male child is a Father's _____.

Thanks
 a lot to give
 us a the victory
 through our
 Lord Jesus
 Christ
 1 Cor.
 15:57

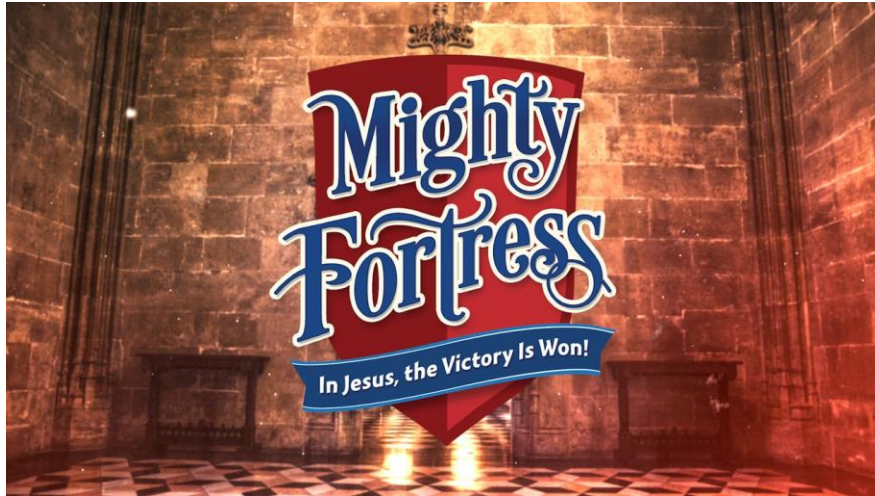
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Vacation Bible School

June 19-23, 2017 - 5:30pm-8:00pm

Supper Provided

Open to ages 3-12

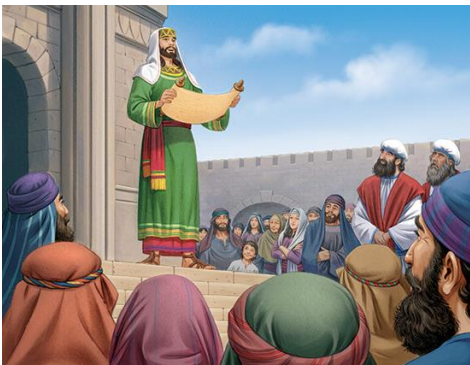


At Mighty Fortress, kids learn that God is their refuge and strength. Friends may fail them. They may not ace their test or make the team, but God promises to be their rock and their salvation—their fortress and sure defense. So raise your banner! In Jesus, the victory is won!

Theme Verse

"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 15:57



Day 1

**God's Might
Tumbles Jericho's
Walls**
Joshua 6:1-20

Day 2

**God Delivers King
Hezekiah's
Kingdom**
2 Kings 18-19

Day 3

**God's Word
Reforms King
Josiah**
2 Kings 22:1-23:30

Day 4

**King Jesus
Enters
Jerusalem**
Luke 19:28-40

Day 5

**Jesus Wins the
Victory**
Luke 23:1-24:12





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