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For we walk by faith not by sight

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The elders have unanimously agreed to recommend Dustin Thompson to the church as the new Senior Pastor. Our church Constitution requires that after presenting him to the church (this was done the weekend of April 21), we must wait 2 weeks before voting on him. So on **Sunday morning, May 5th, at 9:15**, we will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room for that purpose. Before voting, the congregation will be given time to ask questions or make comments. If you absolutely cannot be there and would like to cast a vote, please fill out a piece of paper and give it to Paul, Ruth, or Amber with your name on it.



July 22-25 will be FCC's first ever Bus Tour to Branson! (Before you laugh, you need to know that we have contracted a nice coach bus, so you will not be riding in the old church bus without AC!) Kevin Young has agreed to be our bus driver, and Kelly Young our hostess (along with Ruth Harder) will be coordinating the events. We will drive down Monday, July 22. On the 23rd and 24th we will take in some great activities, including the Sight and Sound Production of Esther. We will also enjoy some great eateries, including the Keeter Center! Then Thursday the 25th we will drive back. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Ruth Harder (402) 336-3591 (ruthh@oneillfcc.org) or use the sign up sheet in the kitchen window by May 12th. Itinerary and cost details are available in the foyer at church.



Our Truth Trackers year has come to an end. We are bursting with gratitude for an amazing year!

We want to thank every volunteer that made Truth Trackers successful. YOU keep our evenings running smoothly. Words cannot convey how much we appreciate every single one of you!

Thank you to everyone that supported us in prayer this year, we couldn't do what we do without it.

Parents, thank you for bringing your kids every week and trusting us to teach them and care for them. They bring us so much joy!

Our biggest THANK YOU goes to the kids! You bring so much life and enthusiasm on Wednesday nights, it's contagious! Thank you for working so hard this year and for showing us grace as we figured things out. We can't wait to see you all at VBS, June 2nd-6th!

Vacation Bible School

June 2-6

SUNDAY FROM 5:30-7:30
 FOREST FUN PICNIC FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
MONDAY-THURSDAY 9 AM-12PM
 THE JOURNEY CONTINUES FOR KIDS



Register Today!!

KIDS AGE 4 THROUGH 6TH GRADE
(BASED ON GRADE JUST COMPLETED)



SCAN THE CODE TO REGISTER KIDS OR VISIT THE CHURCH WEBSITE



This time of year seems to be the most busy around my house. End of the school year means trying to squeeze in a zillion activities, and our summer calendar is already filled up with camps and sports.

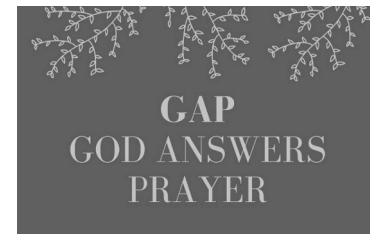
The gospel writers tell us that Jesus was busy. He went from village to village teaching and healing people. How did Jesus handle this busyness? In the midst of all his activity, he was busy in a way that glorified God. He took time to rest and pray. He took his disciples away to spend time alone with them. Check out Matthew 9, Mark 1, and Mark 6.

We can't escape busyness in this life, but we can embrace it with our hearts fixed on the glory of God and the hope of heaven. While Jesus was very busy with God's business, he also built in rest and prayer. I encourage you to build rest times into your busy schedule. And keep on being about our Father's business. Be on the lookout for ways to serve, even in this busy season.



Jace Forker and Samuel Wesely are engaged to be married on June 29. Jace is a teacher in Chambers, and the daughter of Cully & Melissa Forker. Samuel is a lab analyst. They will be making their home in Cedar Bluffs, NE.

A gift table will be set up in the foyer on Sunday, May 19 and 26 for us to be a blessing to the couple as they prepare for their marriage. Their registry can be found on TheKnot.com.



The GAP (God Answers Prayer) ministry is a life giving ministry at Faith Community. Come and be a part of the team that is making a difference in the Kingdom!

Tuesdays - 7-8 pm - Room 100



Moms LINK is a great place to connect as you navigate the journey of motherhood. Childcare is provided on site.

May 14
from 9:30 - 11:30 am

For more information, contact Alex Fenske (340-7374) or Emily Van Horn (340-3738).



Thank you to all who supported, through prayer and finances, the Solid Rock team on their recent mission trip to Oklahoma City. While there, our team of 39 teenagers and 8 leaders worked at 3 different locations.

The Christian Service Center, a ministry looking to show the love of Jesus by providing food and clothing for those in poverty or the homeless, recently purchased a neighboring house to expand their ministry. The house, however, needs complete renovation. As a result, our teams at the center did a wide variety of projects from tearing down a brick chimney, to hanging some siding and insulation, to setting some fence posts in cement.

Another group went to the Life Changes and Wellness Center – a facility designed to help troubled teens and provides produce for local families. Coach Sims works with troubled teens to help them get out of gangs and get their life on track. One of the avenues he uses to help teens is to teach boxing. The other side of the facility was run by miss Clarice who oversees growing produce in their garden to provide for people in their neighborhood. Our groups at the Wellness Center helped with the garden, fixed some gutters, moved tons of dirt, and even built a boxing ring for a tournament.

The last location was our host church, Southpark Baptist Church. This church has hosted missions' groups for 9 weeks during the summer every year since 2013, so we were able to help them with some of their much-needed repairs. Our team fixed soffits, replaced toilets, repaired showers, patched drywall, and did some landscaping.

Each evening, we would gather at our host church to hang out, worship, and be challenged from scripture. It was so fun to see God working in and through the lives of these amazing teenagers. Every experience, from the work to the worship, was used to draw us closer to the Lord and to bring a spirit of unity and comradery among the team members. Thank you so much for the part you played in God's work on this trip.

ELDER MEETING

**MONDAY, MAY 13 & 27
7 PM**



widow connection Sunday, May 5
Right After Church

There will be a light luncheon/snack time so please bring a snack to share. Contact Jennie Read (340-2208) for more information.



Thank you to everyone who supported the kids raising money for camp Clydehurst this summer.

Huge THANKS to Gwen Johnston and Anne Sitz for all their work to make it successful.

Our Daily Bread for June / July / August



Will be available on Sunday, May 19

May

- 1—Living Stones (7 pm) **Last Night**
- Solid Rock (7:30 pm)
- 2—National Day of Prayer (5:30 pm)
Holt County Courthouse, sponsored by the OMA
- 3—Family Comedy Night featuring Leland Klassen at O'Neill Community Center (7 pm)
sponsored by the OMA
- 4—Ladies Breakfast at Christ Lutheran (9 am)
- 5—Congregational Meeting (9:15 am)
—Widow Connection (After Church)
—Missions Committee Meeting (12:30 pm)
- 7—'Unexplainable Jesus' Bible Study (1:30 pm)
—GAP Ministry (7 pm)
- 8—Baccalaureate, O'Neill High School (7 pm)
- 12—Happy Mother's Day
—Evangelism Workshop (9:15 am)
—Baptism Class (9:15 am)
- 13—Elder Meeting (7 pm)
- 14—Mom's LINK (9:30-11:30 am)
—'Unexplainable Jesus' Bible Study (1:30 pm)
—GAP Ministry (7 pm)
- 15—Solid Rock (7:30 pm) **Last Night**
- 19—Gift Table for Jace Forker & Samuel Wesely
- 21—'Unexplainable Jesus' Bible Study (1:30 pm)
—GAP Ministry (7 pm)
- 26—Gift Table for Jace Forker & Samuel Wesely
- 27—Elder Meeting (7 pm)
- 28—GAP Ministry (7 pm)

May Service Staff

Infant/Toddler Nursery:

- 5 - Kathy Kliewer & Nolan Ballagh
- 12 - Vicki Willats & Isabella Wiekamp
- 19 - Maddie Thiesen & Ashley Sidak
- 26 - Kirsten Wettlaufer & Mia Lindsay

PreK Junior Church:

- 5 - Tesha Ballagh & London Konrad
- 12 - Amy Halsey & Ashley Sidak
- 19 - Taylor Rentschler & Eli Banks
- 26 - Christy Meyer & Taylor Young

Ushers:

- 5 - Joe Knopp, Rod Gartner, Gary Caskey, Mark Brookhouser
- 12 - James Cook, Rod Rowse, Cody Boettcher, Tyler Dexter
- 19 - Dave Brodersen, Ted Meyer, Nick Konrad, Devyn Ballagh
- 26 - Bob Young, Roger Sorensen, Dennis Schueth, Alex Brookhouser