



Advance Community Christian Church

Steve's Desk

Those rascally rabbits! These past couple of years, my garden was overtaken by rabbits. This spring I counted 4 sets of adult rabbits hanging out in my yard. After planting my garden, they made a quick meal of my broccoli plants and my bean shoots. Frustrated, I ordered fencing, and luckily for me, amazon shipped it within a day or so. I put up the fence and showed those rabbits who was boss. I felt a feeling of victory and replanted my crops. The fence worked for the most part. The adult rabbits didn't breach the barrier, but one day I noticed movement inside the enclosure and much to my chagrin, a baby rabbit sat there munching on my beans. He sat there with such confidence. Well, just like Farmer MacGregor, I chased that varmint around until finally he got under the fence and quickly ran under the deck. As I discovered, those 8 rabbits had multiplied to a number I have been unable to count. Yet, instead of giving in or giving up, I fortified my fence even more and soon was finally able to reap a harvest. Several of the rabbits have now moved on, but there is still that one, whom I've named Peter. He taunts me on a daily basis. I have vowed that next year I will be even more prepared to fight the good fight and win!



The Apostle Paul encourages us to prepare for battle against the schemes of the Devil by taking every precaution to protect and defend ourselves. In Ephesians 6:11 he writes— *“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”* In order to win the battle and defeat the Devil, we have to be prepared with a power greater than ourselves - HIS Armor. God is offering us victory, however we still have to put on the full armor and fight.

We cannot stand and we will not win without HIM! Read the rest of this passage in Ephesians 6 and see how God can prepare us. He's offering us everything we will need to fight and win.

Too bad there are not any passages of scriptures that tell you how to rid your garden of rabbits.



ANUAL FISH FRY

SEPTEMBER 20TH

On Sunday, September 20th, we will be hosting our annual fish fry immediately following our morning services. This will not be a pitch-in. The fish, coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, drinks and ice cream will be provided. We will be following health guidelines by limiting the number of people preparing and serving the food. We will also be placing the tables and chairs to maintain social distancing. We will be accepting donations to help defray the cost of the meal. If you would like to help, please contact Steve.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

September – 20/20 Seeing through God's Eyes

Looking back on these past months, the year 2020 has been beyond belief. Looking around us, we see the continued uncertainties, fears, and concerns. As we look ahead, we don't see much hope of any of this changing. It isn't that our eyesight is impaired, it's that we are limiting our vision. We have been looking at things from our perspective which is often short-sighted and very one-sided. In this series, we will be comparing what we see to what God sees – in our past, our present and our future. He is the all-seeing God and He is able to see beyond this year to what is to come in His will for us. Seeing things from His perspective should give us the assurance to get beyond what is happening around us and fill with the hope for our eternity to come. What we see is very real and difficult, but what He sees is our deliverance!

October – *Psalming It!*

The Book of Psalms is a collection of songs that were written to direct the people of Israel in their worship of God. It was there hymnal. Many of the Psalms are attributed to King David and are based in his relationship with God. He was a man after God's own heart, yet he didn't always make the right choices and often rebelled against God. His songs convey his praises through the expression of his feelings: joy, thanksgiving, gratitude, sorrow, sadness, guilt, and even shame over his sinfulness, but in each, he directs us to God. King David's songs have survived for our benefit. In this series, we will be highlighting a few of his writing to help us understand and relate our lives to his. He claimed victory at the end of his life and found redemption in recognizing God's place in his life. May our prayer be that God use King David's life – the good and the bad-to teach us lessons for our own lives. This October – let's go Psalming it!

OPERATION SHOE BOX CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Shoe Box Ministry

We will be collecting items throughout the month of September to fill shoeboxes of goodies for children around the world. The following listing of suggested items was taken from the Samaritan's Purse website. These items need to be small enough to fit in a standard sized shoe box.

Girl (Age 2 to 4): Doll, an article of clothing, small musical instrument, small tote bag or purse, playdough, skipping rope/jump rope

Boy (Age 2 to 4): an article of clothing, small musical instrument, playdough, reusable plastic container such as cup or water bottle, building blocks, foam ball, and plastic dinosaur figures

Girl (Age 5 to 9): backpack or purse, non-liquid lip balm, hairbows, craft kits, sidewalk chalk, jump rope/skipping rope

Boy (Age 5 to 9): Toy truck or boat, backpack; flashlight, wristwatch, building blocks, baseball and mitt, tennis balls, small kite

Girl (Age 10 to 14): backpack, reusable plastic container such as a cup or water bottle, plate, blanket, non-liquid lip balm, compact mirror, nail clipper and file, stick deodorant, decorate hat, tote bag or purse, bead jewelry kit, sewing kit

Boy (Age 10 to 14): backpack, reusable plastic container such as a cup or water bottle, plate, blanket, flashlight, nail clipper, stick deodorant, wristwatch, bandana, fishing kit, playing cards, dominoes

Be reminded that we cannot include any liquids in the boxes. All donations must be received by **Sunday, September 27th.**



We are also collecting monetary donations for shipping.

The recommended cost is \$9 per box. If you would like to donate, please give your donations to Peggy Beck, our church treasurer.



MARK YOUR CALENDERS

Fall Harvest Party

– October 25th –

We will again be hosting our annual Harvest Party on Sunday, October 25th, beginning from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This will be an outdoor event. We will be having soup, beans, chili, hot dogs, drinks, and treats for everyone.

We will be having fun games for the children and end with a Parade of Costumes. We ask that those wishing to give out candy provide for about 75 children.

We encourage everyone to be creative by decorating themselves or their cars as they pass out candy.

More information will be announced.

BIBLE STUDIES AND SMALL GROUPS

The **Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group** will meet at 10:30 am each Wednesday in September and October, except October 7th, at the church in the sanctuary. In September and October, we will be studying the books of 1st & 2nd Timothy.

The **Neese Small Group Bible Study** will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm beginning Wednesday, September 16th at the church in the sanctuary. The topic of study will be determined and announced.

A **New Small Group Bible Study** will begin meeting for the first time on Sunday, September 13th at the church in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm. This group will determine both the topic of study and the frequency of meeting. If you are not currently involved in a small group, come and join us.

If you would like more information about one of our small group opportunities, see Steve.

Join a small group.
You'll be glad you did!



SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:20 AM EACH SUNDAY

Adult Sunday School Class -James It's Time to grow Up- Right Now Media with Tony Evans . Dr. Evans teaches the importance of being a genuine, consistent Christian. He talks about contradictions in our lives, partiality, worldliness, love of money, power of the tongue, faith and works.

We will also be hosting this class on Zoom.us. Contact us to join

SERVING SCHEDULE

Elders: September -John Mercer & Danny Pierce, October -Tyler Trent & Arlan Johnson

Deaconess: September-Mary Johnson & Susan Neese, October-Krista Cromwell & Rita Padgett

Deacons: September -D. Fry, S. Mitchell, J.C. Mitchell, & R. Mitchell, October- S. Mitchell, J.C. Mitchell, R. Mitchell, & D. Hine

Scripture Reading- 9/6 Mike Neese, 9/13 Mary Johnson, 9/20 Jeff Johnson. 9/27 Debbie Mercer, 10/4 Tyler Trent , 10/11 ?????? 10/18 Mandy Trent, 10/25 John Mercer

Communion Meditation- 9/6 Tammy Milliser , 9/13 Debbie Mercer, 9/20 John Mercer. 9/27, Brian Henry , 10/4 Tammy Milliser , 10/11 Danny Pierce, 10/18 J.C Mitchell, 10/25 Evan Trent

Children's Worship- TBA

Projection- Corinna & Danny

Sound- Kyler Cromwell & Bret Hine

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Elders Meeting 9/7 & 10/5 at 7:00 pm

Spiritual Growth Ministry Team 9/10 at 6:30 pm

Fellowship Team 10/4 at 8:30 am

Worship Ministry Team 11/3 at 7:00pm

Mission Ministry Team 10/6 at 7:00 pm

Business Meeting 9/17 & 10/15 at 7:00 pm

Children & Youth Ministry 10/4 after service

Care Ministry Team 10/22 at 7:00 pm

Safety Team TBA

BOOKS AND BANTER

September 8th at 7:00 pm
Covert Cows and Chick-fil-A By Steve Robinson & Milton Bagby
October 13th at 7:00 pm Daughter of Cana written by Angela Hunt

Youth News

CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES-We are so excited to be resuming our in-person children and youth Sunday Schools on September 13th at 9:20 am. The elementary age will be doing a study on laying the foundation for a lifetime of faith. This will have a fun new format with games, activities, music and a lesson. Our teen girls will be doing a bible study called "Seamless" by Angie Smith. This study covers major events from the Bible, tying them together into the greater story of Scripture. The goal is to lead girls to a complete understanding of God's story as seen from Genesis to Revelation. Our teen boys will be doing the study series "Challenges men encounter" by Vince Miller. This study will address the challenges men face today by what our culture is redefining as manhood and confusing men in their pursuit of Biblical manhood. It will ask questions such as -How will you respond? What will you say and do when the world demands a response? Our young men will discover how to respond by rejecting passivity, accepting responsibility, leading courageously, loving unconditionally, living with integrity, serving humbly, and investing eternally. This will teach them to let others see masculinity and manhood through the lens of Christ in their life with seven characteristics for become a better man, husband, father, and leader.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

On Sunday, September, 13th our Children's Worship service will resume during the 10:20 am worship hour. We will be practicing social distancing and using the fellowship hall for meetings. We are also encouraging the wearing of facemasks when needed, and will be following proper sanitizing procedures before and after each

JR. & SR. HIGH 5TH QUARTER

On Friday, September 11th we will be having a 5th Quarter Live Stream of the Webó football game. We will use the large multi-purpose room and practice social distancing. This is a great way to get our teens together before the start of youth group. Time: TBA

YOUTH GROUP RESUMES

On Sunday, October 4th, we will be resuming our weekly meetings for all children and youth. Our Preschool (age 4) and Elementary children will meet from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm each Sunday, unless announced otherwise. Our Jr. and Sr. High youth will be meeting from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm each Sunday unless announced otherwise. We will **NOT** be providing a meal as we have in the past. We will be practicing social distancing by using the large rooms for meetings, encouraging the wearing of facemasks when needed, and using proper sanitizing procedures. before and after each meeting.



MISSIONS UPDATE

Covenant Mountain Mission

Update copied from CMMBC September newsletter...



Everyone has a plan A. Those who are well prepared have a plan B. For CMMBC this year, we stopped labeling our plans in late June at H. Make no mistake, this summer has been exceptionally difficult. It would be easy to think that a summer without campers would mean that we have the summer off. However, Covid-19 has kept from hosting mission teams to provide workers for keeping up the facility at camp. We are short more than 1500 manhours of volunteer time. We thank God for the work of Paul and Kathy Neumann!

We planned for work teams...and could not do it. We planned to open the splash pad...with Covid-19 restrictions, we could not do it. In a summer of hectic planning, re-planning, frustration, discouragement and simply not knowing what to do, God has blessed us, in ways that we could not even imagine.

The entire west end of the camp has been cleared and graded for mowing. Gifts have allowed us to not only keep the place in good repair, but to improve many parts of the camp. The already purchased food that we could not use this summer has gone out into the community to feed the hungry at food banks and churches. God provided a few "super volunteers" that have made the splash pad project far better than we could dream.

This summer has been hard. Please pray for us. In this, we still thank God for what he is doing to keep and grow the ministry of CMMBC. God has something big in store for this camp. We wait patiently to see what it is. Blessings. Joe, & Tammy Faulkinbury.

Please do pray for the camp and the Faulkinburys. Also pray how God might use you in helping the camp financially or even physically. We are so happy that our own Paul and Kathy Neumann were able to help. God will use you too!