

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

TODAY *We are glad you chose to worship with us today!*

Parents of junior/senior high youth will meet after church today to discuss fall and winter activities.

THIS WEEK **Women's Fellowship** meets on August 14 at 1:00 p.m. at the church.

NEXT WEEK **The Helmsmen** will be with us for worship on August 19. Plan now on coming and inviting a friend! More information about them is available at www.helmsmen.net.

Executive Committee meets on August 20 at 6:30 p.m., followed by **Council** at 7:00 p.m.

COMING UP **Fiesta lunch**-- August 26 following worship service. This is a fundraiser for the team going to Tijuana November 18-24.

Father/Son Canoe Hike -- Hey guys, it's that time of year again. We are currently looking at dates for a summer's end canoe trip down the Picon River. See Pastor Jim for more information.

PLEASE NOTE **Greeters Schedule** -- We are in need of greeters for the balance of 2018. Please check the schedule in the lobby to see where you might be able to help.

Directory Pictures -- We are updating our church directory and want everyone included! Pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 30. Please check the schedule in the lobby if you need an appointment. You get a free 8x10 and an updated church directory. Family and friends can get a photo taken and are eligible for the free 8 x 10 but won't be in the directory.

Anniversary Celebration T-Shirts are available for \$10.00 each in the lobby. Get yours now to wear to various church events celebrating our 150th anniversary.

August Calendars are available at the Information Center. The worship service schedules for this month are listed in the calendar

MISSIONS The **Missions Focus** for August is on *Matt and Becky Kooi* with Spectrum Ministries. There is information about them in the lobby.

Missions Challenge -- The Missions Team will match giving (\$12.99 each) for Action Bibles (in English and Spanish) that were given away at the Kids Day event during the Polish Festival.

AUGUST 12, 2018

SERVICE: 9:30 AM

JUNIOR CHURCH: 10:10 AM



MISSION STATEMENT

"WE HONOR GOD THROUGH REGULARLY ASSEMBLING TOGETHER TO WORSHIP HIM AS LORD, STUDY AND OBEY HIS WORD, AND ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF HIS PEOPLE. WHEN WE LEAVE, WE GO OUT COMMISSIONED AS CHRIST'S REPRESENTATIVES TO A NEEDY WORLD."

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NURSERY Char Kaufman and Kristi Long
SOUND ROOM Kenny Bennett
GREETERS Youth

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS David Minard
OPENING WORSHIP Dr. Robertson and Youth Praise Team
Come, Now Is the Time Chorus
Fairest Lord Jesus Chorus
I Exalt Thee Chorus

OFFERING

MESSAGE Jim Erwin
Be Thou My Vision Chorus

For the kids:

We have a nursery for children 0-2 years up the stairs and the first door on the left. Toddlers and children up through fifth grade will be dismissed before the sermon for children's church.

*If you have a **prayer request** or wish to schedule a meeting with the pastor, please use one of prayer cards on the book racks under the seats or on the Information Center in the lobby. You can place it in the offering basket or hand it to the pastor.*

*If you are interested in an upcoming **church orientation class** for recent attenders, see Pastor Jim.*

Summer baptisms -- if you have not been baptized and want to be, please contact Pastor Jim.

FAITH TO LIFE *Applying my faith to daily life*

Introduction: "Metamorphosis"

We are being transformed into his likeness..... ([2 Corinthians 3:18](#))

I. CHRISTIANITY IS A "GROWING THING"

The kingdom of God is like a seed.....([Mark 4:16](#))

.....Grow up in your salvation ([1 Peter 2:2](#))

.....The whole body.....grows and builds itself up in love ([Ephesians 4:16](#))

II. GROWTH IMPLIES CHANGE

*Improvements require change.

What changes as we grow?

1. **My conscience** (knowledge) ([2 Peter 3:18](#), [Romans 12:2](#))

*Disciple = a student, an apprentice

2. **My character** (Personality) ([Galatians 5:22-23](#), [1 Corinthians 13:1,4-7](#))

3. **My contribution** (Commitments, Skill)

*S.O.I.L. = Serve One Another In Love

Head ==> Heart ==> Hands

III. RESOURCES FOR GROWTH (Tools)

1. The Holy Spirit ([2 Corinthians 3:18](#))

2. The Word of God (truth) ([John 8:31-32](#), [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#))

3. Prayer ([Philippians 4:6](#))

4. Fellowship (encouragement/exhortation) ([John 13:34](#))

5. Time (practice/obedience) ([Matthew 7:24](#), [John 13:17](#))

APPLICATION

1. Are you growing?
2. What tools do you regularly use?
3. Would you consider yourself "mature" yet?



A Call to Prayer



Recent additions

- *Family of Kathleen Hollister* -- Rick's mother.
- *Jim Combs* -- continuing problems with lungs and health
- *Family of Marcia Garr*.
- *Carmel Roberts* --recovering from surgery on July 9.
- *Olivia Stoy* -- bone marrow transplant
- *Eric Smotherman* -- COPD
- *Jack Florent's brother-in-law, Ron* -- heart blockage
- *Shanda Carpenter's mother* - gall bladder and blood pressure issues.
- *Jim Wickey's neighbor, Norma* --doing better

Continue to remember those in need

- *Jeff Craft*, Sue Craft's son, soft palate cancer
- *Gary Ratkowski* -- recovering from cancer surgery on June 13
- *Greg and Nikki Maertins niece, Erica*, Hells Syndrome, baby is up to four pounds and is home.
- *Phyllis Minard's mother, Jeanette Brinkman*, is in hospice care in Toledo.
- *Mason Pritchett* -- stage 3 acute GVHD
- *Arwan Mallay* -- 10 year old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma -- is home after first round of treatment following surgery.
- *Danielle Howe's father-in-law, Tom* -- stage 4 liver cancer
- *Jean LaClair* - being treated for leukemia
- Brandon Carpenter's brother-in-law, *Eric Algrim and family*, heart issues.

Praises

Atlee and Paige Keim's new baby

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