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Note from Pastor Kevin

Overcoming Fear with the Right View of Life

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. 23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; 24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that your proud confidence in me may abound in Christ Jesus through my coming to you again. 27 Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.
Philippians 1:21-27

In a time when many live with anxiety of the future, Paul gives great perspective. In Philippians 1:21-27, Paul reminds us that to live on earth is to live with purpose the work Jesus has given each believer or, as Paul calls it, our fruitful labor. Yet Paul points out that to “depart”, or in other words when we die, there will be a far better situation for believers with Jesus. To be with Jesus in heaven is far better than being here on earth, but we are part of a plan that calls us to be about living worthy of the gospel. To stay here for as long as God gives us is to get the good news out to everyone who will receive it. We are living for Christ here and now but anticipating a wonderful eternity with Him.

Either way, believers need not fear death. Life or death, we need not be afraid. We can rise above our fears because God has our back. We will not be afraid, but live for Jesus and the good news of His salvation by faith in His death and resurrection. Rise above your fears and get perspective. When we get to heaven someday we will look back and say why was I ever afraid of anything with Jesus by my side. We overcome fear by being convinced that as believers in Christ we win either way.

In the Love of Christ,
Pastor Kevin

Movie Night

We will be having a church movie night on Friday, October 16 at 6:00PM. We will be watching the movie *Overcomer*. It is free to attend. No food or drinks will be provided so please bring your own snack & drink.



OCTOBER TEAM MEETINGS

Fellowship & Outreach Team—Thursday, October 15 at 6:00PM.

LIFE GROUPS

Parenting 101 Bible Study

Wednesdays at 7:00PM at the Birkmaiers' house, 33 W. Jarvi Rd in Negaunee. 6 week study. Babysitting will be available during the study.

Kid's Quest

Thursdays at 6:30PM. For grades K-5.

CrossWay/CrossTraining

Sundays at 4:00PM. For grades 6-8 & 9-12.

**all groups meet at church unless noted otherwise*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Building Work Day-Thursday, Oct. 15 from 9:00AM-3:00PM. Finishing putting up the steel siding around the bottom of the building.

Movie Night-Friday, October 16 at 6:00PM. Watching *Overcomer*. No food or drinks will be provided so please bring your own snack & drink.

Baptism Service-Sunday, Nov. 1 during service at the church. Sign-up at the church or call or text Pastor Kevin at (906) 420-1000 if you're interested in being baptized.

Children's Christmas Play Costumes-Donations of fabric, burlap, white sheets, or anything that would work to make Christmas play costumes are needed by Friday, November 13. Please place donations in the box by the main entry door.

Christian Creators Women's Fellowship-Saturday, November 14 from 1:00-3:00PM. Come gather to fellowship & get to know one another. We will be creating a fall centerpiece instructed by Sarah Elliot & Susi Collick. Cost is \$5. Sign up on the sheet on the table to ensure enough supplies will be purchased. Sewers needed as well for sewing Christmas play costumes. Please bring your machines & supplies. Separate sign up sheet for sewers on table.

Operation Christmas Child Boxes-We will be participating in the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child again this year. There will be boxes available at the church soon. Deadline to drop off boxes is Sunday, Nov. 15.