

The Chimes

of First Presbyterian Church

July 2017

A monthly newsletter for friends and members of our church...



Fingers To the Bone. . .

1 Peter 2:20-21

But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.

Pat and Steve Nelson invited me and a few others over for fellowship at their place. During that time, our theme of the conversation progressed to the topic of a "typewriter". I remember seeing one only once before and I tried to type on it... basically you can say I PUNCHED the keys with all my might. After typing just my name, "Jay Yongjae Kim", all my fingers felt like they were going to fall off. I felt I had worked my "fingers to the bone". It also took almost five minutes to finish the sentence and get my feeling back in my fingers. How did they ever type all those words in the day of manual typewriters?

Linda and Janet said it was part of a class they took to learn how to use typewriters when in school. They said some typewriters typed as fast as 150 words per minute, and it sounded like a percussion instrument. Then a little later, a digital typewriter was invented so you could see what you were typing before you hit "enter". It made people's job easier. After that the computer became popular which everyone could type on without being HASSLED.

However, today no one needs to learn to type anymore. Rather, today's technology encourages us to speak to a computer and it will automatically type for you. So, is this new generation smarter than the old one? I might know a little more about the computer and other modern media technologies than my parent's generation, but my fingers still feel numb, while Linda and Janet typed 150 wpm.

What we have accomplished today is the result of what our parents' generation had accomplished through suffering and pain. It could be true that they planted seeds and watered them, and we just picked the fruits. It could be the same for my children's generation. What we do now could be our kid's accomplishments and their fruits. I really hope to hear from kids, "Thank you parents for all your "fingers to the bone", work.

We are saved in Christ. This is the truth. But it didn't happen automatically. The One, our Savior, our Messiah made the path for us to receive the gift of eternal life. His suffering and pain became our accomplishment in our spiritual journey on earth. It could be the same to all those followers of Christ who sacrificed their lives to hand down the riches of their faith to us today. The ways that they chose to follow God may seem to be harsh, strict or even rigid; but that's why we have all this biblical and theological knowledge today that helps us walk in our Christian life.



On the other hand, how we follow Christ today will be the resources for our children's faith in the future. That's why we have to set a good example in following Christ in the right way. Employ our, "fingers to the bone" in keeping our faith in Christ.

Jay Kim

It Takes a Lot of People

Wk	Flowers For Month	Elders Communion Or Servers	Children's Message	Ushers For Month	Greeters	Liturgist	Prayer Team
7/2		1) F. Tolstedt 2) P. Dobry J. Green S. Nelson A. Mittan Pastor Jay	Hannah Weisgerber	C. Hansen J. Hansen B. Dobry M. Goodell	TBD	TBD	Available Prayer Team Members
7/3		Communion Crossroads					
7/9	Open		Amanda Mittan	Same	TBD	TBD	Available Prayer Team Members
7/16			Manda Clarke	Same	TBD	TBD	Available Prayer Team Members
7/23	Open		Kim Hielscher	Same	TBD	TBD	Available Prayer Team Members

****Men's Breakfast****

Our Men's Life Group has adjourned for the Summer and will not meet again until Saturday, September 9th. Don't forget to attend and make sure to bring a friend!



Directory Address Change:

Please change the address for Jacob and Jessica Lux in your new directories. Their address should be 507 Potash, Alliance, NE 69301

Pastor Jay's New Phone Number:
424-537-1988

Statement of Receipts - Fin'l Secretary - June 2017

Offerings	6/4	6/11	6/18	6/25	Monthly Total	Bal. Fwd	YTD - 2017
Pledged Offerings	4,408.00	1,031.00			5,439.00	52,286.78	57,725.78
Un-pledged Offerings	605.00	50.00			655.00	6,782.00	7,437.00
Loose Offerings	7.00	25.00			32.00	623.66	655.66
Total Offerings	\$5,020.00	\$1,106.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,126.00	\$59,692.44	\$65,818.44

July Anniversaries

- 17 Dale and Joyce Lawrence
- 27 Don and Vickie Hughart



July Birthdays

- 1 Donna Kutschke
- 3 Norma Green
- 3 Allen Heckman
- 3 Brandon Baldwin
- 4 Kiya Baldwin
- 5 Clifford Furrow
- 6 Tara Minnick
- 9 George Krejci
- 13 Sydney Roosa
- 14 Larry Debus
- 15 Michael Nason
- 18 Laona Perrin
- 19 Sandy DeBusk
- 21 Larry Dalbey
- 22 Matthew Oseles
- 23 Craig Van Hewversyn
- 24 Jerry Johannes
- 24 Jessica Lux
- 25 Linda Mills
- 25 Emmy Green
- 26 Whitney Baldwin
- 27 Carolyn Krause
- 28 Marty Jones
- 28 Tanner Weisgerber



Attention Memorial Committee Members! You will be meeting again on Thursday, July 6th at 11:00 a.m. If you have any questions please contact Moderator, Diane Lurz

Circle Meetings

Good Morning Circle and Serendipity Circle are on hiatus for the summer and will resume meeting again on the 6th of September. Please watch the August Chimes for information on meeting places and hostesses.

C.T. Board will not be meeting during the months of June and July. They will resume meeting on August 16th with Linda Johannes as Hostess. Please check with your Moderator, Betty Blakey, for the meeting location.



Our congregation will be delivering Meals on Wheels in July. If you can help with this ministry, please sign up on the calendar that is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Children and Youth News — July 2017

Planning for Vacation Bible School is underway. July 23rd to the 26th will be here before we know it. Many hands will be needed. Perhaps there is a way that you can help out? Please contact Pat in the Office or Barb Kendle if you can give us any time or assistance at all in producing this program.

The first Session will be Sunday, July 3rd and will begin immediately following our morning Worship. July 24th through the 26th we will meet from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m. We will be following the curriculum for the "Maker Fun Factory" and will be learning exciting things about God and His loving care for us.

We have the snacks and lunches covered as well as three of the lessons, so we really need one more lesson leader. This year we are opening VBS to children of our church only and we have approximately ten children committed to coming. Next year we are hoping to be more ambitious and open the program to the community. We will definitely be listening for God's leading in this area.



Thank you in advance for the minutes and hours that you are willing to sacrifice to make this a quality experience for our children—learning about God and developing their spiritual lives.

Barb Kendle and Pat Dobry, Organizers of VBS

Save The Dates!

There is a Young Family Retreat planned for July 28th to 30th at Lake McConaughy.

This event is planned to encourage our young families to get to know each other better and to experience fellowship in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. We are hoping that all of our young families will be able to attend, and we ask that you would please pray for and support this upcoming event.



There will be an All Church Picnic on Sunday, July 30th at the home of Marv and Kathie Toedtli, following Morning Worship. Something a little new and different is planned as far as what will be served, so please stand by for details!

August 20th is the date that has been set for our annual, "Worship in the Park". This year our service will be starting at 9:00 a.m. and it will be held on the North side of 10th Street at the site of the Sallows Conservatory. We will not eat until the service is concluded and we will be serving rolls, coffee and orange juice. We are praying that those who will be staying in the park for the eclipse will be joining us for our service and will be blessed by the food that we provide. More details will be available soon!

Bible Studies and Times:

Sunday—Morning Star—8:00 a.m. (On break until September)

Sunday—Adult Sunday School —8:00 a.m. Coffee and Conversation With Helen McConnell

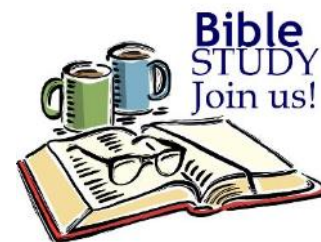
Tuesday—Early Morning Bible Study—6:30 a.m. (Escape the Coming Night)

Tuesday—EWG Bible Study—9:00 a.m. (On break until September)

Thursday—Young Family Bible Study—7:30 p.m. (Calm My Anxious Heart—Linda Dillow)

Thursday—Women of Faith—9:00 a.m. (Second Thursday of Each Month)

Thursday—Living Stones—1:00 p.m. Summer Schedule, Meeting the 1st Thursday of Each Month for Afternoon at the Movies!



From Your Prayer and Worship Team...

We're sure that you are thinking it a little strange that you see the image of a Christmas Tree in this article this month...but Christmas is what we are promoting!

We are in need of a new, large, quality tree for the platform in the Sanctuary, and we need one that is at least 12 feet tall and that comes complete with the newer, energy efficient LED lights.

A quality tree like that is going to take a few dollars to purchase, and we are happy to let you know that we do have a head start on what we need.

Be watching for a small tree to make it's appearance in the parlor sometime the first part of August. By the tree there will be decorated ornaments for you to purchase to hang on the tree. Proceeds from the decorating of this tree will go towards purchase of the large tree for the Sanctuary. We are hoping that you will plan to participate in this fun and fancy fund raiser so we have a new tree to hang our very meaningful Chrismons on!



Stewardship Corner.....

Probably my least favorite character in "The Lord of the Rings" is Smeagle...just ask my family—he gives me the creeps! I ask myself why he bothers me so much...and in my own interpretation of Tolkein's famous story, I think it's because I could become him...



You know, Smeagle didn't start out as such a bad looking guy. Actually, he wasn't bad looking at all...it's just after he got possession of that ring that he became ugly. Or, was it really after the ring took possession of him?

Smeagle's "precious" became his obsession...he would even kill for it. It captivated him, it controlled him...and in the end, it killed him.

Maybe I am being a little too dramatic, but I can't help wondering...what is "MY Precious"? What is Pat's possession that means so much to her that she becomes ugly about it? What is it that could overtake her heart to such a point that it would destroy her.

You know...Christian or not, there is not one thing that we have that belongs to us...it all belongs to God. What we think that we possess in reality is His. Whether we are talking about material things, money, our children...all are gifts that God gives to us.

But, like the servant who buried the talents that his master gave him to invest rather than trying to make more money for his master because he was afraid it would be stolen...we sometimes sit upon what God gives us without using it to His glory and for His purposes. I think that in that way, I could turn from the Smeagle that the world looks on as pretty okay—to that ugly Smeagle who loves no one, not even himself, and like the servant, could be in danger of losing everything. As the time for pledging for the new year draws nearer, won't you examine your hearts and pray that God will lead you towards living with an open hand and an open heart to giving.

PRACTICAL NEWS ABOUT THE UPCOMING ECLIPSE...ECLIPSE GLASSES AND THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE AUGUST 21, 2017

“Don’t look directly at the sun! You can go blind!”

Actually, that’s true. Your retina, in the back of your eyeball, is light sensitive, and looking directly at the sun can damage rods and cones. Too much intense light can cause blindness, temporary or permanent. So you never look directly at the sun. But during an eclipse, you *want* to look directly at the sun, because you want to see it disappear. Then you want to enjoy the corona, the special light show that will surround the dark hole that is the moon blocking the sun. What is the solution?

Special eclipse sunglasses. **These are NOT Sunglasses. They are 1,000 times darker than sunglasses.** And what do they cost? You can get the really stylish ones that are cardboard with special plastic lenses for \$2.00 at the Chamber office. And yes, they work great! Maybe you’ll attend an event where the glasses are given away. If you don’t like glasses, you can get eclipse viewers, 3x5 cards with the special extra-dark plastic material that allows direct viewing of the sun.

Welder’s glass. Yes, you can wear a welding helmet – looking pretty spacey! But the glass has to be number 14 welder’s glass to protect your eyes. The standard green welding glass doesn’t do enough to protect your eyes from the infrared light.



But guess what! When the sun is fully eclipsed (two and a half minutes in Alliance) you get to **take your special glasses off!** (Do this when you see the Diamond Ring.) You’ll see the black hole in the sky, surrounded by the sun’s corona. This looks different with every eclipse, depending on the sun’s magnetic field and activity. You’ll see red dots, then beautiful silver arcs. You’ll also get to see stars and planets. People will be yelling, laughing, crying. This is so awe-inspiring that people travel all around the world to experience it.

PINHOLE PROJECTORS...THE PARTIAL ECLIPSE IS TAKING A LONG TIME

In Alliance on August 21, 2017, we’ll be having a total eclipse of the sun! The partial eclipse will begin at 10:27 am, as the moon slowly moves between the sun and the earth. Totality is at 11:49 am and will last two minutes, thirty seconds. Then we have a partial eclipse again which will end at 1:16 pm, when the moon will no longer be blocking any of the sun.

During the hour and twenty minutes before and after the eclipse, you’ll need your special glasses on to watch as the partial eclipse slowly gets larger, then smaller. That’s a long time, especially for children. So how do you make sure everyone gets the most out of this amazing experience? The answer – make different kinds of pinhole projectors!

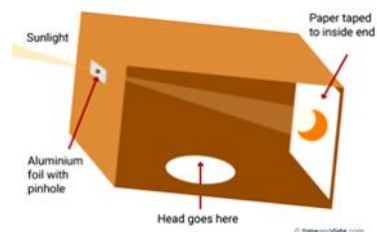
Two white paper plates (or sheets of white cardboard). Use a thumbtack or pin to make a hole in one of the plates. Stand with your back to the sun. Hold the plate with the hole high above your shoulder. Hold the other plate low in front of you. Line them up so the eclipse shows on the plate. (It will be backwards and upside down.)

Find objects that will let the sun shine through holes: maybe trees where the light shines through the leaves, or cross your fingers so they make x’s, or maybe you can borrow a colander or slotted spoon from the kitchen. Look at the ground under them and see lots of partial eclipses. If you put a sheet of white cardboard under them, the images will be sharper.

Make a tube pinhole projector. You need a long box (at least six feet long), a piece of aluminum foil, a pin, and a sheet of white paper. The length of the box is important: the longer the box, the bigger your image of the sun will be. If you can’t find a long box or tube, you can tape together two or more shorter ones using duct tape. Cut a one-inch hole in the center of one end of the box. Tape a piece of foil over the hole, then poke a small hole in the foil with a pin. At the other end of the tube, cut a good-sized viewing hole in the side of the box. Put a piece of white paper at the end of the box, right inside the viewing hole. This is the screen where the image of the sun will appear.

To use your viewer, point the pinhole end of the box right at the sun. To aim it, move it around until you see a round spot of light on the paper at the other end—that’s your pinhole image of the sun! If you have trouble aiming your viewer, look at the shadow of the box on the ground. Move it until the shadow is as small as possible—that is, until it looks like the end of the box, and the sides are not casting a shadow. Do not look through the pinhole at the sun! Look only at the image on the paper.

Make a “Head in a Box” pinhole projector. You need a cardboard box big enough to fit over your head, and at least 24 inches long. Tape a sheet of white paper on the inside of the right side of the box. Tape the box shut. Then cut a hole big enough for your head in the bottom of the box. Cut a 1 x 2 inch hole in the left hand side of the box. Tape a piece of foil over that hole, and punch a small hole in it with a tack or pin. Decorate the box if you want, and you’re ready to go!



REMEMBER – you cannot look directly at the sun during a partial eclipse, but you can during the total eclipse!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 -8:00 Adult Bible Study -9:30 Worship, Communion -10:45 CYM, SPF, Outreach Meeting	4 Independence Day Office Closed 	5 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads -9:00 Missions Meeting	6 -12:30 Family Bible Study	7 -11:00 Memorial Team Meeting	8	9
10 DOVES Sunday -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:30 Worship	11 - 7:00p Session Meeting	12 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads -6:30 Trustees Meeting	13 -12:30 Family Bible Study	14 -6:00 p Women of Faith and Living Stones combined potluck, movie night	15	16
17 -8:00 Adult Bible Study -9:30 Worship	18	19 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads CHIMES DEADLINE	20 -12:30 Family Bible Study	21	22	23
24 -8:00 Adult Bible Study -9:30 Worship	25 -7:30p Prayer and Worship Meeting	26 -6:30 No. Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads	27 -12:30 Family Bible Study	28	29	30
31 Welcome the Gilmores -8:00 Adult Bible Study -8:50 Choir Practice -9:30 Worship Potluck Picnic at the Toedtil's Following Worship						 <p>Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD. <i>Psalms 33:12</i></p>

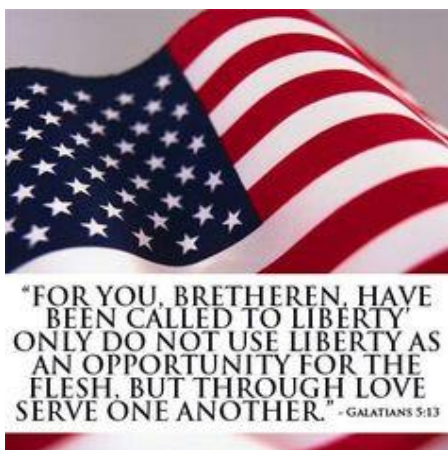
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Thoughts for the Journey...Dr. David Jeremiah...

A New Look

1 John 3:2 *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

According to the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, there were 15.9 million cosmetic procedures performed in the U.S. in 2015. The president of the ASPS said, "Patients have more options than ever ... to achieve the look they desire."

This desire arises from societal pressures for "a new look." One of the characteristics of life in our fallen world is being tired of the status quo—especially when it has to do with our personal lives, even our appearance. But that won't be true in heaven because we will have a new body. Just as Jesus exchanged mortality for immortality via His resurrection, we will do the same (1 Corinthians 15:50-54). God's purpose for His children is that they should "be conformed to the image of His Son" (Romans 8:29). There was something markedly different about Jesus after His resurrection—yet He still had flesh and bones and was able to eat (Luke 24:36-43).

Jesus' glorified body should pique our excitement about heaven. We will have a new look—one we will enjoy throughout eternity.

Grant me on earth what seems Thee best, till death and heaven reveal the rest.

Isaac Watts