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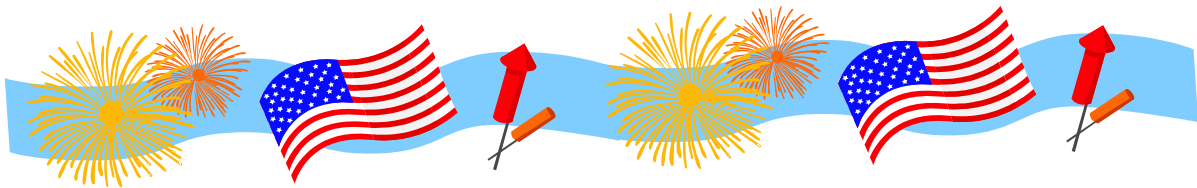
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Charles Anderson, Music/Ed Minister
Brent Martwick, Youth Minister



“You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 2:5).

From time to time you may hear some of my power phrases. One of my newer power phrases is, “You get the kind of church you create.” What do I mean by that?

As the verse above suggests, each of us is a living stone that goes into the construction of God’s church. There is a type of synergy to the church where the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Each member brings gifts, talents, energy, excitement, enthusiasm and personality to the church. When new members are added, the dynamic of the church subtly changes. When others leave, another change occurs.

Any church is the way it is because of the unique combination and contribution (or lack thereof)

of its members. When the members of a church are selflessly giving of themselves to the work of God, they together create a church that becomes a blessing to them and others. However, when members become inactive, lackadaisical, or refuse to contribute their best to the ministry of the church, it affects the whole church.

I’ve often said that a church can be no stronger than its weakest member. If you have slipped into inactivity, your church suffers because of it. If you are faithfully participating and serving in the ministries of your church, the church is the better because of it.

I pray that each of our members would evaluate what kind of church they are creating. Are you bringing the best that God has given you into your church membership? All too often, church members look at the church and think to themselves, “It’s just church. What’s the big deal?”

What we do here is not “just church.” What we do touches eternity. (And that’s a big deal!) How well we do that is largely

determined by the contributions of all of our members. When members withdraw into inactivity or inattentiveness to the things of God, the work of the church is naturally diminished.

Christ has saved you to be a part of His effort to bring the Gospel message to every lost man, woman, boy and girl. I hope that you would take the time to evaluate what kind of church you are creating.

During WWII, military recruiting posters pictured Uncle Sam with a finger pointing outward saying, “Uncle Sam needs you.” I would like each of our members to say in their heart, “My church needs me.” We certainly do need you!

Blessings,
Bro. Brian



**Your Church
Needs You!**

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Waters	4th
Casey Patrick	7th
Pete Brown	8th
Margie Elston	9th
Lisa Clement	11th
Brent Martwick	13th
Kristen McAdams	13th
Eva Gonzales	14th
Bobbie Branch	17th
Shelbie Ponder	21st
Jere Grice	22nd
Amye Megee	22nd
Ruby Wood	23rd
Michelle Lemoine	27th
Darcia Beckstrand	29th
Tamara Miller	29th

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Linda Young	3rd
Danny & Lou Jones	6th
Brian & Carole Prucey	12th
David & Michelle Lemoine	29th



CHARLIE'S CHATS

Thanks to all of you who are so faithful to attend choir practice on Wednesday night and sing each Sunday in the choir. Also, thanks so much to Nancy and Ricky for your dedication to play for us! We are so blessed to have such talented people in our church!

We are starting our Christmas music *Silent Night! Holy Night!...come join us!*

register on line at
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at 9:30 a.m.
There's a class just for you!



July 4th
Celebration
5:30 p.m.
Fun ♦ Food ♦
Fireworks
with music by
Price Harris

2012
VBS



July 23-27
6 to 8:30 p.m.

for ages 3 to 12 years old



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
to help in the Baby and Toddler area during Morning Worship.
If you are willing to help please contact the church office.

We will be feeding



Tuesday, July 24th.

If interested in helping see

Jim or Carlion Middleton



Come Join Us Every Wednesday Night for Supper at 5:30 p.m.

\$5 for Adults

\$3 for Children

\$15 for Family

Fifth Sunday Lunch
July 29th
(no p.m. service)



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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Fellowship Supper	5:30 p.m.
Children's Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Adult Prayer Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

Church Council
July 1st at 5 p.m.

Monthly Business Meeting
July 15th at 7 p.m.

Church Office will be closed
July 4th for Independence Day

