

Senior Adults Event

The evening of June 17th, with the annual wheat harvest beginning to be gathered Outside, more than 50 Garden Seniors gathered Inside, to heed the call for food, fellowship, and helpings of the unusual. Did you ever see such wall-to-wall smiles as we saw on three youngsters (Daniel, Tito, Filipe) as they enthusiastically passed out Picture Prayer Cards for their parents, Josh and Camila Goossen, to all in attendance? Each card had a picture and brief story of young Brazilians who are being influenced toward Jesus through the ministry of a coffee shop in Mucambo, Ceará Brazil. Some of these young people are already connected to Jesus; some are being prayed for and encouraged to receive and follow Him. We pray that they will be drawn into the net by these "Fishers" of young people and adults.

Other examples of Servanthood that evening were seen in Glenda and Linda (Moundridge Market) who served up Very Adequate portions of baked steak, green bean casserole, peach cobbler, and more. Rosie Smith led us in choruses, burned into our memories in years past, but still directing our thoughts Heavenward today. Other Servants included Gerhard Fast, connecting us with audio and video (and locking the door afterwards!;) Duane Wohlgemuth who "sped" to the church (well, he didn't actually say that!) at the last moment to rescue our coffee making (with a new coffee set-up in the kitchen;) and committee members who put their heads and efforts together to steer the evening: Lloyd & Sue Vogt, Roger & Donna Pfaff, and Larry & Donna Sperling. It was a Praise-GOD evening for sure!



Baby Dedication

Baby Dedication was held on Father's Day, June 19. Justin & Melisa Sommerfeld dedicated their daughter Jaycee Maye. Keep the Sommerfeld family in your prayers as they strive to raise Jaycee to come to know the saving grace of Jesus in a personal way.



JOURNEY TO HOPE



Journey to Hope offering GriefShare and DivorceCare will begin Thursday evenings, August 11-November 3, 6:30 to 8:30 at the church office in Hesston. These ministries are for those who have lost a loved one to death or who have experienced a separation or divorce. The registration fee of \$20 (includes a workbook). Preregistration is encouraged a 10 participants in each group will be best; register in the foyer of the church on Sundays, July 17 or 24. If this does not work for you, contact Larry Rowe at 316-650-5759 for information. Following are testimonies by Garden's facilitators of these 2 groups.

We went through the 13 sessions of GriefShare as a part of the facilitators preparation for Journey to Hope. This helped me to understand God's plan in taking my life's partner into His glory. There is a time to cry, a time to laugh and a time to share. It helped me to look into God's Word for the comfort of my life. By the time the sessions were ending, our small team group felt like family. LaVerne Schmidt

I doubt that anyone ever gets married thinking their "happily ever after" will fall completely apart. I sure didn't. My divorce came about following fourteen years of marriage and years of abuse. There was no week of bereavement over loss, and my support circle evaporated. They didn't know what to do; so they did nothing. I didn't have the DivorceCare program then. No one should walk the path of divorce alone. Sharon Smith

After my husband passed away, I was honored to have someone invite me to a grief support group. It was so good to meet with others who were experiencing the same difficulties, feelings and questions of how do I do life alone now? As we shared, prayed and worked through many situations, I felt so blessed to have had this group as my support in my journey to hope. Carolyn Wohlgemuth

I had taken a class after my divorce, but it was not faith based. After moving to Wichita, I became aware of DivorceCare and soon took it. It was just what I had been looking for; it let me know I was not alone and showed me how to proceed with God's direction. It was a relief to realize I was still a child of God. Dot Rowe

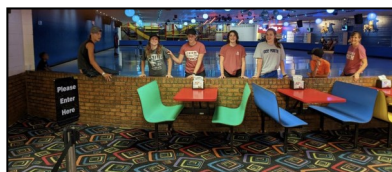
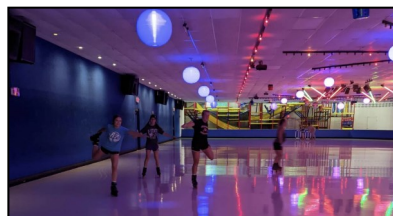
After my divorce, I participated in Divorce Recovery at my church. Our weekly times together started with a viewing of a DivorceCare video with a biblical basis. Answering questions and discussion followed. It was good to be with other strugglers and to not be alone. Therein was meaningful sharing of where we were in the struggle. This experience was significant in my journey to hope. Larry Rowe

Summer Mission Trip 2022

July 6-9th

This summer, the Youth travelled the short distance to Wichita, KS to serve at 2nd Blessings Thrift Shop. Though it was not far away, the impact was significant. The group worked hard – helping move donated items from a large home, sorting clothes, cleaning and pricing glassware, painting the inside of a storage container, and helping in whatever area necessary. Additionally, one day at the store, we set up a table for face painting, balloon animals and handing out the wordless book to kids that came in the store.

We stayed in an Airbnb in Bel Aire. It had a huge basement that offered plenty of room for games. Each day, we had a fun activity, including an escape room, paddle boarding on Santa Fe Lake, and roller skating. During our trip, we studied the Fruit of the Spirit and what it looks like to stay connected to the Lord so that the Holy Spirit can produce good fruit in us.



Library News

ADULT LIBRARY -

The month of July has been designated as **READER APPRECIATION MONTH**. To encourage new reader participation, a drawing for a \$25 gift card from the Faith and Life Bookstore was to be offered at the end of the month. Each book that was read allowed for a reader's name to be placed in the drawing box. Watch for the announcement of the winner on the first Sunday of August. There are still several weeks left for more books to be read!! . . and names to be added to the drawing!

Our focus this month has been promoting Biographies. It has been exciting to see the interest of NEW readers that has been generated with this reading focus. A number of new books in this genre were added to our collection during this month and have received good reviews. Several reviews are included in this article. . .

"She is Mine is a touching and moving memoir detailing Stephanie Fast's inspiring journey of rejection, abandonment, pain, abuse, survival and finally redemption. Stephanie was born the child of a Korean woman and an American Serviceman during the Korean War. Stephanie's mixed heritage is frowned upon in a nation trying to recover from the Korean War and is abandoned by her family at the tender age of four. Nameless, homeless and seemingly without hope, Stephanie travels the South Korean countryside struggling to survive for three years until she is rescued and put in an orphanage where she is finally adopted by a American couple. This book is a very interesting read". **Chantelle Klaassen**

The Long Line of Godly Men profiles, conceived by the series Editor, Steven J. Lawson, are designed to introduce readers to significant Christian figures and to show how they used their particular spiritual gifts, personality traits or ministry abilities in serving God. We have multiple profiles in this series. **The Gospel focus of Charles Spurgeon** is the profile for this review. . .

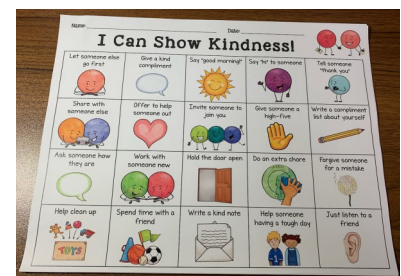
"Spurgeon is known as the "Prince of Preachers." He is remembered not merely for his preaching style, but that he *always* preached the Gospel of Jesus. "I always feel that I have not done my duty if I have not set before sinners the way of Salvation (Pg 64). "He knew that the Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation and should be preached boldly and clearly." (Pg 65). Spurgeon was a strong Christian witness among his peers and in the pulpit. His strength came from his commitment to prayer. America and the World needs such dedication and staunchness today! This book is an inspiration to read and it will keep your attention throughout all the chapters." **Pat Dirks**

The Poetic Wonders of Isaac Watts by Douglas Bond "Isaac Watts was an extraordinarily gifted poet, one who virtually thought in rhyme and meter, and who wrote most of his poetry in first draft." He is known as the Father of English Hymnody and wrote 750 hymns, many that are still sung by the Church today, including, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", "Joy to the World" and "I Sing the Mighty Power of God." Encouraged by his parents to exercise his ability to make up rhymes, they eventually grew tired of it. As his father prepared to punish young Isaac for disobeying their directive, he replied, "O father, do some mercy take, And I will no more verses make." He just could not forsake his gift.

I commend to you this biography, much needed in our day and age, when so much of our music is doctrinally feeble and congregationally unsingable. Watts suffered from ill health all his life, but his deep love of his Savior and desire to see Him lifted up channeled into the poetry that has blessed the church for centuries. As a pastor and theologian, he was well-equipped to use his God-given talent for creating beautiful rhymes expressing the glories of God. **LuAnn McMannis**

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

As we enter the month of August, KINDNESS will be the Fruit of the Spirit focus. Our table activities and book choices will all center around the theme of Kindness. During the month of August the children will have an opportunity to be involved in showing kindness in a variety of ways. A Bingo card with prompted "Kindness actions" will be given to each child. Watch for these card to appear in your church box on July 31. When these cards are filled and the activities have been fulfilled, they can be brought back to the Library for a participation prize. Parents, this will be a great way to help your kiddos to think of serving others with kindness.



Vonnie's Views

My journey with two friends through the Bible finds us in Psalms. What blessing to read scripture together! Why not grab a friend and start a reading plan together! You Version allows you to read with a friend and comment after each day's reading. It's a wonderful way to support consistency and growth!

Psalm 78 is a history lesson for the post-exilic Israelites. Asaph sits down to recount God's faithfulness against the blackness of the people's unfaithfulness. In the first verses Asaph says, "I'm about to tell you something REALLY important...listen up!" History is never just a recounting of what happened; history is an analyzation of what happened, why it happened, and drawing lessons from those events.

Then Asaph lays out the sin problem Israel had, which he will be illustrating with this history lesson:

1. Stubbornness
2. Rebelliousness
3. Unfaithfulness

Asaph points out how these characteristics caused the people to test God and how God reacted with judgement and in goodness.

First, (verses 9-33) the people were unfaithful to God in the wilderness. They complained about lack of food, they refused to trust God to provide for them (even though he just rescued them in a miraculous way), they doubted the presence and lovingkindness of God. In short, they questioned God's promises and didn't trust God to do what he said he would do.

Second, (verses 34-55) God responds to their doubt and lack of trust in Him. God's wrath was on full display as he sent death and hardship. But his mercy was also on full display (verse 38). God was not faithless—he was faithful to all his promises—dating back to the Abrahamic Covenant in Genesis 12.

Third, (verses 56-64) the Psalmist focuses on the people's disobedience. Lack of faith and trust always leads to disobedience (verse 56). It is of utmost importance that we trust (believe) God no matter how things look on the horizontal level. God is honored when we have faith (Hebrews 11).

The final verses of Psalm 78 circle back around to Asaph's opening statements: what happens when people fail so miserably that all seems lost? The answer, of course, is found in God!! God was working out a magnificent plan that would not only rescue stubborn Israel but would bring the definitive answer to sin and death: Jesus—the Messiah! As the second Adam, Jesus does not fail. Jesus is the perfect King (unlike the unfaithful human kings of Israel and Judah). Jesus is the true temple (and can never be destroyed!)

Back to the beginning of Psalm 78. Asaph lays out three virtues that are the opposite of the three sins (verse 7):

1. Instead of stubbornness, Israel should hope anew in God!
2. Instead of rebelliousness, Israel should remember His provision (recalling how God fully met their needs in the past and trusting Him with their present and future).
3. Instead of unfaithfulness, Israel should obey God's commands—willingly, fully, joyfully.

These three virtues lead to abundant life (Deuteronomy 28:1-14).

Why is it so easy to read all this—laid out in Psalm 78—and yet so hard to see my own stubbornness, rebelliousness, and unfaithfulness?! I pray that the Lord will continue to tenderize my heart, increasing my faithfulness to God's Word—loving it, meditating on it, tucking it in my heart, and living my life according to it. Because this is challenging to do, we need each other. Our church family and fellow believers are a wonderful resource to us!

My people, hear my
teaching; listen to the
words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth
with a parable; I will ut-
ter hidden things,
things from of old—
things we have heard
and known, things our
ancestors have told us.
We will not hide them
from their descendants;
we will tell the next gen-
eration the praiseworthy
deeds of the Lord, his
power, and the wonders
he has done.



Psalms 78:1-4

AUGUST



Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

Memory Verse: Mark 16:15-16—Then He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Ask God to use you for His glory & to lead others to Him.	2 Pray for Christians to be good citizens - praying for leaders & being responsible.	3 Intercede for James Goossen as he disciples young men.	4 Pray for college students to choose friends wisely.	5 Pray for young people moving on to the next phase in life - schools, jobs, moving.	6 Pray many hear the truths taught on Harvest Radio.
7 Ask God to fill the empty places in our lives with Himself.	8 Praise God He is merciful and longsuffering.	9 Pray for those adjusting to the loss of someone they love.	10 Pray for healing of emotional hurts, wholeness in Christ.	11 Pray young missionary parents know how to parent well.	12 Pray a hedge of protection around 2nd Blessings	13 Pray for a proper perspective that gives freedom from all fear.
14 Pray for young men to grow into godly older men.	15 Ask God to use you to disciple someone else.	16 Pray for God to raise up workers for the harvest - to spread the gospel.	17 Ask God to make you wise.	18 Pray parents are wise in discerning how best to teach their kids about living for Christ.	19 Pray kids going to Café y Graca continue to grow in knowledge of Christ.	20 Pray for parents to guard what comes into their home electronically.
21 Pray for believers all over the world as we worship God as one.	22 Pray those teaching youth are sensitive to leading of the Holy Spirit.	23 Pray for peace of heart and mind, peace with others.	24 Pray for hearts and minds open and hungry for God's word.	25 Pray for a clear understanding of what it means to be indwelt by Holy Spirit.	26 Ask God to keep us from ever leading anyone else astray.	27 Pray for blinders to be removed from neighbors & family members - that they would see Christ.
28 Thank God for all the hard stuff in your life right now. Trust Him with it.	29 Pray for safe travels for all our missionaries.	30 In the presence of the King, bow the knee.				

F R E E D O M

HYMN: ONCE FOR ALL

JULY 2022

Free from the law, O happy condition, Jesus hath bled, and there is remission;
Cursed by the law, and bruised by the fall, Grace hath redeemed us once for all.

CHORUS:

Once for all, O sinner, receive it; Once for all, O brother believe it;
Cling to the cross, the burden will fall, Christ hath redeemed us once for all.

Now are we free—there's no condemnation, Jesus provides a perfect salvation;
"Come unto me," O hear his sweet call, Come, and He saves us once for all.

CHORUS:

"Children of God", O glorious calling, Surely His grace will keep us from falling;
Passing from death, to life at His call, Blessed salvation once for all.



Galatians 5:1 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

1 Peter 2:16 - As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

Galatians 5:13 - For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

John 8:32 - And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

2 Corinthians 3:17 - Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

2 Timothy 1:7 - For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Romans 8:1-4 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

John 8:36 - If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Romans 6:18 - Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Romans 6:22 - But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

James 1:25 - But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

PRAY FOR THIS **F R E E D O M** IN **C H R I S T** and for **T H E P E A C E** OF **J E R U S A L E M**.

Looking up, for our Redemption draweth nigh,

Norvin & Evelyn Schrag

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Thank you for your
faithful prayers and support
Have a God-Blessed
July 4
Please pray with us for
continued Freedom
and Peace in Jerusalem



Greetings from SonSet Solutions. The picture is Tim receiving some training. We are looking at the shortwave transmitter that we produce here in Elkhart. I am so grateful for the training I receive from very smart engineers at SonSet Solutions. I always take a notebook when I go to the Electronics Lab.

When FM will not cover enough area, we install shortwave. It will reach 300 miles which is enough to cover many countries. It works well near the equator and it does not require electricity or internet.

Of course, the SonSet® radios make this work even better. They are capable of receiving shortwave. They have a high performance receiver in them that works with the lanyard antenna.

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Joe & Denise's Update

July 11, 2022

Dear Garden Community Church,

Thank you so much for your prayers for the safe delivery of the printing press. God is faithful, we have great news, the press arrived in Oleksandriya and was unloaded today! It is now safely inside the building which is a huge praise!

When the truck first got to the border the line of trucks was just over 30 miles long with an estimated time of crossing the border last Sunday. The line turned out to be much longer or slower than we were first told as it only crossed the border on Thursday. Friday it cleared customs in western Ukraine, then traveled about 500 miles to Oleksandriya with delivery and unloading today.

Sometimes our prayers are not answered exactly like we would have wanted them to be answered as July 1 the tax exemption was repealed. Therefore, we had to pay the 24% customs tariffs, we don't know the final amounts including delivery and installation but we do know that God is in control and provides what we need. Now we rejoice that the press arrived safely!

In His strong grip,
Joe and Denise

