

Garden Gleanings

September 2022

A monthly publication of the Garden Community Church

Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Updates

After 30-plus years the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen has gotten a makeover! New counter tops and back-splash were installed last month in the kitchen. This month new flooring and carpet was put down this month in the kitchen, fellowship hall and basement hallways.



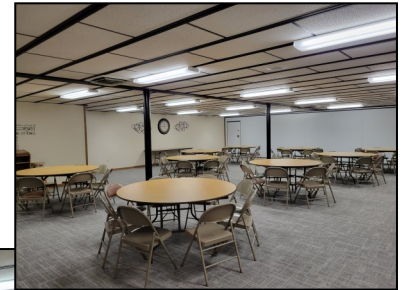
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Elder Installation

In their August meeting, the Board appointed Rob Hiebert to fulfill James Goossen's position on the Elder board. Rob was installed on September 4. Be in prayer for all of the men serving on the church board as they lead the church.



PROMOTION SUNDAY

Promotion Sunday was held on Sunday, August 28. Promotion Sunday is the day that students in our Junior Sunday School Classes are promoted up to the next class. This year we had a group graduate up to the new Kindergarten class, Brett Friesen, Abigail Quick, Brayden, Alexis, & Callie Klaassen. Congratulations to these students! And after many years of teaching the pre-K Sunday School class, Jenny Goering is also moving up to the new Kindergarten class. A part of Promotion Sunday is showing our appreciation to all the teachers in both the Adult and Junior departments who have taught during the past year. Thank you for investing your time in all of our Students, young and old. Those who taught this past year we gifted a book off of the Teacher Appreciation Table.



Please be in prayer for all these teachers/workers in all areas of the church for the upcoming 2022-23 year. Be sure to thank them for investing their time into each of the lives of those they teach.

Adult Sunday School:

Abe Schmidt
Larry Sperling
Verne Voth
Perry Koehn
Theo Rempel
Darrin McMannis
Steve Crist, Chris & Julie Nelson,
Caleb & Cynthia Quick—HS

Junior Sunday School:

Julie Miller, Diane Morrison, Barb Beasley &
Carolyn Wohlgemuth—Preschool
Jenny Goering, Julia Williams—Kindergarten
Grace Huxman, Marci Huxman, & Sharon Smith—
Elementary
Scot Loyd—Middle School

Garden Kidz:

Elaine Brown
Jonathan Williams
Kylee Nelson
Macy Wohlgemuth
Kaycee Mason

TeamKID:

Sheryl Miller, Scot & Jenny Loyd, Chantelle Klaassen—
Directors
Karis Friesen & Jordana Goossen—Teachers
Cindy Huxman—Classroom Support
Kim Kohls & Katie Hanzlicek—Snack Coordinators
Jenny Loyd & Kyle Hanzlicek—Games

TAG:

Tami Hiebert
Jeanette Friesen

Youth Group:

Lindley & Kayla Harms
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**Thank You
Teachers!**



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Vonnie's Views

This year in my monthly posts, I'm commenting on my Bible reading as I journey through the Bible with two friends using a YouVersion plan. It always amazes me how much of the year is spent reading the Old Testament. I am reading I & II Chronicles now—the final books in my OT readings. On October 2 I'll start the New Testament.

I had forgotten that the first nine chapters of I Chronicles is genealogy. I'm "slogging through" lists of hard-to-pronounce names! Thankfully, YouVersion app has audio capabilities, so I listen to a narrator pronounce all those names. As I followed along in my Bible, I found myself getting lost. So, I pulled out *The Bible Commentary*, (by Walvoord & Zuck). I learned that I and II Chronicles were originally one book, written by a single author. Perhaps that author was Ezra, however, there's no way to be certain. The Chronicler wrote this account to a people who were returning to a land they or their ancestors left as war captives seven decades earlier.

Considering this, the Chronicler's purpose was "to show God's elective and preserving grace to His covenant people through David, the messianic king and priest." (Walvoord & Zuck, p. 591). As the people returned from 70 years in Babylon, it was important for them to remember that God's promises cannot and will not fail.

Returning was hard; they faced the enormous task of rebuilding lives and a country. Returning brought back traumatic memories of the awful siege of Jerusalem, the horrific deaths of so many people, the absolute destruction of what had been at the heart of their nation: the palace and the temple. (Lamentations uses vivid and grim word pictures of the siege and conquest)

These brave returning people had been away from their roots and the annual rhythms of festivals and sacrifices. They faced much adversity and opposition as they rebuilt shattered cities and devastated lives (read the accounts of Ezra & Nehemiah).

So, this brings me back to nine chapters of names. So many names; hundreds of years are captured here. Why all the names? In a sense, the genealogies are a recap of the entire history of God's plan right back to the Garden of Eden. The Chronicler takes his readers on a journey through the entire Old Testament, making it crystal clear that the story isn't random and it certainly isn't over.

As I listened to the lists of people, it occurred to me: God cares about individual people. He cares about them as they live their lives in the scope of His larger redemptive purposes. These genealogies remind us that those who are faithful to God are blessed of God and find peace and joy. Those who are not faithful to God do not find joy, they only find brokenness and sorrow.

There is another book of individual's names in the Bible: it is the Lamb's book of life (Revelation 20:12). Those who have trusted Christ can rest assured that our names are written there. God never forgets any who are His own. He faithfully completes what he has begun. All honor, all glory, and all praise to the Lord, the Author and Perfecter of our Faith!!

Lord, I care not for riches, neither
silver nor gold;
I would make sure of Heaven, I
would enter the fold.
In the book of Thy kingdom,
with its pages so fair,
Tell me, Jesus, my Savior, is my
name written there?

Is my name written there,
On the page white and fair?
In the book of Thy kingdom,
Is my name written there?

Lord, my sins they are many, like
the sands of the sea,
But Thy blood, O my Savior, is
sufficient for me;
For Thy promise is written, in
bright letters that glow,
"Though your sins be as scarlet, I
will make them like snow."

Is my name written there,
On the page white and fair?
In the book of Thy kingdom,
Is my name written there?

Oh! that beautiful city, with its
mansions of light,
With its glorified beings, in pure
garments of white;
Where no evil thing cometh to
despoil what is fair;
Where the angels are watching,
yes, my name's written there.



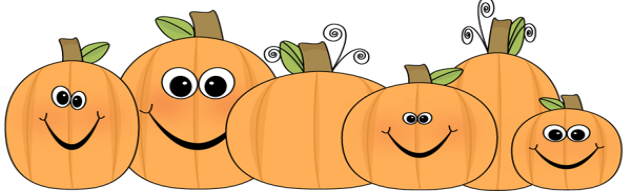
Yes! My name's written there,
On the page white and fair!
In the book of Thy kingdom,
Yes, my name's written there!

D. S. Warner (1893)



Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

**Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:32—Be kind one to another,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you.**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 Rehearse to yourself how God has blessed you and thank Him.
2 Ask God to encourage Elwyn & Linda and the staff at Harvest Radio.	3 Pray those in nursing homes sense God's presence and peace. Pray God gives them joy.	4 Ask God to bless the children & parents through Ivan and Mary's witness.	5 Pray for patience to wait on God's timing and not rush ahead of Him.	6 Pray college students make wise choices & are in God's word.	7 Pray God provides the resources for the retreat center James is working on.	8 Pray those who have lost all hope find hope in Jesus today.
9 Pray the Holy Spirit breaks down the walls we build around our hearts.	10 Pray Joe & Denise have wisdom in helping those in the Ukraine and East Timor.	11 Pray God's protection on the children.	12 Pray those who are lonely find activities and people to help them fill the time.	13 Pray Josh & Camila know the joy of leading many to Christ.	14 Pray those who live alone have good friends to share life with.	15 Pray Peter & Rachel know the peace of releasing all to Jesus.
16 Pray a hedge of protection around David, Tonya and 2nd Blessings.	17 Pray for God to fill the empty places in the hearts of those who hurt.	18 Pray for divine appointments for each of us - to be ready and to share Christ.	19 Pray we remember what God has promised for us - so much more than we can imagine here!	20 Pray for caregivers to have God's strength & compassion.	21 Pray Chuck & Connie have strength and stamina to serve.	22 Pray for eyes to see the goodness of God and His gifts of grace all around us.
23 Pray for hearts quick to confess, quick to turn to God, quick to submit to Him.	24 Pray Tim & Renee know the joy of seeing God use them to bless others.	25 Pray God makes you sensitive to someone who needs your care and time today.	26 Pray Across Nations radio station broadcasts into broken homes & changes them.	27 Pray for God to protect & care for the orphan, the widow and the helpless.	28 Pray for young people finding their way in this world. Pray they seek God first.	29 Pray Mark & Mollie have sweet times of refreshing with the Lord.
30 Pray for God to heal the brokenhearted and set the captive free.	31 Pray the homeless & unemployed have the desire to make changes. Pray for the help they need to make those changes.					



STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Proverbs 31: 8-9

I have been involved with working with the Homeless sixteen years now. As a result, I stay current with the latest writings about the problem of homelessness.

> I read a recent article in the New York Times. It cited the most recent statistics about the death rate among the homeless. Thirty-six Homeless people die every day in America. They die lonely deaths in cars, abandoned houses, tents, and on sidewalks.

Homeless people are four times more likely to die of heart disease, 8 times more likely to die of suicide, fourteen more likely to be murdered, 16 times more likely to die in a car crash, and 35 times more likely to die of alcohol and drug overdose than people with a home. Those are sobering statistics.

Thank goodness, since 2005 the New Hope Shelter, has provided a place of refuge and hope for homeless people in this area. We have been able to do so and will only continue to do so with your help. Thank you!

We Love You. Brian Bisbee



With the help of Bethel College student volunteers...



FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 21st

9 AM to NOON

Meridian Grocery
101 South Meridian Rd, Newton

Dillon's South Store
1410 South Kansas Ave, Newton

1 PM to 4 PM

Dillon's North Store
1216 North Main St, Newton

Walmart Store
1701 South Kansas Rd, Newton

FOOD ITEMS

- Mac and Cheese
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Goods
- Salad Dressings of all flavors
- Miracle Whip
- Ketchup
- Velveeta
- Ramen Noodles
- Fruit and Granola Bars
- BBQ Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly & Jams
- Tuna

SUPPLIES

- Laundry Pods
- Laundry Soap
- Dishwashing Soap
- Hand Soap
- Napkins
- Pine-Sol
- Toilet Paper
- Trash Bags (13 & 38 gallon)
- Sandwich Bags
- Bathroom Cleaner
- All-purpose Cleaner
- Masking Tape
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner

If you are unable to shop on Sept. 21st,
you can drop off items in the market baskets
in the front of the respective stores
starting Saturday, Sept. 17th through the 20th.
For more information, please call Brian Bisbee at 316-283-7711

Building Update

We have a Million-dollar Challenge grant and are working on finishing the Restoring Hope Campaign so that we can build on the five-acre soybean field directly South of Casey's on Meridian Road in Newton. Help up meet the Million, we can accept gifts of vehicles, boats, stocks, bonds, real estate, collections of various types, antiques farm commodities and other items. Give Brian a call at 316-283-7711. We need your help to go over the top. Be watching for our groundbreaking this Fall.

See us at the United Way Chili Cook-Off, Downtown Newton
Saturday, September 24th from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Advance tickets available at the Shelter for \$5.00.
Tickets at the door are \$8.00.



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a number of volunteers
to help in different capacities.

Give Shonda a call
at 316-283-7711
for more information.

Hello to Family and Friends,

Fall 2022

Fall is in the air. We received some much-needed rain in the last couple of weeks so the grass is once again turning green. I (Chuck) now have my mower running again and been doing some fall repairs and painting our lattice fence around our garden.

Our church family is not large but we are having a good time of sharing and being blessed by the Scriptures. I have been preaching on Psalm 23. Our Sunday School quarterly was on the books of Galatians and Ephesians. In our Wednesday night Bible Study we are in the book of Exodus. These services have been very well attended all summer.



Hill Top Chapel – West Plains, Missouri

Several years ago an elderly man told me that he had two good men walking with him all of his life. I was curious as to who they would be. He smiled and quoted the sixth verse in Psalm 23. "Surely *Goodness and Mercy* shall follow me all the days of my life . . ." ----- You finish this wonderful verse.

Last Sunday, Hammond Mill Bible Camp's representative shared about the blessings of the good turnout for camp and also for all of those making salvation commitments and rededicating their lives. Hill Top Chapel is part of this ministry. We ask your prayers for Rex Berry, staff member of the camp, who is dealing with severe cancer issues.

Our health continues to be good. We went to Iowa City for Connie's annual checkup of the eye that she had radiation on for a malignant melanoma on the inside of the back of her eye. Praise the Lord for a good checkup. Twelve blessed years. We have been blessed with visits from friends from our Newcastle Church (Nebraska) Jerry and Karma Thomas, Pauline's sister Edith and John (who are both dealing with health issues), and Gladys and Stan, as she is continuing progress from her stroke over a year ago. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Praise and Prayer Request:

- David (Joyce's husband) recovering from three strokes. God has been so good. David is making good progress but has a long way yet to go.
- For Connie's brother, Joe, and brother-in-law, Bill, both with serious medical problems. Also pray for their spiritual needs.

We thank you, Lord, for all of our faithful prayer and financial supporters who make this ministry what it is today. Many lives are touched from it. Send us your prayer requests.

Because of Him,

Chuck and Connie Myers

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