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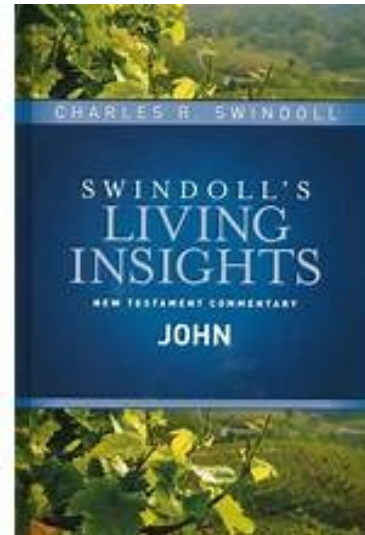
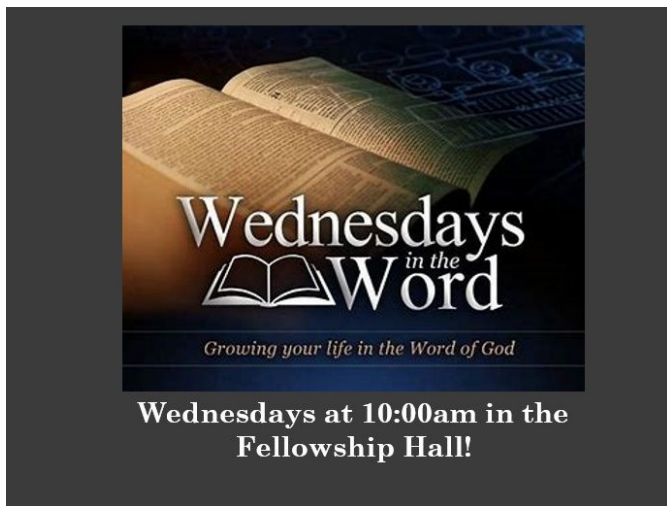
There was an attempt to do a newsletter. However, due to different challenges at that time, like transitions within the church, it didn't work out like we had hoped. Therefore, we are going to try again. Our hope is to make this a monthly newsletter to help inform the congregation about the activities of the church. But also to share pictures of things that have happened within the life of the church.

Each newsletter will include lots of information, a Kids Korner that will be an activity, a devotional, and throughout will include inspirational scriptures and a few funnies to help brighten up your month.

What did Adam say when he was asked his favorite holiday?

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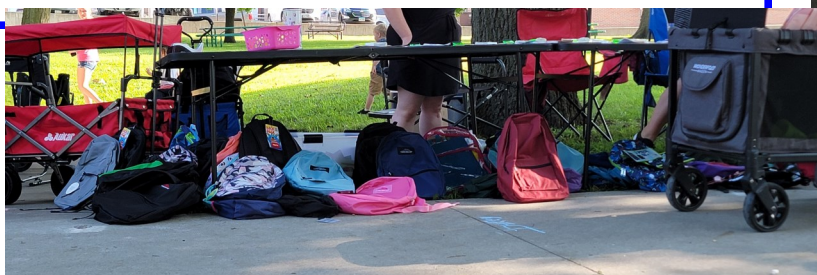
Join us on Wednesday morning at 10am in the Fellowship Hall as we continue to study the Gospel of John. Currently, we are using the Layman's Commentary by Swindoll as we delve deeper into the Gospel. Through the end of September, we will be working through the second half of John with the events leading up to Lent, Easter, and the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus. We would love to see you there!

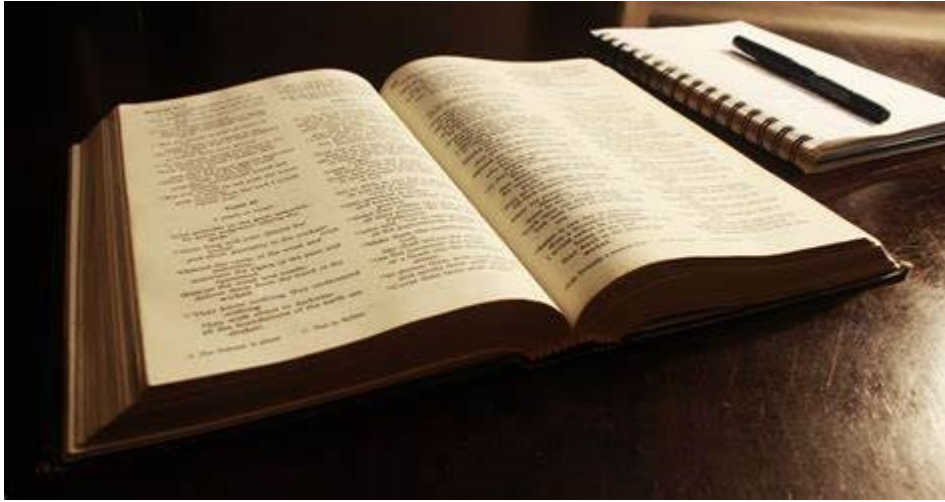
Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

BOOKBAG DRIVE

On August 7, at the Legion Park, the book bags that we donated, along with several others, were given to those who needed them for the school year. Each book bag was filled with school essentials. They had a goal of 50 bookbags. Our church helped to provide them with 34 and the items to fill each one. All together, they received over 90 bags, which they were not able to give all away. Let's wish all the school kids and teachers a happy and safe school year.





AUGUST DEVOTION

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:5-7

This is a passage that is near and dear to my heart as it has helped me to get through some very tough times. It has reminded me that no matter what, I am able to call upon God, knowing that He will always be there for me. As the time for a new school year starts, it can be a time that fears come out. Some of us are starting new schools, going from Junior to High School, and some are starting school for the first time. There are lots of anxious people. It is not only a time when students are anxious, but the parents as well. Their child/ren are getting another year older and more independent. While that is the goal of a parent, it is still hard. So this year, I encourage you to remember that as the school year begins, we are all anxious for what is to come. But we can remember that we are encouraged by the Apostle Paul to give those feelings to God. He will provide us with the necessary guidance and strength to overcome those feelings. And not only that, but He will also use us to help others through their struggles. When people see that we are able to show strength, they are curious and want to know our secret weapon. We can then let them know that it is God supporting us. You never know when you are going to be a light to someone else. One thing that I have come to recognize is that there is always someone else who has it worse than I do. That alone gives me strength. Trust God in all things. AMEN.

Answer: It's Christmas, Eve.



Project Response

helping those in crisis



PROJECT RESPONSE

For those of you that may not know, or know the full extent of what Project Response does in our community, I encourage you to learn more. They are an organization that helps people in need, especially those in a crisis. If a spouse is being battered and needs a safe place, we have that. They also help provide those people with basic living supplies and food. They have a storage room full of supplies and food, including cold food. They are also connected with the Neighborhood Closet.

As a church, we have helped to provide them with some necessities: a fridge, camera, food, and supplies. Our most recent drive was for household items during our Home Run Derby. Each week was a different item and each week, we hit our homerun, sometimes hitting it way out of the park. It is because of these donations and the kindness of the people in our congregation that we are able to continually support such a great cause, not just in our own community, but in the 5 surrounding counties as well. Our congregation has been there since the very beginning in November 2019 to help get this very important ministry off the ground. The arms of God have a wide-reaching ability that never cease.



YOUTH GROUP...YOU READ RIGHT!

We are working on starting a youth group for all school age children in our church. We are very excited for this opportunity. It will take place on Thursday nights from 6pm—7:30pm. We are starting September 7th. Each night will consist of Devotion, games, and of course food. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bonnie Ratcliff at: 706-936-0327 or ratcliff0615@gmail.com.



Believe it or not, but the puppet ministry has already started their preparation for the Christmas program that will be in early December. You will not want to miss out on this one! It will be another great one as we travel back in time (actually doing some time traveling from the 1950's to the ancient times of the Israelites and back, which includes some crazy costume changes).

August Anniversaries

August 15—Jeremy & Desaray Johnson

August 20—Luke and Cailyn Winkelman



September Anniversaries

September 24—Chris & Jaclin Gilbert

August Birthdays

August 6—Paige Arena

August—8 Thomas Gerdes

August 8—Kiley Gilbert

August 12—Joe Hestermann

August 18—Edith Leslie

August 18—Alicia Seeley

August 25—Bentley Liess

August 27—David Moody

September Birthdays

September 1—Dennis Wheeler

September 1—Alyssa Mather

September 2—Adam Liess

September 3—Laura Vinson

September 4—Linda Moody

September 5—Carla Patterson

September 6—Ruth Leslie

September 6—Zach Davis

September 12—Steve Smallfoot

September 12—Andrea Mellage

September 12—Amber Davis

September 15—Dana Mellage

September 18—Bryan Mellage

September 29—Hazel Blessing

Prayer List

Laura Lea Bucher

Al & Yancy Armstrong

Will Ratcliff

Helen Moody

Sandy Kite

Janet Kirkendall

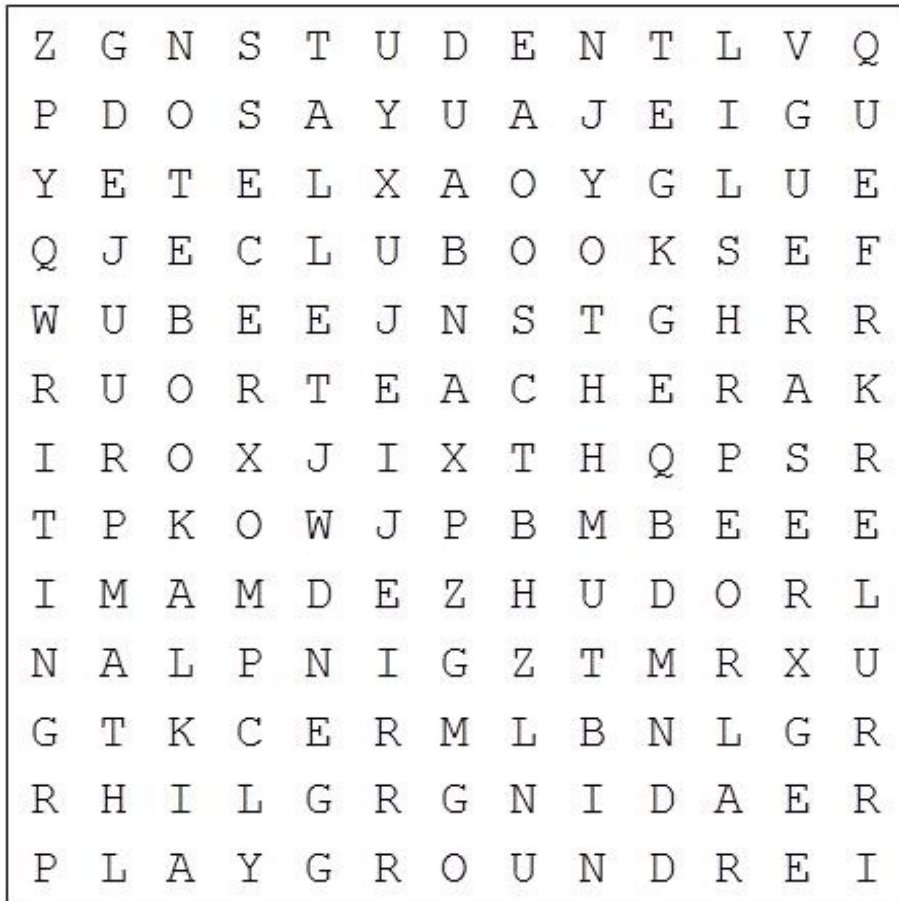
Sheril Petet

Augie Rauner





Back to School



BOOKS

DESK

ERASER

GLUE

LUNCHBOX

MATH

NOTEBOOK

PAPER

PENCIL

PLAYGROUND

READING

RECESS

RULER

STUDENT

TEACHER

WRITING



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is really getting out of hand.



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