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Church of Christ Northwest  
Where Friends Learn  
to Live Like Jesus

July 23, 2017



Sunday  
9:30 AM  
Bible Study  
(all ages)

Sunday  
10:30 AM  
Worship Service

Tuesday Morning  
Men's Bible  
Study  
7:30 AM  
@ Kennedy's

Wednesday  
Morning  
Galena Park  
Bible Study  
10-11:30 AM  
David Spillman

Wednesday  
Evening:  
Small Groups  
@ 6:30 PM

◆ Campbell's:  
Fruit of the Spirit

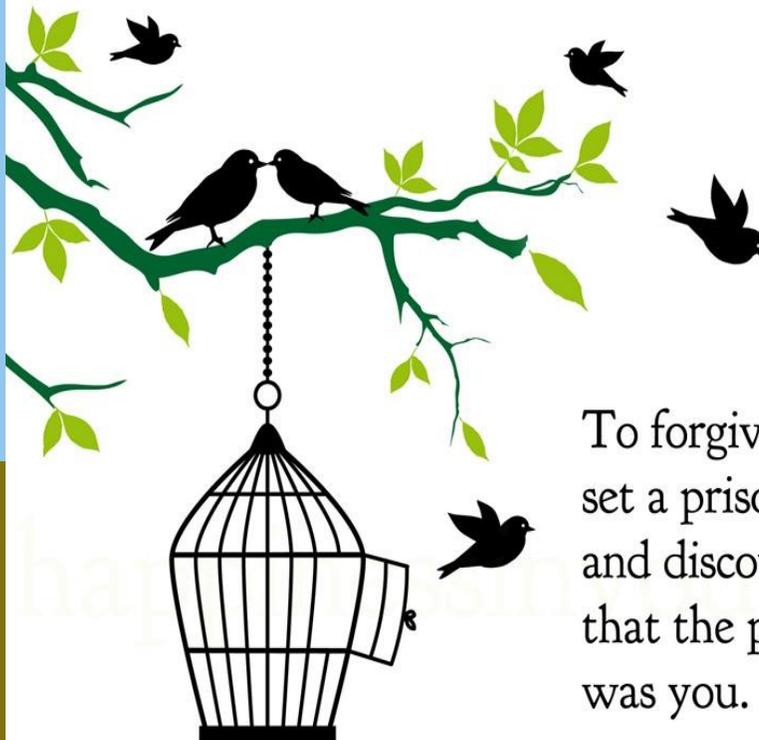
◆ Haines': I John  
What is a Christian?

◆ Kennedy's:  
History of the  
Church

Thursday Morning  
Ladies' Bible Class  
Will resume in  
September

ESL CLASSES  
by appointment  
only!

# FORGIVENESS. . .



To forgive is to  
set a prisoner free  
and discover  
that the prisoner  
was you.

- Lewis B. Smedes

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## A GIFT OF GRACE!

Our Vision...

is to glorify and honor our Lord and God with our lives, by bringing people to Christ and membership in His family and by helping to develop Christ-like maturity in each member, equipping them for service in the church and in the world.

**Special  
Ministry  
Food  
Pantry**

**Next Date:  
Aug 8, 2017**

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"The weak can never forgive.  
Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

~Mahatma Gandhi

### MISSION MILESTONES

It's Smile Box (Bag) time again! We are teaming up with Mision para Cristo, Eureka Church of Christ, Highway Church of Christ in Arkansas and Westgate Church of Christ in Alabama to pack and deliver shipping containers full of Smile Boxes for the children of Nicaragua to arrive in time for Christmas!

#### What is a Smile Box (Bag)?

A smile box (we use bags) is a bag filled with special items like toys, clothing, school supplies, hygiene items which is given to a needy child in Nicaragua. **Opportunities** — 1) sponsor one or more Smile Bags (\$5 donation per bag pays for the shipping cost, 2) purchase items on the supply list to be put in the bags (sign up on the bulletin board for what you are willing to purchase. EX: 50 pencils, 25 toothbrushes, etc), and/or 3) help fill bags on bag-building day (date to be announced). It will be a fun fellowship day building the bags together and enjoying each other's company! Looking forward to brightening some children's lives with YOU!

#### Sign me up!!! How does it work? What's next??

1. Sign up on the bulletin board (or notify the office) **by July 31st** if you want to sponsor (pay for the shipping cost) one or more smile boxes – each box is \$5. You can pay by cash or check (memo "Smile Bags") to the church. Money goes to Meta .
2. **In Mid-July** - look for the supplies-needed sheet on the bulletin board and sign up to purchase one or more items on the list. The items will be something like: \* 24 pencils \* 20 toothbrushes \* 10 packs of stickers \* etc.
3. **Watch for Box Building Day** and add it to your calendar!!! No doubt, we will have a great time building the boxes (bags) and eating snacks!
4. If you have a Facebook account, be sure to like the Mission para Cristo page to see when our smiles arrive!

Looking forward to brightening some children's lives with you!

### NICARAGUA MISSION WORK

Diaper making is underway. Supplies for this project are needed, together with your help. So, if you can sew, cut, pin, or lend a helping hand in the making of the diapers, please let Rachel Gardner know. Those who cannot, please give us your old T-Shirts (any color) to use in making the diapers. Keep in mind, if the T-Shirts are very small they won't work! We also need large diaper pins!



**HOLD ALL IN-KIND DONATIONS for Nicaragua 2018, except the old T-Shirts/Supplies for diaper-making. Place these in the box in hallway marked NICARAGUA. Will let you know later when we can start accepting other in-kind donations for Nicqragua 2018.**

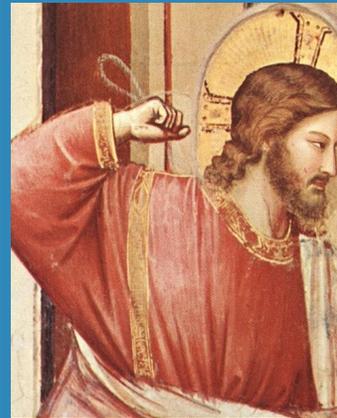
### IT'S A BABY SHOWER!



On Sunday, August 13th there will be a baby shower for Kayla Higgins right after worship service. Kayla & Brett are expecting a baby girl sometime in September. They are registered at Target and Babies'R Us. Please let Susan M. know ASAP if you can help out!

## How Dare We Be Indifferent!

by Joe Chesser



It takes me by surprise every time I think about Jesus making a whip out of cords to drive people, sheep and cattle out of the temple, turning over the tables of the money changers scattering coins everywhere. I visualize fire in his eyes and passion in his voice as he said, "Get out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" (**John 2.13-16**). It surprises me because this is not the usual image of Jesus I see. Usually I think of Jesus more as a mild, unassuming teacher moving through the countryside helping those

in need and telling them about the love of God. But that may be because that's the image of Jesus I prefer to see and imitate. That requires less of me than the prophecy the disciples remembered when they stood back and watched as Jesus cleared the temple: "Zeal for your house will consume me" (**John 1.17**). It's much easier to be indifferent.

As it was in the 1<sup>st</sup> century so it is in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Consuming zeal and passion for the Lord surprises us. It's not something we see very often in the church, much less experience personally. That's not to say we are lacking passion, for we all have something we get excited about: baseball ... family ... camping ... cooking ... working ... money ... video games, etc. Jon Bloom wrote, "Passion and zeal are gages that display what our heart treasures, and therefore what fuels our lives". The things we treasure are the things we are passionate about. Zeal for the things of God consumed Jesus. Bloom also wrote "Few things expose us more than comparing what God is passionate about with what we are passionate about."

This is where we begin to get uncomfortable. When it comes to the things of the Lord, most of us lean more toward indifference than we do zeal. Perhaps we have let the command to be zealous for the Lord slip past us. "Never be lacking in zeal but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord" (**Romans 12.11**). This means being passionate for the things of the Lord is not an option for Christians any more than are the other commands in that passage (**Romans 12.9-21**). Indifference is not acceptable to the Lord ... indifference is a sin! The whole church at Laodicea was in spiritual danger because of their indifference (**Revelation 3.16**). Interestingly, the message Jesus sent to that church was to "be earnest and repent" (**Revelation 3.19**). Like them, perhaps the zeal we need most is the zeal to repent!

It is the consuming zeal of the Lord of hosts that offers redemption to lost sinners. God inspired Isaiah to tell of the coming of Christ to rule over God's kingdom, and explained that the "zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this" (**Isaiah 9.6-7**). Because of this, God is expecting those who accept his salvation to also be "zealous for good works" (**Titus 2.14 NKJV**). We can't be indifferent about God and at the same time be like Jesus.

Drawing from the zeal of Jesus when he cleared the temple, "How dare we be indifferent!" Our prayer: **whatever it takes, Lord, increase my zeal to do your will!**

"Nothing GREAT was ever achieved without enthusiasm." —  
Emerson

**Sebastien Meyers** surgery tomorrow to remove tonsils and adenoids and nasal cauterization. **Sam Shultz** (friend of the Meyers) having lung surgery on 7/25 — given only 25% chance of survival. **Sandy Burch** continues to experience a lot of back pain. **Curt Sparks** (Barb Juers' brother) ankylosis spondylitis (an inflammatory arthritis effecting the spine and large joints) is advancing and spreading across his shoulders. **Rebecca Prichard** having back issues. **Mary Meeks Family** as they mourn her passing. **Trish Veytia** asked for our prayers in dealing with her depression and every day life. **Terry McWhirter** recovering from knee replacement surgery. **Millie Rasbury** as she recovers from her kidney surgery and recent hospital stay. **Betty Meyers** as she prepares for aortic valve replacement surgery at Mayo Clinic (Rochester, Minnesota) on Aug. 22nd.

**Shut-Ins:** M. L. Judkins, Texie Ray, and Eleanor Richey.

**Our military. Our nation** as it struggles with many issues. **Our president, judges & elected officials**—wisdom to make Godly decisions. **Our police** as they struggle to do their job. **Unsaved souls** (you supply the names). **Those who have left the fold** and need a helping hand to find their way home. **Our college students. Our graduates. Our enemies. Our VBS 2017! Those being persecuted** for being Christians. **Those who persecute** others — may their hearts be changed! **Our young!** Shults-Lewis Children's Home.

**Expectant Mothers:** Kayla Higgins

**Those Needing a Job:** Curtis Baker (Fern's son in Kansas City).

**Missionaries:** Phil Gardner in Africa.

VBS (July 10—13) REVIEW MEETING



A meeting is set for Tuesday, August 1st at 6:30 PM in the fellowship hall for all those who helped make VBS happen this year! This meeting is to discuss what went well, what may not have, how we might make VBS better, etc. Please come!

July 23—Clark Mooneyham

July 26—Renee Britt



July 27—Mike & Connie Burton

July 28—Lee & Monica DenBraber



T-shirts and Golf Shirts

If you have not paid yet, we need your money no later than TODAY! Please give your cash or check to the office personnel ASAP. Make your check payable to the church and note in the memo line — T-Shirt!

COST OF SHIRTS

T-SHIRTS	T-SHIRTS	GOLF SHIRTS	GOLF SHIRTS
S-XL	\$8.00	S-XL	\$20.00
2XL	\$9.25	2XL	\$21.25
3XL	\$10.50	3XL	\$22.50
4X	\$11.75	4XL	\$23.75

EXTENDED PRAYER LISTING

Mike Ahten	Member	Serious Back Problems
Renetta Ballard	Annie & Smitty's daughter	Lung Cancer
Natalie Balteau	Member	Type I Diabetes
Jerry & Deb Bane	Members	Lung Cancer/Memory
Marsha Barnes	Member	Leg Amputation
Beth Compton	Friend of Kat DeVore	Unexplained seizure
Shirley Darnell	Former Member	Serious Eye Problems
Scott Eisenbarth	Kyle's brother	Liver & Lung Cancer
Vincent Ernst	S.&T. Law's grandson	Drug Addiction
Deb Hawley	B. Meyers' sister	Nodule on Lung
Willie Howell	Pat Jackson's father	Lung Cancer
Mary Lou Judkins	Member	Under hospice care
Dr. Craig Kurtz	Former Member	Lymphoma in Eyes
Tim Majors	Linda Cotrell's nephew	Cancer
Jerry Lynn Mason, Jr.	Pat Haines' brother	Stomach Tumor
Gene Muehring	Member	Sciatic Nerve
Lynn Molleck	Friend of N. Goble	Stage 4 Cancer
Lori Prichard	T&R Prichard's daughter	Conversion disorder
Josh Retzer	Grandson of B/C Sunkin	Addiction
Eleanor Richey	Member	Broken hip recovery
Ken Roberts	K. Lovell's father	Alzheimer's
Sophean	Cambodian Orphan	Healing from 2nd surgery
Carol Sunkin	Member	Shoulder/Back/Infection

Hearts on Fire Calendar

- July 23—Singing Night @ Humes
- July 24—High School Bible Study —3 PM  
SYS @ Kemp
- July 28—Lock-In
- July 30—South Side Mission
- July 31—High School Bible Study—3 PM  
SYS @ Philo



END-OF-SUMMER COOKOUT

Mark your calendar to attend the upcoming fellowship on August 26th at 5 PM in the pavilion.

The meat, condiments and drinks (ice tea, water, and lemonade) will be provided. If you want soda, feel free to bring your own. All table ware will be provided (napkins, plates, plastic utensils, and cups)

We are asking that each family bring 2 side dishes/desserts to compliment the main course (hamburgers, hot dogs).

We would like you to sign up no later than Sunday, August 19th.



# SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

**ADULTS—AUDITORIUM**  
*Think Differently* — James MacDonald  
 Terry Hargrove, Facilitator



Dear Friends,

Despite losing my mother a little over a month ago, it is the kindness of people like you all that give me faith and hope that things will get better. Thanks for the bus pass.

Sincerely,  
 Richard

## THE USHER

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly usher greeted her at the door and helped her up the flight of steps.

"Where would you like to sit?" he asked politely.  
 "The front row, please," she answered.  
 "You really don't want to do that," the usher said.  
 "The pastor is really boring."  
 "Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired.  
 "No," he said.  
 "I'm the pastor's mother," she replied indignantly.  
 "Do you know who I am?" he asked.  
 "No," she said.  
 "Good," he answered.



## STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	Last Wk.	Year-to-Date
<b>2017 Budget</b>	\$5,000	\$ 145,000
<b>Contribution</b>	\$2,782	\$ 118,555



	July 16
<b>Attendance</b>	71
<b>Bible Study</b>	124
<b>10:30 Worship Service</b>	
<b>EEM To Date</b>	\$ 19,528
<b>Bergner's Booklets</b>	\$ 2,458
<b>Zambia Orphans' Education</b>	\$ GOAL MET!!
<b>\$1,920/HS student (2)</b>	
<b>Needed for 2017 = \$3,840.00</b>	
<b>Shults-Lewis Children's Home</b>	\$ 99.41
<i>Coins in the weekly contribution + \$10 of each Dining Tour Book!!!</i>	

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Leader:** Allen Neese

## Children Sing

**Songs:** Great Are You Lord  
 Holy, Holy, Holy (pg. 47)  
 Holy Ground (pg. 100)

**Communion:** Tom Flanagan

Robert Windell, Harold Brewer, Wendelle Haines, Brennan Humes

## Offering

**Song:** The Greatest Commands (pg. 448)

**Scripture Reading:** Mark Pleasant (*Psalms 147:1-6*)

**Speaker:** Ryan Martin  
 THE BEAUTY OF GOD

**Song:** T/B/A

**Hearts on Fire Announcements:** Ryan Martin

**Shepherd's Time:** Dean Kennedy

**Greeter:** Karel Muehring

**Facilitator:** Rick Meyers

**Nursery Attendant:** Sharon Law

**Communion Preparation:** Grants

Aug 8th — Pantry (12:30-2 PM)  
 Aug 13th — Higgins Baby Shower (after worship service)  
 Aug 26th — End-of-Summer Cookout Fellowship (5PM)



<b>Elders</b> Dean Kennedy  Terry McWhirter Cell: 309-231-9362  Allen Neese	<b>Deacons</b> Lee DenBraber Tom Flanagan Nate Gardner Terry Hargrove Rick Meyers Alan Moreland  <b>Treasurer</b> Douglas Staley	<b>Minister</b> David W. Spillman Cell: 309-219-2860  <b>HOF Director</b> Ryan Martin Cell: 281-253-6794	<b>Ministry Assistants</b> Meta Kennedy (MWF) Betty Meyers (TT) PH: 309-693-2426
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**Please Turn off Your Mobile Phones**

See something that needs to be fixed — leaky faucet, broken window, dirty air vent, etc.? Please report it to the office for BaGG (Building and Grounds Group) to place on their list.

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**Challenge:** Pray daily for our entire church family (by name).