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Honduras Mission Trip July 15-21, 2022

Please pray for all the ministry happening in Honduras. Pray that those going will be faithful and effective in increasing the ministry in Honduras. Pray for safe and efficient travel. Pray that those on the trip will learn strategies and have the boldness to share the gospel in Honduras and at home.

(See prayer insert and list of individuals going to Honduras in this week's church bulletin.)



Christmas in July For Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child boxes during the month of July.

For suggested items and drop off location - see display in foyer.





This Sunday, July 10, after Worship Service in Fellowship Hall

Pastor's Pen



On Monday, I helped drive our youth group to Falls Creek Camp. We took a smaller group to camp this year than previous years. The start of camp being on July 4th likely was the primary reason for a smaller group. But what made me excited about this group is how many of the students are not yet followers of Jesus. We need to pray this week for the students and leaders, asking God to move among the students bringing those who do not know Him to a saving faith. Camp is a wonderful opportunity to remove students from their normal routines, and putting them in a special place without the normal distractions, opening the opportunity for God to move among them.

On July 15, we will be sending a team of adults and youth to Honduras to serve alongside "61 Isaiah" and "Two Hands" ministries. Make sure to be praying for this trip. I want to take a minute to explain why we send teams to far away places like Honduras, Mexico, Ecuador and hopefully in the future, Portland. There are two major reasons for sending teams to remote locations to serve alongside our missionaries. One is the opportunity to assist the missionaries we support. When we send a team, the missionaries in these locations are given extra hands to accomplish tasks quicker and larger than they could by themselves. We become a multiplying force for their work for the week we serve alongside them. At the same time, our church gets to see firsthand the work we are supporting. But there is another reason we send mission teams. Much like sending youth and children to camp, when we place ourselves outside our normal environment, we open up space for God to work on our hearts. Among pastors there is a saying regarding short-term mission trips; "Send church members on a mission trip and you will get back better church members." This statement has been proven true to me many times throughout the years I have served as a pastor. When we go on a mission trip, we get stretched and pushed into positions of serving we would not normally take on at home. In the process, we learn how to rely on God's strength and not our own. We also learn that our limits are not God's limits. Why don't you sign up for one of the trips in October to Mexico and Ecuador?

Tastor Grant Bowles - Senior Pastor





A nursery-school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children fell to discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

"Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the Lord, the shield of your help and the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, and you shall tread down their high places." Deuteronomy 33:29

It's funny how little we know as children, but if it makes us feel better, we are happy with our limited understanding. That's what faith is.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

When we have hope, we might not see the answer to our questions or solution to our problems, or the removal of our pain, but we can still be happy. We have hope!

Like Israel, we have been saved by the Lord! Sure, they still had enemies! There were still threats, losses and pain, but they also had the "shield of your help and the sword of your majesty!" That was real! They had experienced His protection and power, and now they had the promise of their enemies' surrender and "treading down their enemies high places." They had the experience of the Lord's victory in their past and the promise of His victory in their future! So the Lord says, "Happy are you!" Blessed are you! Who is blessed like you?

That could be said to us today. God has saved us and blessed us with a new life of grace and love. Sure there are problems, pain, and life is not perfect, BUT He promised grace here in this fallen world and eternal life with Him! Happy are we!

For the Record

\$15,559
\$435,381
\$511,763
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Weekly Senior Adult Activities

<u>Thursdays, 9:00 AM</u>: Morning Bible Study <u>Thursdays, Noon</u>: Game Time



October 6–10, 2022 Medical services and outreach to all ages. Possible light construction. (Starting July 31 we will be collecting items to take with us) Ecuador



October 13-20, 2022 Encourage and support the churches involved in pastor training program.

Is God leading you to go? Will you commit to pray for these mission trips? Let us know via Connection Card this Sunday.

Contact John Guerra or Frank Wardlow for more information.



First Kids Summer Program Wednesday evenings 6:00 - 7:00 PM



ON THE CASE Join us for a fun investigation into the Parables of Jesus

For kids who have completed K-5th grade. Childcare provided for preschool. Adult volunteers needed - See Frank for details



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Mornings: CBS, 9:15 AM Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 PM Doors open at 4:00 PM

FALLS CREEK YOUTH CAMP

July 4 - July 9, 2022 No SSM on July 6 Testimony Time on July 13

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>

Tonight: No SSM

Saturday, July 9, 9:00 AM: Women Coffee Chat (Jus a Cup) Saturday, July 9, 10:30 AM: Mobile Food Pantry (S. Parking Lot) Sunday, July 10, 11:30 AM: Senior Adult Potluck (FH) Sunday, July 10, 5:00 PM: Deacons Meeting (FH) Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 PM: Youth Falls Creek Testimony Time (FLC) Friday, July 15 - Thursday, July 21: Honduras Mission Trip Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29: Children's Camp at Camp Copass Tuesday, Aug 2, 9:00 AM - Noon: Peacemakers Quilt Ministry Saturday, Aug 6, 10:30 AM: Mobile Food Pantry Sunday, Aug 7, 5:00 PM: Deacons Meeting Sunday, Aug 7, 6:00 PM: Business Meeting



<u>Volunteers in Preschool, Sunday, July 10, 2022</u> Nikkie & Natalya Martin, Michelle Strup, Melyssa Wardlow

Thank you for your service!

The Mobile Food Pantry is this Saturday, July 9.



Pray for Upcoming Camps and Mission Trips

<u>July 4-9</u>: Youth camp at Falls Creek this week. Please remember to pray for each individual during the last few days of camp.

<u>July 15-21</u>: Honduras Mission Trip. Pray for all the ministry happening in Honduras. (See Sunday bulletin insert list of each individual attending.)

<u>July 25-29:</u> Children's camp at Camp Copass. Pray for all those attending to hear clearly from God. Pray for the lost to be saved. Pray for all the leaders as they minister to and lead the children.

