

Serving Soon

	Next Week	Two Weeks
Volunteers	May 26	Jun 2
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Nate Strawser	Jamie Fee
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	JD Sandoval	Wayne Hampton
<i>Communion</i>	Steve Liles	JD Sandoval
<i>Announcements</i>	Jeff Felzien	Jimmy Williamson
<i>Children's Church</i>	Stidhams	Stidhams
<i>Sound Booth</i>	Evan Liles	Jamie Fee
<i>Nursery Attendant</i>	Kara & Cinda	TBT
<i>Ushers</i>	Dave, Jake, Kevin	Bill, Jon, Jordan

Our mission is to bring people to Jesus and help them become fully devoted followers who demonstrate God's love through service.

Statistics

Attendance

Sunday Bible Classes 96
 Sunday Worship 181
 Small Group n/a
 Wednesday Classes ... 44

Budget

Contribution \$8,820

Leadership

Elders

Jeff Eldridge
 Dick Moore
 Gary Stidham
 Jimmy Williamson

Deacons

David Hubbard
 Kenny Hoyle
 Shane Barker
 Jamie Fee
 Jeff Felzien

Ministers

Chuck Forsythe
 Jacob Glaspell

Office Manager

Ashley Eldridge

Meeting Times

Sundays

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30
 Sunday Worship 10:30
 Sunday Evening 6:00

Wednesdays

Bible Classes 7:00

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Sunday, May 19, 2024



This Morning

Welcome Chuck Forsythe

Worship Leader Jacob Glaspell

Doxology

Just A Little Talk

Prayer Mike Wilson

My Hope Is Built

Nothing But The Blood

Communion Randy Shaw

Thank You, Lord

Offering

Children's Church Kara & Cinda

Blessed Assurance

Sermon Chuck Forsythe

It Is Well With My Soul

Announcements Gary Stidham



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Steppingstones

On September 26, 1991, In Oracle Arizona, eight scientists entered an airtight three-acre mini-world called Biosphere 2. It was an experiment straight out of a science fiction movie. The \$150 million facility designed to mimic earth's environment was pored over and analyzed by the "explorers" living within its walls. Housed in a self-contained bubble were a miniature rain forest, a desert, an ocean, a mangrove swamp, a savanna and a small farm. The scientists grew their own food, recycled their own sewage and water and managed their air supply, inspected the ecosystems' health, collected data, studied and wrote.

Trees were growing faster in Biosphere 2, than they would have in their normal earthly habitat. The reason: the absence of wind in the dome. When trees and plants grow in the wild, wind keeps moving them which helps create what is called "stress wood". Without stress wood trees grow fast and would not be able to support themselves in the normal circumstances. Wind is essential for their growth in normal circumstances. (Jentezen Franklin. *Acres of Diamonds*. Minneapolis, Minnesota: Chosen, 2020. pp. 99 - 100).

Now why is this important?

It is important because it helps us to see how God uses our "struggles and toils." Our struggles can give the benefits of our own "stress wood." We are "diamonds in the rough". When we rely on God, He can turn our struggles from hurdles and obstacles into steppingstones. God has a goal for each of them to unlock potential.

John Williams

News and Events

NEXT SUNDAY ADULT CLASS: Sunday May 26th everyone needs to go to the auditorium for class.

OPEN HOUSE: Graduating high school senior Renee Brown is having an open house June 1st 3-7pm at the home of Gary and Paula Forrester, 2350 Lower Bellbrook Rd, Spring Valley.

TEACHERS NEEDED: We are in need of children's class teachers for the Summer quarter for Sunday mornings ages 2s & 3s and 1st-3rd grade and a PreK teacher for Wednesday nights. Please see Jacob for any questions.

HOPE RISING NEEDS: 4T-5T pull-ups, Baby cereal, Shoes for boys and girls, size 7 and up & Boys gently used clothing size 5T

MIDWESTERN CHILDREN'S HOME: Dan Beerbower is collecting gift cards for Midwestern – Kroger, Meijer, Speedway, Target, and Walmart. If interested in making a donation, please contact Dan. Also, did you know that the MWCH Gala held in February raised \$110,500? Thank you for supporting MWCH.

BLOOD DRIVE: Next drive will be June 23rd, see Chuck if you can volunteer.

SUMMER QUARTER CLASSES

Sunday morning: "Blessed by the Prophets" Chuck (fellowship hall - the only Sunday morning class)

Wednesday night: "Freedom in Christ" Jeff Eldridge (long table side)

Wednesday night: "God's Promises" Diane, Laura, Kim, Jenny, Paula, Debbie, Melissa, Rachel and Arvilla

Small Groups

Bevercreek Group Jeff Eldridge 937-603-4269 Sundays at 6:00	Young Adult Group Gary Stidham 937-728-4700 Sunday at 6:00	Building Group Jimmy Williamson 937-776-5021 Sundays at 6:00
Ladies Group Sharon Felzien 937-848-7641 Sundays at 6:00	Bevercreek Group Dick Moore 937-609-3530 Sundays at 5:00	Bellbrook/Xenia Group Gary Forrester 931-993-2080 JD Sandoval 501-827-0443 Sundays at 5:00
Teen Group Jacob Glaspell 304-917-6912 Sundays at 6:00		

Prayer Requests

Dessie Neatherton Charlie Ayers
Charlie Lightle Garringer Family Jim Villinger

College Students

Leah Hoyle Alexis Johnson
Boston Begley Madison Liles
Nate Strawser Shiloh Drake
A.J Keys

Student Ministry

grow up, grow out, grow together

VBS BOXES: Thank you to EVERYONE for donating boxes or holding onto them in your homes. As of now, we are all stocked up on boxes and should have enough for our VBS. If we need more, we will put it in the bulletin.

VBS 2024: Save the Date!! July 14th-17th. This year's theme is "Our God is Awesome!" More details to come.

ELMER-PARSONS RETREAT: May 17th-19th. See Jacob if interested in going.

LOCK-IN: June 9th 7:00p-June 10th 7:00am. Volunteers needed. See Jacob to volunteer!

DRIVE IN MOVIE June 14th. Join us for a church-wide drive in in our parking lot (weather permitting). Movie TBD.

FORT HILL CAMP: Register now for Fort Hill! June 30th-July 6th. See Jacob if you have any questions.