

June 2015

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 7:00 Congr. Care Comm. 7:00 Property | 3 | 4 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm | 5 6:15am Men's Grp | 6 |
| 7 8:15 S.S. 9:30 Worship 5:00 Prayer | 8 6:30 Outreach Comm | 9 4:30 Women's Ministries 6:30 - Elder Board | 10 | 11 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm | 12 6:15am Men's Grp | 13 6:00am Men's Leaders 7:30 Next Man Up |
| 14 8:15 S.S. 9:30 Worship 5:00 Prayer | 15 6:30 Outreach | 16 4:30 Women's Ministries 6:30 Elder Board | 17 7:30 Missions Comm | 18 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm | 19 6:15am Men's Grp | 20 |
| 21 8:15 S.S. 9:30 Worship 5:00 Prayer | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 12:00 Men's Lunch 6:30 Worship Tm | 26 6:15am Men's Grp | 27 12:00 LA Team meeting |
| 28 8:15 S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:45 Missions Picnic 5:00 Prayer | 29 | 30 | | | | |

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Cornerstone

A heart for God and you

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“Let Your Hands be Strong”

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The people of Judah, who had been taken captive to Babylon, had been given permission to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. However, they became weary and discouraged, and the work of rebuilding the temple ceased for about ten years. The Lord then sent the prophet Zechariah to speak words of encouragement to them. Not only did he encourage the people to continue their work of completing the temple, but the Lord promised blessing upon Judah and Israel. In Zechariah 8:13 we read, *“As you have been an object of cursing among the nations, O Judah and Israel, so will I save you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.”* Zechariah continues to proclaim God's truth and His promises to care for Judah, telling of future judgment upon nations and the coming of Zion's King, Jesus Christ.

The statement the Lord made to these exiles who had returned, *“Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong”*, grasped my heart and mind when I read this passage. There surely are times when I am fearful and I feel weak and weary. I couldn't help but think of the situation with King Jehoshaphat when he became aware that a large army was coming to battle against Judah. He realized the army of Judah was no match for the vast army approaching. Consequently, Jehoshaphat called for all the people of Judah to fast and come before the Lord, seeking Him.

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|  <p>Summer Worship Schedule</p> | <p><i>Adult S.S. 8:15-9:15 am /Fireside Worship at 9:30 am</i></p> |
| | <p><i>College & Career Class 10:30 am Meeting in the Library</i></p> |

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Let Your Hands Be Strong

While all the people stood before the Lord, King Jehoshaphat called out to God saying, “*We have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.*” (2 Chron. 20:12) Are there times in your life when you feel powerless and don’t know what to do? I know there are in mine. It is interesting to note that as Jehoshaphat became aware of the desperate situation he faced, he acknowledged he was both weak and totally lost when it came to knowing what to do. Therefore, he called out in faith to the Lord, seeking Him. As he did, the Lord revealed to Jehoshaphat that the battle was not his, but the Lord’s. With fear reduced and emboldened faith, Jehoshaphat boldly told the people to have faith in the Lord their God, because He had promised to fight for them. The next day when the men of Judah arrived at the battle location, singing praise and thanks to God, they found that the Lord had caused the invading armies to go to war against one another, totally destroying each other.

When we face overwhelming challenges, I believe we likewise must first acknowledge the truth surrounding the situation. Secondly, we must admit that we are powerless, and often clueless, when it comes to knowing how to resolve it. We must humble ourselves before God, seeking Him and his counsel. Then as we humbly step out in faithful obedience to His sovereign leading, we will experience His strength. He will enable us to address the challenges in life, prepared to face the spiritual warfare surrounding them.

Seeking to know God & make Him known,
Pastor Howard



As you’ve probably noticed, our Art Wall has exploded with colorful butterfly & flower acrylic paintings. The current exhibit features art of Deanna Bendix. Be sure to read Deanna’s bio hanging next to her paintings.

As usual the art may be purchased. If interested contact Grace Galvin.

HAPPENINGS IN OUTREACH

Did you know??

“Christmas In July”



We will be offering an informal class to help inspire and give you some possible ideas for decorating your table for Celebrate the Gift.

Ashley Koehler will be sharing some ideas in July, so be sure to watch for more information and make plans to attend!

