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Tutoring



Through the years tutors have impacted many students with their faith and encouragement to learn. The proof of impact comes in later years when our kids grow up and follow good examples. This year a couple of our boys in their senior year of high school are taking college courses. Hopefully, next year they will begin their college careers. Only 3% of the people in our community have a B.A. which would put these young men in the ninety seventh percentile of education. They also have been regularly attending church for the last couple of years. Others before them have completed college or found good jobs and take care of their families in part due to the examples set for them by their tutors. We are a few tutors short this year. We have tutoring on Monday evenings at 6PM. If you are interested in joining us you can contact Barb Brown at (313) 407-2031.

Faith and Family



Paul calls God “blessed God” in Ephesians 1.3 and speaks to His blessings that are Spiritual and heavenly. We know many blessings from God’s hand. One great blessing for us is our family that loves the LORD and worships together weekly. God blessed us this spring with two beautiful boys born 4 days apart. On September 21st we baptized our new grandsons Joel and Isaac into our church family.



Oh SNAP!

We have had a food program for 35 years where we share the Gospel and pass out food. In recent years, the government has been giving out so much money through SNAP that fewer people come to us for help. That would be great if the government had a relationship with recipients or offered something other than money to help them. We meet the people that come, talk to them, hear their struggles, and we share the Gospel. The government shutdown caused a doubling of people who came in October for help and gave us an opportunity to share the Gospel and Jesus’ compassion with more neighbors.



Please Pray for us

- ◆ LORD help us see where You are working around us so we may work under Your mighty hand.
- ◆ Please give Your Word success according to Your gifting and movement in people’s lives.
- ◆ Protect our young ones that they may grow in faith and learn to love you.
- ◆ Please give Your people passion for Your Word and that we would be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- ◆ Take care of our needs in life and godliness and help us to share all Your blessings with others.
- ◆ Help us to overcome troubles, sorrows, and hardship that we may receive our inheritance.

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VBS

Working with children in the summer always encourages us, for a couple of reasons. First, we reconnect with a lot of children and families in our community. Hundreds of different children come during the two weeks. We sing and teach the Bible to children who may not hear God's Word anywhere else. Our VBS videos created a generation ago tell the stories for each day, engaging the children and amusing us who know the kids that made the videos and are all grown now. The favorite song, "DEEP" asks the kids "do you love your Jesus?" with a resounding answer "YES I LOVE MY JESUS". Lots of fun. Second, we connect and reconnect with many of God's wonderful people who come to help us. This year my son Chris and Dustin (one of our kids from the 90's) helped with the boys. They played on the same team when they were boys. Friends from churches locally and as far as Cincinnati come to work with the kids, bringing crafts, food, and lots of love. It was great to see Cornerstone's youth group join us this year. Many of the long time volunteers encourage us every day and lighten our hearts.



Under Siege



We have had people digging up our streets for 8 years doing infrastructure, and about 6 years tearing up and replacing roads. Every time we leave our home we have to weigh the stress of facing newly closed roads to get out of our neighborhood. Last month the road between my house and the church was closed. Then a couple weeks later they closed the street on the other side of the church leaving only one way to get to the church. In November a "police order" forbade parking along the street from 6am to 6.30pm interfering with two evening programs. Will they ever finish? All these inconveniences creates stress for us, our parishioners, and volunteers. We all

ask when will it end? So, LORD help us to endure to the end! On a positive note Beginning Oct. 6 the city closed many of our residential streets to semi-truck traffic. Since then, I have only seen a few trucks on our neighborhood streets. Hope this lasts.



How big is your congregation?



Often people ask pastors, "how many people attend your church?" Lately, I respond with a little lecture on the nature of that question versus the nature of the church. Scripture rarely describes churches by numbers. Paul in his epistles often describes their strengths and weaknesses in relation to the truth of the Gospel, faithfulness and character. Jesus did the same in Revelation 2-3 grading the 7 churches of Asia which were a mixed bag of faithfulness and failings. Our Lord spoke to weakness in witness, doctrine, and worldliness. He praised the faithful for holding to the truth and withstanding compromise. For the most part Scripture describes the church as "the household of faith". A place where those possessing faith and sharing faith in Jesus Christ are encouraged, strengthened, and even brought into faith by hearing the Word of God. I have never heard a Christian ask a pastor, "Are you faithfully preaching the Gospel and encouraging the household of faith to continue to walk with Jesus?" Or "have you seen God work through His Word to stir the faith of a sinner into repentance?" The answer to both of these questions measure Jesus' and Paul's estimation of a Church's success.