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VBS

JUNE 25TH - 29TH



Offering Help, Receiving Help

By Adam Meyers

The Early Church Example

I have been blessed lately by a bible study challenging me to consider putting scripture within its context. This includes how the books following Acts relate to the historical record found in Acts as well as many other cultural and regional considerations. Through this study, a theme continually popped up when it came to the early church: unity. Within this unity, we see the early church offering each other help and receiving help from one another. The study is quick to point out that the responsibility of the church helping each other must come from all the parts of the church body, not just from the leadership of the church.

What Have We Created?

The example of the early church demonstrates that there was an attitude of joy when it came to the help and fellowship that was shared among the first believers. A model did not exist where the apostles were expected to meet every need and be involved in every activity or difficulty. In fact, just the opposite is true according to Acts chapter 6. Seven men separate from the apostles were assigned the task of solving a dispute and address the needs so that the apostles could continue to teach what they learned from Jesus. Also, the early church met in their homes daily to fellowship and "break bread" with one another. It would be a stretch to think that the apostles were in every home of the 3,000+ new believers. Somehow, in our "Western" way of thinking, we have created a different model.

Reclaiming the Biblical Model

So how did the early church have all things in common, experience joy, and grow? I believe it came down to this: every believer counted because everyone was contributing to the health of the church body. It worked because they walked through life together. They didn't expect the apostles to satisfy every need because everyone was united in effort and purpose. When they received help or spent time together, no matter who was there, it counted as "the church" being involved. I believe that they took to heart Jesus' words that were repeated by Paul in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." And yet, it is important to "receive" well. What I mean by that is, don't negate the blessing of someone reaching out to you just because they don't hold a position in the church. Instead, let's reclaim the biblical model of growing together in unity. That way, a dying world will see that there's truly something special going on here and want to be a part of Jesus' redeeming love!

YOUTH NEWS

Celebrations

- ⇒ Patrick Kramer was baptized on Mother's day!
- ⇒ Summer is officially here! Majority of students had just finished the last day of the school year. For some, it was their last day of High School. We had 8 students who graduated this year!

Upcoming Stuff

- ⇒ Summer is here, which means SUMMER CAMP! **CAMP** is happening **July 9th-13th** and will be for students coming into 6th grade through people who just graduated in 2018. Sign up sheets are in the youth/teen room by the church office. Be sure to fill one of those out and hand it to me or Adam.
- ⇒ Starting **June 5th**, we will be having Tuesday fun days. **Every Tuesday** from **3-5PM** we will meet for fun and games with other youth groups in the area. More info will be given later. If you have any questions, contact Caleb at caleb@kenaichristianchurch.org
- ⇒ We're having a Beautification Day on **June 2nd** from **10AM-Noon**. This is a time where we all can get together and make sure the outside of the building looks great!

IDES Mission Statement:

"IDES exists to meet physical and spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world in the name of Jesus Christ."



Everything IDES does revolves around sharing the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Whether responding to disasters, relieving hunger and malnutrition, developing sustainable solutions for impoverished communities, or caring for those with medical needs- it is done in order to share the Gospel.

In 2017, IDES was privileged to partner with Christian Church/Church of Christ missionaries and local congregations to carry out mission and relief projects in 33 foreign nations as well in 13 US states and Puerto Rico. Recently in April, Ed Sanow from IDES gave two half-day seminars here at Kenai Christian Church. The first topic was on SAFE WORSHIP: Training to Safeguard Places of Worship and the second was on PREPARE TO RESPOND: Disaster Training.

Specific Prayer Requests:

1. *Brazil Christian Mission purchasing & distributing food baskets to poor families in the community. They are also providing a meal & a blanket to homeless individuals.
2. A mission in Myanmar purchasing medicines to stock a clinic that provides urgent care for 200 poor villagers
3. *Bay Area CC, Houston, TX helping 5-7 families purchase building supplies & replace furniture destroyed by the hurricane.



Sheds built for families in Florida affected by Hurricane Irma

Contact information:

International Disaster
Emergency Service
Mailing: PO Box 379
Noblesville, IN 46061
Phone: 317-773-4111
Email: ides@ides.org
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Shipment of Food-Packing meals to refugee families in Afghanistan

Calendar of Events

Our Regular Services & Classes

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:45am

Worship 11:00am

Small Groups (**Check on times**)

Wednesday

Soul Café 5:45pm

Bible Study 6:30pm

6.1

First Friday Mission Dinner
@ Friendship Mission (Hot Dogs and Trimmings)

6.2

Mission Meeting in Activity Room

6.3

Small Groups Begins

6.17

Father's Day

6.25—6.29

VBS

7.4

Independence Day (Services Dismissed)

7.9—7.13

Middle & High School Camp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanking God for the growth of
His Kingdom! Joining in
baptism:

Patrick Kramer
5-13-18

2018 VBS

JUNE 25th—29th

For ages 2 years—5th grade.
Registration is available now! You can
either sign up online or at church.

Summer Camp is coming
July 9th—13th

Please sign up NOW!!!
(See Caleb or Adam for more info)

*Congratulations to the
Sansotta family on their
new baby girl!!
Luci Annette Sansotta
Was born on
May 9th, 2018*

