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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

- May 4th: Clothes Closet OPEN
- May 6th: MAYFEST!
- May 7th: Missions Committee Meeting/Lunch, Girls' Night In
- May 9th: Advanced Group Luncheon
- May 14th: Mother's Day, no Children's Church and no evening services
- May 17th: Deacons' Meeting
- May 21st: Graduates Recognition
- May 24th: Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting
- May 25th: Emmaus Community Gathering
- May 26th: Last day of school, BHS Graduation Day
- May 29th: Memorial Day, Church Office Closed
- June 1st: Clothes Closet OPEN
- June 4th: Missions Committee Meeting/Lunch
- June 6th-11th: Youth Camp
- June 11th: CMT Meeting
- June 13th: Advanced Group Luncheon
- June 14th: Flag Day, Deacons' Meeting
- June 18th: Father's Day, The Lord's Supper, no Children's Church and no evening services, Cook-Out & Baseball at the Park
- June 21st: Business Meeting, Maintenance Committee Meeting
- June 25th-29th: Vacation Bible School
- June 25th: No evening services
- June 28th: No meal and no evening services

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
MAY 29TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY.



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ASSOCIATE PASTOR/YOUTH MINISTER:	Zach Sharp
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Words of Encouragement...

John 10:18 ➤ “No one is taking my life from me; I lay it down of my own accord.”

It was the moment Jesus had come for. He was headed to the cross. For Jesus, going to the cross was not Plan B. God did not shake His head in disgust at mankind’s messing up His pretty plans and decide He would have to take drastic action. “This is not how I had planned it, but those pesky humans leave me no other choice!”

Didn’t happen.

God was not blindsided by mankind’s sin nor thwarted by our human frailties. “Okay, heavenly host—engage backup plan. Everyone—Plan B!”

Did not happen. The Lord knew from the beginning what He had and what He was dealing with.

“He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are only dust” (Psalm 103:14).

Now, that raises a lot of questions to which I have no answers. If He knew, why did He do this? If He knew, why didn’t He do that? I don’t know. I have trouble enough at times trying to figure out my own motivations for actions and inactions, let alone God’s.

What was God thinking to make such a marvelous creature capable of both glory and mischief at the same time? And how does it happen that He knew all this and went ahead anyway? We are not told.

“Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?” (Romans 11:34)

Suffice it to say God knew what He was doing.

Scripture tells us that Jesus Christ is “the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8). Whatever else that means, I take it to say that throughout the centuries in the past, present, and future, the benefits of the cross (of what Jesus accomplished there) are a reality. After all, God does not dwell within the same time frame we do. Clearly, God has been making plans a long, long time.

Our welfare has been uppermost in His mind from the beginning, it would appear. Therefore, since the cross was the main thrust of God’s plan from the beginning...

How dare we think anyone will be saved by any other method.

How dare we think our works will get us to Heaven.

How dare we glory in anything except the cross of Christ.

How dare we even consider that our righteousness may have played a part in our salvation.

How dare we expect there to be no difficulties in our understanding of this amazing event! The sinless Son of God comes from Heaven to a wayward earth to reveal God to us, to show us the way, and to become the ultimate offering for our sin; and we expect for there to be nothing hard to understand, no parts that amaze us or challenge our puny minds. If anyone has ever grasped the vast complexities of the death of the Son of God with all its meanings and ramifications, I’ve not heard of them.

We should bow in His presence and say, “My Lord and my God,” as Thomas did (John 20:28).

Thank You, Father, for such love, for such a Savior, and for such Promise.

Pepper







# CHILDREN'S NEWS



Thank you for the many ways you have served our children and community! Our Easter Egg Hunt was a great success! We were able to share Jesus and invite a park full of families to join our church family. Thank you to the Bangs Lions Club and our FBC family who donated eggs & candy, stuffed nearly 4,000 eggs and hid eggs at the park. We could not have done this without you!

## SAVE THE DATES!

April 24th-May 7th	Preteen Camp T-shirt Fundraiser
June 18th	Brief VBS Meeting following the morning worship
June 18th	Youth VBS/Camp coaches meeting 7:10 pm
June 18th	Preteen Camp forms & payment of \$150 is due.
June 20th-22nd	VBS Decorating days 1:00-4:00 pm
June 25th-29th	VBS 5:30-8:00 pm
	Group's Maker Fun Factory- Created by God! Built for a Purpose!
July 2nd	FAMJAM at Camp Bowie Aquatic Center
July 10th-12th	PreTeen Camp, Family Night: July 12th
	Theme: Do SOMETHING! Serve one another in LOVE!
	Sign up sheet and forms will be on the foyer ministry table SOON!

## Hearing God's Voice!

Parents & Church family,

In Children's Ministry, we are learning about how to hear God's voice. God speaks to us in many ways....worship, prayer, reading our Bible, sharing testimonies and listening to our parents, teachers and Bro. Pepper teach us about God's word. I encourage you to model and look for ways to help our kids hear His voice. You can pray as a family, read God's word every day, worship together, lead family devotions, be in church ready with ears to hear and eyes to see, practice bringing and using your Bible in church and "be still and know that He is God". I pray that we will remove any distractions either physical or mental that might keep us from hearing God's voice. Training up a child in the way that he or she should go is a great responsibility! We LOVE you and your children! We desire to partner with you to encourage and equip our kids of all ages to grow in Christ!

Deut. 6: 5-9 says to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

Blessings on you! **JOY** 😊

**I AM THE CHURCH!**  
**I LIVE READY TO LOVE, SERVE & GO!**

If not us, then who

If not now, then when

God created me to do something!



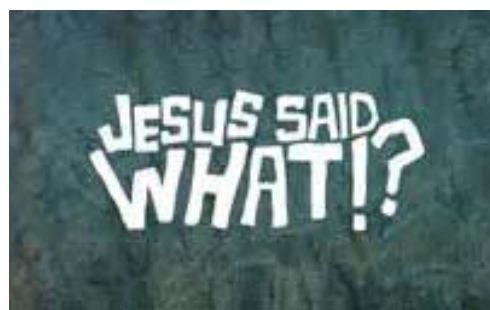
## NEWS

Church Family,

On Wednesday nights we have been talking about the commands of Jesus. Many of these can be found starting with The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. There are many things that people will throw around as things Jesus said, but how can we know unless we look for ourselves? That is what we teach our students to do; to study the Bible for themselves, but it doesn't stop there. You see, it is not enough to simply know what Jesus said, but we must live it. That is where the rubber meets the road and is often times where many Christians get left behind. We all have our cutesy, Christian sayings and our pet scriptures that we like to bend and twist to fit what we think it should say and mean. How are we doing at living out the imperatives of Jesus? How are you doing at actually applying the Word of God and commands of Christ to your life? We should all be striving to better apply His commands to our everyday walk. That is when we can see some real growth in our spiritual lives. A head full of knowledge is nothing compared to a heart moved to action.

May God's Grace Abound,

Zach



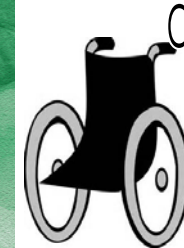
# MISSIONS



Clothes Closet OPEN! Thursday, May 4th & June 1st, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.  
Bangs Food Pantry OPEN! First and Third Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Thank you Church Family for your generosity! We collected \$4,180 for the 2017 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We exceeded our goal of \$3,000!



## Our Medical Closet!

We have a wide variety of equipment to loan out including wheel chairs, walkers, beds, bed rails, and shower chairs.



## MUSIC NOTES

Hello, Church Family!

Hard to believe that school is wrapping up for another year! Where does the time go? As we move into the summer months, the choir will be taking a short break from rehearsals during June and July as we all seem to have quite a lot going on during this time. As we look toward July, I am reminded that we are certainly blessed to live in a country that was founded on the principal of liberty. We are also a country that was founded on decidedly Christian principals and moral precepts. I hope that we'll keep this is mind as we celebrate the founding of our great land!

We do have such an awesome time each week as we sing songs of praise! I know that there are many of you out there who would really enjoy singing with us! What's keeping you? It truly is a joy singing for our Lord!

I'm continually thankful for all of our wonderful instrumentalists. We are so blessed to have so many wonderful men and women who are willing to use their talents to help us have an awesome worship experience each week. Are you using your talents? Make sure that you do.

Have a blessed and productive week! You all bless me so much!

*Soli Deo Gloria, Bro. Corey*

## BUSINESS MEETING NOTES

### FEBRUARY 2017 MINUTES

- January 2017 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted and new members were approved.
- There was no old or new business.

### MARCH 2017 MINUTES

- February 2017 minutes were approved as printed.
- Reports were accepted and new members were approved.
- There was no old or new business.

### FEBRUARY 2017 GENERAL FUND

Total Contributions:	\$32,307.85
Weekly Average:	\$8,076.96
Weekly Requirement:	\$8,480.75
Fund Balance:	\$8,037.78
Building Savings Account Balance:	\$104,164.14 (2/28/17)*
Church Roofs Account Balance:	\$42,451.82 (2/28/17)
General Savings Account Balance:	\$8,271.84 (2/28/17)

### MARCH 2017 GENERAL FUND

Total Contributions:	\$33,659.90
Weekly Average:	\$8,414.97
Weekly Requirement:	\$8,480.75
Fund Balance:	\$9,772.96
Building Savings Account Balance:	\$104,280.88 (3/31/17)*
Church Roofs Account Balance:	\$42,542.82 (3/31/17)
General Savings Account Balance:	\$8,272.54 (3/31/17)

\* Includes funds for the roof projects