

WHITING COMMUNITY CHURCH BAPTIST LIGHT

From the Pastor

Come as Broken Peters and Feast on Grace

Introduction When participating in the Lord's Supper, we need to make at least three serious, reverent looks: an inward look, a backward look, and a forward look.

- I. **We need to look within (1 Cor. 11:28).** If there ever is a time when we should do some serious, reverent heart searching, it is in preparation for taking the Lord's Supper. Paul says that we are to examine ourselves not to discover whether we are worthy to participate but to determine if we are partaking in a worthy manner and for a worthy purpose. No one merits the privilege of sitting at the Lord's Table. By God's grace, we are given the privilege of becoming his children and having fellowship with him. The psalmist's prayer is always appropriate as we seek to create a proper attitude for the observance of the Lord's Supper: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Ps. 139:23 – 24).
- II. **We need to look backward (1 Cor. 11:24 – 25).** The Lord's Supper is a memorial supper that is to remind us of Jesus Christ's death on the cross for our sins. By inspired imagination, we should sit in the gloom of Gethsemane's garden and try to enter into the agony of our Savior as he committed himself to the cross on our behalf. We should stand outside the walls of old Jerusalem and survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died. We should let this experience inform our intellect, stir our emotions, and sway our will. We must look back to Calvary if we are to receive the elements of the Lord's Supper into our mind, heart, attitudes, and ambitions.
- III. **We need to look forward (1 Cor. 11:26).** By our participation in the Lord's Supper, we proclaim Christ's death, and we are to do this until he returns. The most glorious event on the horizon is that moment when the heavens will roll back as a scroll and the Lord Jesus will descend with a shout, with the trumpet of God, and with the voice of the archangel. With the apostle John, we should look forward and pray, "Come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

May the Lord's Supper be meaningful individually and collectively,
Pastor Nick

Financials

Our 2015 General Fund Approved Budget is \$80,710. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$6,725.83 per month in order to meet this budget. As of the end of July, we are \$531.64 under budget.

Gen fund income:
\$46,549.19

Gen fund expense:
\$40,112.97

Game Night

The next game night will be on Saturday, September 19 beginning at 6:30 pm. Bring along your favorite game, friends, and a snack to share.

It's That Time Again!

Voices of Praise will resume rehearsals starting on August 30th. We rehearse from 8:30 to 9:00 on Sunday mornings. Anyone interested in joining can come to rehearsal or talk to Holly Robinson with questions.

Cleanup Project

Would you like to tackle a fun project? Bring a sandwich and join me on Sept 13 starting at noon, to clean and organize the craft room (this is the room off of the nursery) We will pull out all items from the room and re-organize, vacuum and dust. I am hoping we can paint before we put items back into the room.(this will most likely take more than 1 day, but we can get a good start).

If you have any items that you would like to make sure is kept, please mark them or mention to Kim Rose so we can be sure to keep and label clearly.

Ladies' Bible Study

September 30, 2015

6:30-7:45 PM

We will be studying James 4: 1-17.

Plus, don't miss the exciting guest appearances of various Bible characters!

FCL - Families Connecting with the Lord

Thursday, October 15 & Thursday, October 22

Dinner: 6-6:30 PM

Bible & Family Activities: 6:30-7:15 PM

The FCL classes held this past June & July were such a success that we have received requests to continue meeting throughout the year. We will be gathering for fall, winter, & spring sessions (each session being two weeks, one night each week, in length). Whether or not you attended the meetings in June & July, you are invited to join us as we continue to learn how to make God-centered conversations, prayer, and Bible time as families a priority in our lives. There are no limits on family size or generational relationship. All are welcome!

Please reply to Barb Moravec or Pastor Nick by October 11 if you will be participating. This will help greatly with the planning, purchasing, & preparing of food for the dinners.

Tree Farm News

With the approach of fall, there will be a string of events occurring at the tree farm. Up first will be camping over the Labor Day weekend. Whether you are a tent camper, a RV fan, or want to try out one of the cabins, you're welcome to join us for either a day or the whole weekend. If you will want a cabin or a camping spot, please fill out a reservation form and submit it to Donna Mentink.

As we move into September, hunting season will open. Starting with bow season September 12 and continuing through the end of gun season in November, we expect to have hunters on the property at various times. If you are a hunter, you can submit the same reservation form to Donna. If visiting the tree farm during hunting season, all guests must check in with Dave or Donna Mentink to learn about any hunting, as well as ensure they know non-hunters are on the property. If hunters are in the woods, please stay clear of their hunt areas for both your safety and their success.

The tree farm remains a wonderful resource for the church and if you would like to use the property for camping or any other event, share your thoughts with Tom Romnek or reserve your dates with Donna Mentink.