

# Grace Notes

**Enjoying the Gift of God Together at FCPC!** 



## August 2018

#### **August Anniversaries**

Mike and Barb Moriarty
August 4

Rick and Tracy Baxter
August 14

Reg and Nancy Boyer
August 17

Clayton and Kristy Bolen August 20



Sutton Nottleman	August 3
Anne Breitkreutz	August 4
Mark Allen	August 6
Mark Bouwman	August 7
Taylor Coulter	August 9
Mike Moriarty	August 11
Rebecca McMahon	August 12
Gloria Meyer	August 15
Peggy Linton	August 19
Henry Christensen	August 21
Carsen Nelson	August 21
<b>Robin Anderson</b>	August 27
Lona Burmeister	August 27
John Orr	August 27
Judy Pane	August 29
Ron Penas	August 30

#### BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING SUNDAY, AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> 9:30 WORSHIP HOUR FCPC

Back to school time can be a very stressful time of year for many – new schools, new teachers, new friends.

Please join us as we take a moment to pray for our students, school staff and families as we begin a new school year!

## PASTOR'S CORNER

You have heard that it takes a village to raise a child. This proverb comes from African village life, but you can also find this from the Bible as well. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12 shares:

It's better to have a partner than go it alone. Share the work, share the wealth. And if one falls down, the other helps, but if there's no one to help, tough!

By yourself you're unprotected.
With a friend you can face the worst.
Can you round up a third?
A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped.

This past VBS we had over 60 people help make this program a success and it keeps getting better every year. It wouldn't happen without everyone pitching in to fulfill its mission.

The reason I am bringing this up is because we are getting ready for the fall programs to begin this month. We need the FCPC village to step up and help serve in a variety of ways.

- Faith Village, our Wednesday Education time for elementary age kids is needing a few more teachers. Please talk with Cheryl on the specific ages she is looking for.
- The Youth Program is needing some cooks to help prepare meals for Wednesdays & Sundays. Talk with me as I take care of scheduling for the Jr/Sr. high youth groups.
- Our Session Teams are always in need of more members to help plan and implement the mission of this village. Our teams meet on the following days and times: The Education & Membership team 2nd Sunday after worship, Worship team on the first Thursday @ 6:00 p.m., Mission teams next meeting is August 6th @ 5:00 p.m. These meetings are important to fulfill our calling from God to be a community of faith that makes disciples and teaches the world about Jesus. What call could be more important?
- We need people for our custodial care helpers, especially for the third & fourth quarter in the fellowship hall area.
- Our community garden is always in need of helpers. Unfortunately, this year we have had only 4 people helping with the garden and so if we don't get help this will be the last season of the community garden.

Let me leave you with this thought from Oswald Chambers – it made me think. "Have you ever realized that you can give things to God that are of value to Him? Or are you just sitting around daydreaming about the greatness of His redemption, while neglecting all the things you could be doing for Him? I'm not referring to works which could be regarded as divine and miraculous, but ordinary, simple human things – things which would be evidence to God that you are totally surrendered to Him."

How are we serving God within the village of FCPC? Without your service we could not fulfill our mission "to serve, to celebrate and worship, and to share in the active pursuit of a life in Christ." It takes us all to make the mission and ministry of FCPC have an impact in people's lives. Thanks for sharing in this journey at FCPC!

#### **Junior High Youth Group**

Jr. High Youth Group will begin our Wednesday gatherings on August 29 @ 6:00 p.m. for some games, and then for a time to look at our biblical ancestors! This is open to everyone who wants to understand the Christian faith and enjoy a safe place to interact and learn.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

WORSHIP AT THE FORT AUGUST 12, 2018 10:00 A.M. FOLLOWED BY A POTLUCK

Fried Chicken and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and a chair.

#### 2018 RECYCLING DATES

SEPTEMBER 1
DECEMBER 15

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO HELP OUT WITH THIS WONDERFUL MISSION THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR A NURSERY STAFF PERSON ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

PLEASE CONSIDER FILLING THIS POSITION

#### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP**

Sr. high Youth Group will be starting on August 19 with an outing to Mahoney State Park Water Park. The cost is \$10.00 to get in. I am looking for drivers to help transport us to and from the Park.

Please text Gregg at 402-616-4345 if you are able to drive.

#### 5th Annual

#### **Prayer Walk for Our Schools**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018 ~ 7:00 PM

We will meet in the parking lot of the High School and work our way to the Pioneer Learning Center and then to the Elementary School.

Please join us as we spend time together in prayer for our school staff, our students and their families as we begin a new school year.

If you cannot join us please take a moment wherever you are that evening to pray with us.

Questions?? Please contact Cheryl Miller at (402) 885-0204 or cherylfcpc@gmail.com



# The Washington County Food Pantry is in need of SOUP

so for the month of August we will be collecting SOUP to help replenish their shelves.

Thank You

#### **40 Day Prayer Challenge**

Informational meeting at 6:45 before the prayer walk in the High School Commons

My name is Karla Haggar and I have two children that attend Fort Calhoun High School. I'd like to extend an invitation to other Fort Calhoun community members to join me in a 40 Day Prayer Challenge. The Challenge group will pray for our schools, administrators, teachers, support staff and students.

#### What this would involve:

- Purchase the book "Draw the Circle, the 40 Day Prayer Challenge" by Pastor & author Mark Batterson. It is available on Amazon and local Christian book stores.
- For 40 consecutive days set aside time every day for the short, daily reading in the book and prayer time. We ask that you include the schools in your prayer time
- I will set up a temporary, private Facebook group called "Pray for FTC Schools" (discontinued after the 40 days) where I will share occasional highlights from the readings, allow you a place to ask questions or share observations. Involvement in the Facebook group is optional.

I will have a short informational session on Sunday, Aug. 12 @ 6:45 at the High School Commons. Attendance is encouraged but not required. We will officially start our 40 day journey on **Sunday, Aug. 19th.** 

If you have questions contact Karla Haggar@ 402-981-9211

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# AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	9:30 am Aerobics		9:30 am Aerobics 1:00 pm Quilting Group 7:30 pm Lifegroup	2	9:30 am Aerobics	4
5	9:30 am Aerobics	7	8 9:30 am Aerobics 1:00 pm Quilting Group 7:30 pm Lifegroup	9	9:30 am Aerobics	11
12 10:00 am Worship at the Fort/Potluck 7:00 pm Prayer Walk	9:30 am Aerobics	7:00 pm Session Meeting	9:30 am Aerobics 1:00 pm Quilting Group 7:30 pm Lifegroup Preschool Open House	16 Preschool Open House	9:30 am Aerobics	18
9:30 am Back to School Blessing 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group	9:30 am Aerobics	21	9:30 am Aerobics 1:00 pm Quilting Group 7:30 pm Lifegroup	23	9:30 am Aerobics	25 All Day Baby Shower for Ashley Ruiz
26	9:30 am Aerobics	7:00 pm Prayer Shawl	9:30 am Aerobics 1:00 pm Quilting Group 6:00 pm Jr. High YG	30	9:30 am Aerobics	