

I was watching some little kids play soccer. These kids were only five or six years old, but they were playing a real game -- a serious game -- two teams, complete with coaches, uniforms, and parents. I didn't know any of them, so I was able to enjoy the game without the distraction of being anxious about winning or losing - I wished the parents and coaches could have done the same.

The teams were pretty evenly matched. I will just call them Team One and Team Two. Nobody scored in the first period. The kids were hilarious. They were clumsy and terribly inefficient. They fell over their own feet, they stumbled over the ball, they kicked at the ball and missed it but they didn't seem to care. They were having fun.

In the second quarter, the Team One coach pulled out what must have been his first team and put in the scrubs, except for his best player who now guarded the goal.

The game took a dramatic turn. I guess winning is important even when you're five years old -- because the Team Two coach left his best players in, and the Team One scrubs were no match for them. Team Two swarmed around the little guy who was now the Team One goalie. He was an outstanding athlete, but he was no match for three or four who were also very good. Team Two began to score. The lone goalie gave it everything he had, recklessly throwing his body in front of incoming balls, trying valiantly to stop them.

Team Two scored two goals in quick succession. It infuriated the young boy. He became a raging maniac -- shouting, running, diving. With all the stamina he could muster, he covered the boy who now had the ball, but that boy kicked it to another boy twenty feet away, and by the time he repositioned himself, it was too late -- they scored a third goal.

I soon learned who the goalie's parents were. They were nice, decent-looking people. I could tell that his dad had just come from the office -- he still had his suit and tie on. They yelled encouragement to their son. I became totally absorbed, watching the boy on the field and his parents on the sidelines. After the third goal, the little kid changed. He could see it was no use; he couldn't stop them.

He didn't quit, but he became quietly desperate. Futility was written all over him. His father changed too. He had been urging his son to try harder - yelling advice and encouragement. But then he changed. He became anxious. He tried to say that it was okay - to hang in there. He grieved for the pain his son was feeling.

After the fourth goal, I knew what was going to happen. I've seen it before. The little boy needed help so badly, and there was no help to be had. He retrieved the ball from the net and handed it to the referee - and then he cried.

He just stood there while huge tears rolled down both cheeks. He went to his knees and put his fists to his eyes - and he cried the tears of the helpless and brokenhearted.

When the boy went to his knees, I saw the father start onto the field. His wife clutched his arm and said, "Jim, don't. You'll embarrass him." But he tore loose from her and ran onto the field. He wasn't supposed to - the game was still in progress. Suit, tie, dress shoes, and all - he charged onto the field, and he picked up his son so everybody would know that this was his boy, and he hugged him and held him and cried with him. I've never been so proud of a man in my life.

He carried him off the field, and when he got close to the sidelines I heard him say, "Scotty, I'm so proud of you. You were great out there. I want everybody to know that you are my son."

"Daddy," the boy sobbed, "I couldn't stop them. I tried, Daddy, I tried and tried, and they scored on me."

"Scotty, it doesn't matter how many times they scored on you. You're my son, and I'm proud of you. I want you to go back out there and finish the game. I know you want to quit, but you can't. And, son, you're going to get scored on again, but it doesn't matter. Go on, now."

It made a difference - I could tell it did.

When you're all alone, and you're getting scored on - and you can't stop them - it means a lot to know that it doesn't matter to those who love you. The little guy ran back on to the field - and they scored two more times - but it was okay.

I get scored on every day. I try so hard. I recklessly throw my body in every direction. I fume and rage. I struggle with temptation and sin with every ounce of my being - and Satan laughs. And he scores again, and the tears come, and I go to my knees - sinful, convicted, helpless.

And my Father - my Father rushes right out on the field - right in front of the whole crowd - the whole jeering, laughing world - and he picks me up, and he hugs me and he says, "John, I'm so proud of you. You were great out there. I want everybody to know that you are my son, and because I control the outcome of this game, I declare you -- The Winner."

-Author Unknown

Always reminding myself that I am on the winning team,
Pastor Rob

It's time for new BABIES...

CAPLES SHOWER

June 2 @ 3PM
Registered at Walmart!
Kristy is expecting a **BABY BOY**

DOUBLE FRAUSTO SHOWER

June 9 @ 2PM
Registered at Target!
Caleesha is expecting a **BABY GIRL**
Samara is expecting a **BABY BOY**

**WORSHIP
TEAM
PRACTICE**
Thursday
@ 6:00 pm



If you are interested in singing with the Worship Team this summer, please contact Caleb.

Men's Connection Breakfast

06.15.13
8 am @ HyVee

Summer Camp 2013



July 1-6, 2013 Junior 1 Camp

HORTON HEARS A JEW!



CAMP J2
JULY 22-27, 2013

JULY 15-20

AMAZING RACE



JUNIOR HIGH

HUNGER GAMES
TIPS AND TRICKS FOR SURVIVAL

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP
JULY 8-13, 2013



Warm Springs Farm
Home of the Budweiser Clydesdales
Boonville, MO

Monday, July 1, 2013

The Nash L.I.F.T. Group is sponsoring a trip to see the Clydesdales! Reservations are required, \$10 per person, to be paid to Mike or Betty Nash by June 9, 2013. The group will be leaving at 8:00 am from church and will eat lunch in Boonville. The tour will be approximately an hour and a half. Don't miss out!

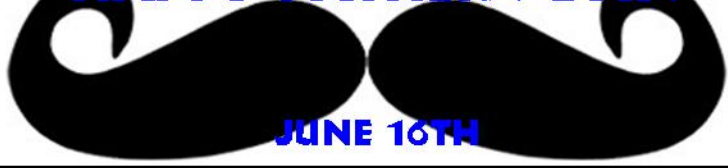


CHURCH SERVICE PROJECT

June 30, 2013

Don't just go to Church, BE the Church!
More information to come ...

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



JUNE 16TH

Annual Church Budget

Monthly Budget 2012-2013 \$16,665.00
Monthly Debt Reduction (Bldg) \$3,020.00

Actual Giving	Budget	Building
December	\$21,638.75	\$2,460.00
January	\$14,418.09	\$2,175.00
February	\$13,349.91	\$1,535.00
March	\$19,315.54	\$2,935.00
April	\$12,516.97	\$2,180.00
May	\$16,062.20	\$6,367.00



Every Monday
June 3rd - August 19th
@ 6:30 pm!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Join a LIFT Group near you. This will provide you and your family a place to connect, grow and serve within a small group. LIFT Groups will meet ...

- Nash Group 08.23.13
- Gilliland Group 08.14.13
- Larimore Group 08.21.13
- Redcay Group 08.18.13
- Ruth Group 08.30.13
- 06.23.13

Contact Pastor Rob for additional information.



June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Caples Baby Shower 3 pm</p> <p>Sunday School 9 am Worship 10am</p>	<p>3 Women's Bible Study @ 6:30 pm</p>	<p>4 Food Pantry 1-2 pm</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Worship Team Practice 6:00 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1</p> <hr/> <p>8</p>
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<p>30 L.I.F.T.</p> <p>CHURCH SERVICE PROJECT</p> <p>NO Sunday School Worship 9 am</p>						

Faith in Action

June 2013


First Church of God
Connect, Grow, Serve.
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Schedules

06.02.13

Nursery: David Larimore, Chelsea Kilmer, Amanda Bolden and Courtney Kilmer
Early Elementary Church: Florine Tripp and Chris Bolton
Children's Church: Karen Roberts and Tresha McBaine
Worship Team: Kevin Highfill, Carmen Morris, Courtney Kilmer, Karen Kelly, John Kriete, Mary Crader and Yogi Greer
Sound: Kent Denny
Slides: Keith Denny
Head Usher: Mike Morris
Greeters: Mike Morris and Frances Buckley
Ushers: Mike Nash, Travis Glenn, Nathan Redcay and Robert Gessman

06.16.13

Nursery: Tresha McBaine, Alex Gilliland, Pat Brown and Shelby Hoener
Early Elementary Church: Brenda Proebsting and Penny Sneller
Children's Church: Amy Schwartze
Worship Team: Florine Tripp, Karen Kelly, John Kriete, Yogi Greer and Mary Crader
Sound: Dan Gessman
Slides: Brian Bush
Head Usher: Mike Morris
Greeters: Mike Morris and Frances Buckley
Ushers: Robert Schwartze, Chris Bolton, Zach Bolton and Keith Denny

06.30.13

Nursery: David Larimore, Chelsea Kilmer, Debbie Whitener and Courtney Kilmer
Early Elementary Church: Kara Kilmer and Nancy Kaplan
Children's Church: Karen Roberts and Tresha McBaine
Worship Team: Florine Tripp, Karen Kelly, John Kriete, Mary Crader and Yogi Greer

06.09.13

Nursery: Laura Smith, Autumn Bush, Carmen Bentsch and Rebecca Gessman
Early Elementary Church: Kara Kilmer and Nancy Kaplan
NO Children's Church
Worship Team: Kevin Highfill, Kim Highfill, John Kriete, Yogi Greer, Karen Kelly and Mary Crader
Sound: Dan Gessman
Slides: Robert Schwartze
Head Usher: Mike Morris
Greeters: Mike Morris and Frances Buckley
Ushers: Charlie Ruth, John Caples, Justin Caples and Harold Brown

06.23.13

Nursery: Thom & Amanda Bolden and Travis & Lisa Glenn
Early Elementary Church: Florine Tripp and Chris Bolton
NO Children's Church
Worship Team: Florine Tripp, Karen Kelly, Yogi Greer, John Kriete and Mary Crader
Sound: Brian Bush
Slides: Chris Bolton
Head Usher: Mike Morris
Greeters: Mike Morris and Frances Buckley
Ushers: Michael Larimore, Kent Denny, Steve Hawk and Kevin Griep

Sound: Chris Bolton
Slides: Robert Schwartze
Head Usher: Mike Morris
Greeters: Mike Morris and Frances Buckley
Ushers: Chris Bolton, Zach Bolton, Keith Denny and Daryl Roberts