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## Associate's Corner

### Fasting for Food

Two weekends ago, our youth group participated in our annual 30 Hour Famine. During this event, students and a few youth leaders fasted for 30 hours, starting Friday at noon and ending Saturday evening at 6:00 pm at Villa Pizza. Let's just say we ate a few pieces of pizza! This event, sponsored by World Vision, shed light on the dire needs of children throughout the world who do not have enough food or clean water to survive. We learned that \$50 could provide clean water for a child for a year. Our students have been joyfully raising funds to meet some of those needs.

Have you ever considered fasting? For a meal, for a day? What is the purpose of a fast? The Bible does not command us to fast, but scripture does present it as something profitable and beneficial, usually going hand in hand with prayer. The purpose of fasting is to take our eyes off the world for a time and focus our attention solely on God. It is not done to make us appear more spiritual than others, but rather we are to fast in a spirit of humility and joy.

Jesus only fasted once as recorded in the Bible, and that was immediately after His baptism. For 40 days he fasted in the desert, being tempted by Satan, when his flesh was at its weakest point. He was so weak at the end of the 40 days, that God sent angels to attend to His son's needs. But afterwards "Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit", Luke 4:14. As Jesus began His mission, His reliance would not be on the flesh, but on the power of the Spirit. Are you more dependent on yourself or the Holy Spirit for your life on planet earth? Is there something you can fast from this week; food, phone, internet, TV, that could bring you closer to God? Live a full life in the power of the Holy Spirit!

*Steve Morgan*

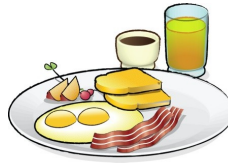
## Ladies Night Out

Ladies save the date, May 29<sup>th</sup> for an evening of fun, food and a mystery. We are looking for 8 table hostess to gather up a team to help solve the mystery. You don't need to decorate your table. Dinner will be catered, and the cost will be announced later. We will eat at 5:45 pm. If you are interested in being a table hostess let Jan Kepley know. If you would like to be part of the cast, let Nancy Huckaba know.

We will be getting a new Church Picture Directory. Lifetouch will be here June 4th-9th to take pictures. Sign-ups will begin April 29th in the narthex. We hope you will get your picture taken, as we want everyone included!



## Crafts Are Us Outing



The Crafts Are Us Group will meet for breakfast at the Airport Steakhouse on Wednesday, May 2nd at 9 am. All are invited to join them.

There will be a Men's Breakfast and Bible Study on Saturday, May 5th at 7 am.



## 8:30 am Communion

Starting Sunday, May 6th, for the 8:30 am service, communion will be served from a table on the floor level, not the chancel/stage area. All deacons and elders will meet in the Prayer Room before church which is located next to the transept area to line up, not in Campbell Hall. They will then sit together in the first pew as usual until communion is served. With so many stairs at the church, we are just trying to alleviate people going up and down the stairs so many times.

Thank you, *Worship Committee*



## Branson Trip

All seniors are invited on a Branson Trip November 26-29. The trip will include shows: Dutton's Christmas Show, Brett Family Christmas, Dixie Stampede Christmas Show, and Samson at the Sight and Sound Theatre. The cost of the trip is \$350 which will include the hotel, shows, transportation and all meals except three. If you are interested please pick up a itinerary and cost sheet in the narthex and return the second sheet with your \$50 deposit.





Building Fund balance:  
\$262,656.68

## Church Life

### Sunday, April 29

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
5 pm F/R Youth Group Meeting

### Monday, April 30

No Staff Meeting  
7 pm Elders' Meeting

### Tuesday, May 1

7 am Prayer Time

### Wednesday, May 2

9 am Crafts Are Us Group Breakfast at the Airport  
5:15 pm Bell Choir Practice  
6 pm Mid-Week Program (last one for the school year)  
6 pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, May 3

6 pm Praise Team Practice

### Saturday, May 5

7 am Men's Breakfast

### Sunday, May 6

8:30 am Traditional Worship  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Contemporary Worship  
5-7 pm F/R Youth Group Meeting

### Monday, May 7

10 am Staff Meeting  
5:30 pm Worship Meeting

### Tuesday, May 8

7 am Prayer Time

### Wednesday, May 9

9 am "Crafts Are Us" Group  
5:15 pm Bell Practice  
6 pm Choir Practice



## Thank You Note

Thank you to everyone for the prayers, calls and visits while Rock was in the hospital and since coming home. A special thanks to Richard Eident for his visit.

*Rock and Linda Janes*

## Dinner for Eight

We now have Hostesses for our Dinner for Eight Program. If you want to attend a dinner please sign-up in the narthex. Don't miss out on good food and fellowship!

### Dinners for Eight



Ivy Goodwin-Gage was baptized on Sunday, April 22nd by Steve Morgan. Congratulations Ivy on your step of faith.

## Serving Communion

### Sunday, April 29

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Dan Cunningham, Tom Dickerson

**10:30 am**— Herb Ault, Max Betty, Jeff Maninfior, Josh Recker

### Sunday, May 6

**8:30 am** — John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Steve Lane, Jack Little, Bud Miller, Gene Swearingen

**10:30 am** — Donica Brand, Dennis Goings, Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior

### Church Attendance

April 15th — Traditional: 116, Contemporary: 94 = 210

April 22nd — Traditional: 109, Contemporary: 66= 175

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