

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

- Monday, May 28th, Memorial Day!**
- Friday, June 1st, 8:00a.m.,** LHS Graduation! Colonial Life Arena.
- Saturday, June 2nd, 8:00a.m.,** RBHS Graduation! Colonial Life Arena.
- Saturday, June 9th-16th,** 2018 Honduras Mission Trip. Please be praying for the team.
- Sunday, June 17th,** Father's Day!
- Sunday, June 17th,** Birthright Baby Bottles are due.
- Saturday, June 23rd, 10:30a.m.,** Larkin Johnson's Baby Shower. She is having a girl and is registered at Amazon.com

VBS Registration is open. Please visit the link below to sign up your children and their friends. It is also for Volunteers to register.

<https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myChurch/?id=47913>

Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Hannah Baker & Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter-- Ft. Riley, Kansas; Deployed to Germany
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii-- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Lisa Smith- Karen Oliver's Sister
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's niece.
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- David Dowdy
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Mark Black, Kris Black's Father
- Michael Bridges & Family
- Madeline, Suzanne Kennedy's Great Granddaughter.
- Karyl Burress
- AJ McElfresh
- Carol Brown
- Ross Kellis
- Kathy Upton

"GOD'S MOTHERING LOVE"

God is most often portrayed as a Father. This is great, but it is an incomplete idea. In fact, the idea is missing a whole dimension of reality. In the beginning God said, "Let us make Man in our image, and after our likeness." And so, He made them, Male and female. In these few verses we can discover that God is more than one and man is male and female. This translates quickly into the idea that God has a female and a male dimension.

God makes himself present through all cultures in the love exuded by mothers for their children. The eternal purpose of mothers is primarily to model for us all How God loves us. Motherhood is forever and always shining a spotlight on God!

People said, and people still say God has forgotten us, He no longer remembers us! This was the claim in Isaiah 61. I know you have felt that way "where is God?" the answer for them, the answer for you and me is in a question "Will a mother forget the baby at her breast?" Will a mother forget a son she birthed?" The answer is a rhetorical NO!!

But, it could happen. A mother might get sick or be traumatized, or maybe even be possessed of some evil spirit. Somewhere, sometime a mother could slip and fall! But God will not. God compares His love to that of a mother's love for her nursing baby. The message is that His love is more permanent, more true, more sure than a mother's love for a nursing child.

The way God frames this idea makes it clear that the purpose of a mother's love among us is to remind us all that God loves us more than and more predictably than a mother loves a baby she is nursing. For as long as Mothers bear children the Love of God is modelled and exhibited for our learning. Open up your eyes and smell the roses!

A few striking conclusions to this idea is:

- Babies bring nothing to the table;***
- Babies are loved more than they understand;***
- Babies trust and mothers do not let them down:***

There are many other things we could draw from **God's love among us** in the mother child relationship, but before we get clouded could we let these three really sink in?

The work of God for you is to believe. You can find that in John 6:29. If we could just find a way to believe the Good News our lives would abound with joy!

Let's do it!

Your Shepherds

Assembly Times
Sunday Worship
9:30AM
Sunday Class 11 AM
AWANA, Sunday
10 AM
Wednesday, 7 PM
Bible Study

May 20, 2018
Weekly Stats
AM Bible Class 0
AM Bible Class Average 86

AM Assembly 178
AM Assembly Avg. 137

Contribution \$6,385.00
YTD Average Weekly \$6,552.81

Weekly Budget \$7,918.62

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations!!

Please congratulate **July Baker and Karen Brophy** on becoming the newest children of God's Kingdom. They both were baptized on Sunday, May 20th at the beginning of the service.

Anniversaries:

- 5.14 David & Earline White
- 5.15 Chris & Jordan Tate
- 5.29 Rob & Lauren Brannan
- 5.30 Allan & Carolyn Whitacre

Birthdays:

- 5.24 Faye Jex
- 5.26 Brandon Hanle
- 5.26 Bennett Hanle
- 5.26 Milo Muery
- 5.27 Eddie Ulmer
- 5.28 Courtney Wisniewski
- 5.28 Russell Watkins
- 5.29 Landrey Daniel
- 5.30 Jordan Tate

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Opportunities to Serve

May 27, 2018

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Chester Warren
Cliff Brown

Lord's Supper:

Stephen Wood

Servers in May:

Higinio Cruz
David Dowdy
Stephen Wood
Jason Falls
Mark Cox
Nickolas Joy

Door Greeters in May:

James and Karen Bost

Nursery:

Karen Oliver
Carol Brown

Toddler:

Lucy Ortiz
Valentina Ortiz

Communion Prep:

Sharon Carter
Dennis Carter

Coffee Clean-Up:

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Missionaries:

AIM Hannah Baker, Donnie Gull, Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

I recently read an article that I can't help but share. It comes from a blog called NotConsumed Ministries that gives lots of practical advice for Christian parents. Please let me know if you'd like access to any of the resources mentioned below!

Just the mention of the word summer evokes warm fuzzies as I dream of flip flops, lemonade and lazy days on the beach. I picture watermelon, picnics, and a good book by the pool. Notice that I said dream. Haha. Have you ever noticed how fond we are when summer beams its first warm rays and yet how our nostalgia seems to blind us to the reality of what summer really looks like? (I can picture it now... sunburns, 4 kids who have taken to fighting since their school load is light, and of course, man-eating mosquitos.) Haha. Ok I kid. It's not that bad. But I will say this. Summer has a way of being wasted in nostalgia and empty dreams instead of being a powerhouse of productivity. Can you relate?

This year, let's plan ahead so we can take advantage of this opportunity for a powerhouse of productivity. The summer does bring with it a lighter schedule, record heat and the chance to recharge at least a little. We have less school, no extracurricular activities, and far fewer demands on the schedule... which means we have the perfect opportunity to work on the things we never seem get to (or at least not as much as we'd like.) You know, like character training, like skills and plain old FUN!

Here are some of the things we will be working on this summer.

- 5 Super Practical ways to have FUN and teach the good stuff this summer
1. Make it a **HABIT** to serve others with Random Acts of Kindness.
2. Enrich and encourage the love of literature with a Summer Reading Challenge from your local library.
3. Get outside and have a blast with the Backyard Challenge (note: kids can do this without you, mom. Yay!)
4. Fine tune your chore system, give small amounts of money for chores, and use this opportunity to talk about tithing and get your children in the habit of giving a tithe from the money they earn.
6. Dive into the Bible and review what God says about sibling relationships and start your own sibling love challenge.

Blessings,

Lauren Brannan