

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

8.9.17 Wednesday Night Bible Class, 7:00p.m.

8.12.17 Men's Bible Study Class, 9:00a.m.

8.7-18.17, LICS Volunteers needed to fill bookbags with school supplies, www.licssc.org/specialprojects

8.20.17 Pot Luck/Back To School Bash!

Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Mason Bridges, Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter- Ft. Riley, Kansas;
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii- Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Christine Stewart
- Patrick Hutto
- Izzy -Robin Smith's Grandchild
- Nelson Bright, Karen Oliver's Uncle
- AJ & Jeanie McElfresh
- Sara Hanle
- Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's Niece
- Nate Reynolds
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Kaylee Bridges
- Kris Black & SCE&G
- Matt Baker & Abby Baker

"WHAT DO YOU HAVE"

Once a large crowd followed Jesus to a desolate place and the day got long. The Disciples asked for permission to send the people away so they could get food. Jesus shocked them with the statement, "no, you feed them." "how can we feed them Jesus, 200 denarii would not buy enough bread to give each one a bite?" You know the story about how Jesus took the loaves and the fishes from the little boy and went on to feed 5 thousand men which might have been 15-20 thousand individuals.

What I want us to pay close attention to are the words of Mark 6:38. What do you have Jesus asked? From this story, we can derive some fundamental principles of decision making for our own lives.

First Jesus asked his disciples to take an inventory of what was available. The meaning is very clear. Instead of focusing on the impossibility of the tasks in front of us we should spend our time searching for our resources. What do you have? Jesus asked. God is teaching you to ask the same question: "what do you have?" What you have may be small but if you offer it to God in faith great things will follow.

When we look, we see that God has supplied at least something to begin the job at hand. God delights in doing the remarkable with almost nothing. You've got to believe this for your own life, and we must believe this for our church. We can be like these disciples. We can be called upon to do some unreasonable thing with very tiny resources. Don't be dismayed, have faith. God can supply the difference, and He does.

The second important principle for achieving the remarkable is to give it to Jesus. The disciples offered the entire inventory to Jesus. We need to do the same. Whatever we have when given to God is the seed for all God wants to do. We can believe that! We should try that! Look in your own life for what you have that you can give to God for any of God's purposes.

You may have time for mentoring or helping with the nursery, visiting a shut in, etc. These small gifts are never lost with God. You may have money you are wasting that would be better spent in the Kingdom of God. You may have time to memorize the Sermon on the mount. The word of God planted in your soul is always a miracle making investment.

What do you have?

Give it to God!

Your Shepherds

Assembly Times

**Sunday Worship
9:30AM**

**Sunday Class 11 AM
AWANA, Sunday
10 AM**

**Wednesday, 7 PM
Bible Study**

Weekly Stats

AM Bible Class 71
AM Bible Class Average 89
AM Assembly 111
AM Assembly Avg. 127
Contribution \$5,970.00
YTD Average Weekly \$7,859.72
Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

Shepherds

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Fellowship Needs:

Ruben Macedo needs help with taking Geoffrey Cottrell to lunch and home on Sundays, so please consider signing up on the calendar that is on the podium in the entrance.

Suzanne Kennedy also needs a ride to and from church on Sundays. Sheet is on the podium

Anniversaries:

8.14 Wayne & Karyl Burress
 8.14 Derek & Beth Baxley
 8.23 Dave & Carolyn Watkins
 8.28 Cale & Raegen Ferguson

Birthdays:

8.9 Christine Stewart
 8.10 Jake Wisniewski
 8.11 Jane Deadwyler
 8.12 Ernie Oliver
 8.13 Karen Close
 8.15 Jennifer Bowers

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Online Giving!

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Contact the office for recurring payments.

**Opportunities to Serve
August 13, 2017**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound:

Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

Justin Muery

Servers in August:

Dennis Carter
Jimmy Kirby
Brandon Ulmer
Terry Kneece
Travis Jex
Hayden Oliver

Greeters in August:

James & Karen Bost

Nursery:

Lucy Ortiz
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Courtney Wisniewski

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AIM Mason Bridges, Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill & Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

Psalm 127:3-4 Children are a gift from the LORD ; they are a reward from him. Children born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands.

These are two of my favorite verses. I have grown to love them even more in the last five years as we were preparing for and growing our family.

Motherhood, from the very beginning, has been a very sanctifying experience. My Type A personality realized very quickly that I had no control over when the Lord would bless us with a baby, what would happen during pregnancy, when the baby would (finally) arrive, or what each day would hold since then.

On any given day, the Lord uses both of my girls to refine my rough edges and point out the sin in my heart. They act as two little pieces of iron- sharpening me in painful, frustrating, wonderful ways. They are gifts from the Lord that allow me a unique, very small window into the Heart of God and how much He loves His children. He wants the very best for us. So on the hardest days, I continuously remind myself that they are a gift, a reward from Him.

The very next verse is inspiring and I read it as a challenge. To what does he compare these crazy, beautiful little pieces of iron? Arrows. The challenge: How can we intentionally make sure that our "arrows" are being drawn to the Lord? How can we show them the love of God? Are we pointing them to the One who is pursuing their hearts? Are we nurturing "arrows" that are going to point others to Him? Are we raising them to love and grow His Kingdom?

Our children, our gifts, our arrows are from the Lord. Whether they are three years old or thirty years old, let's pray for our arrows and be intentional about pointing them to Jesus each day.

Blessings,

Lauren Braman

Fact one: **Everyone** who lives is deeply hurt by others.

Fact two: **Everyone** who lives has deeply hurt others.

Fact three: **I** have wounded and offended my God, the one who loved me and brought me into being.

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." - 1 John 1:8-9

The possibility of healing is, indeed, the good in the Good News! This healing begins with confession and forgiveness. Confession is an extension of kenosis where we are speaking the truth about ourselves and emptying ourselves at the same time. Forgiveness, in turn, is an attentiveness to the inner cess-pool of our own heart.

Make sure you join us Wednesday night or Saturday morning to hear more about Confession, Forgiveness, and finding God and our fellow man through Silence.

I hope everyone is starting to see the "pattern in the mosaic" of how God works through all of the many aspects of our lives to present himself to us in real, vivid color.

It really is an amazing experience when we find ourselves identifying God in the sound of silence or in the still, small voice.

Assume it is your job and your moment. Hate apathy. Reject passivity.

#grabtheoar -Justin