Good News

David: From Runt to King, God was Faithful through Triumph and Tragedy



Artwork of King David by Megan

We have been delving into the life of King David and have seen God's faithfulness to him throughout his life. God had Samuel anoint David to be the future king when he was young, still taking care of his father's sheep. He fought the Philistine, Goliath and defeated him. David excelled as a commander of the Israelite army.

When King Saul died David became the king and united the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. Even though he desired to build a temple for God, God had other ideas and made a covenant with David. Many years later, Jesus, the Son of David would fulfill that covenant becoming the everlasting king of kings.

Even when David sinned, God did not forget him, but sent his prophet to make David aware of his need for repentance. God showed mercy to David and forgave him and continued to be with him. Throughout his life, regardless of his sin, struggles and challenges, God stuck by David. We can be assured that God will also stick by us. God is for us; God will not forsake us.

God's loving kindness and faithfulness will be with us all the days of our lives. Thank you, God, for a love like that!

Ellie, Miles, Palmer, and Beau were baptized on July 7!















A Thank You from Jacelynn

I want to thank the congregation for sponsoring me. Thank you for your help and for giving me the opportunity to experience unique events. I got to meet people from many places and got to learn ways to improve my work. Although I did not place, I had a good time. I will

continue to improve and I am hoping to make it further next year.



A Thank You

I want to send a big thank you to Mary Jane and the entire congregation for making the baptism of our 4 kids so memorable. This church is very special to us and we are blessed to have you all in our lives.









A Thank You from Bob

Thank you to the church for letting me play guitar as an act of worship with you. It means so much to me to be able to accompany you in the singing of hymns.

July Report from the Community Care Room

In the month of July, we gave members of our community:

- 5 pairs of shoes
- 27hygiene packs/individual items
- 61 MREs (Meals Ready to Eat that contain enough nutrition for an adult for one day)
- 1 duffel bag and 2 backpacks
- 37 pairs of pants or shorts and 41 shirts
- 7 blankets, sheets, or other bedding
- 69 pieces of clothing such as socks, underwear, belts, and hats
- 163 snack bags
- 7 packages of dog food or hot dogs for people's pets

Thank you for giving to this ministry—your donations make a difference!

"for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it ...? And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of



the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25: 35-40

Preachers and Scriptures for August

August 4	Rev. Michael	2 Sam. 11:26-12:13a	John 6:24-35
	Communion		
August 11	Mary Lee	Psalm 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
August 18	Rev. Marie	Psalm 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20
August 25	CRE Mary Jane	Psalms 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20

Announcements

Hospitality time will be **August 4**. We will gather after the worship service in the Hospitality Room to enjoy snacks and a time of visiting together.

August 18 will be our **Community Potluck**. Let's bring a dish or two to share with our church family and our neighbors in our community.

The **Bible Study** Group meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. We are reading The Acts of the Apostles from the New Testament and using the book, <u>Acts for Everyone</u> written by N.T. Wright, as our guide.

The Chosen DVD's available

The church has purchased the DVDs of the first 3 seasons of the TV series, The Chosen, for anyone who would like to watch at home. The Chosen is the story of Jesus and his disciples. With some narrative license, most of the scenes are taken from the New Testament gospel writers. You can check these out to enjoy at home. They will be by the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary.

Our own Denisse had her quinceañera in Mexico this summer. These pictures were taken right before it began. Congratulations, Denisse!







We're Trying Out a Shower Program

We will begin offering the use of our shower to the underserved on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-3. There will be 8 time slots available and they will be on a first come, first served basis.

We need one man and one woman on each shift and are looking for volunteers from the congregation that would be willing to staff a shift. Please let Karen or Mary Jane know if you feel called to help.

Attendance for July

June 30: 32 July 7: 23 July 14: 25 July 21: 24 July 28: 21





Keeping God's House Clean

Please consider signing up on the tablet in the west lobby to help clean the church one weekend this month. We can do it if we all pitch in!

Report of Session meeting

The session did not meet in July. The next session meeting will take place on August 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Prayer Requests From July

Alice D and family

Barbara J.

Becky M. family

Beth B.

Bill and Etsuko C.

Billie Ann M.

Bill B.

Britnee L.

Buck B.

Catherine

Chris, Ella, and Isabella S.

Dave G.

Diane W.

Elizabeth B.

Ellie, Miles, Palmer, and Beau K.

Eric E.

Eric T.

The family of Clay P.

The family of Laura

The family of Travis K.

Gail P.

Glenda K.

Glynda D.

The H. family

Jeannie P. and family

Jeff and Pam S.

Joe P.

Kathie K.

Larry D.

Marsha S.

Mary Lee S.

Mike K.

Panfilo C.

Pat H.

Pat and Michelle B.

Ron Q.

Rosemary B.

Safe travels for the K. family

Safe travel for the M. family

The family of Travis K

Tom H.

Toni H.

Those impacted by Hurricane

Beryl

The leaders of our city, state, and

nation

People affected by natural

disasters

Peace for those affected by wars

The healing of our country

Travelers

Our youth



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May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you. May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your heart to love.

And as you leave this place, may you see the face of Christ on everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ on you.

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