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## Steve Says...

... That starting in August we will be preaching out of the book of Philippians. Actually I will be preaching on themes found in Philippians, which is why I am encouraging you to read and meditate on the book yourself. To help you, I am writing some devotionals that will be published on the website, the app, and in paper. I encourage you to use these to guide you through the book. The devotions will complement the sermons so you will not be getting the same stuff twice.

The city of Philippi was a gentile or Roman city. When Paul visited it for the first time he did not find a Jewish synagogue which required 10 Jewish men to get started. Instead he found a few women praying by a river. Read Acts chapter 16 to see the account of what happened there. The thing that we need to notice is that the culture was not a nice Christian culture. It was entirely filled with false religions, with power seeking, with pleasure seeking, with all sorts of things that were displeasing to God. It was a pagan culture. Yet, God, through Paul, planted a church there. It took root and began to grow in love and in concern for the gospel and for one another.

For many years the church in the USA has been immersed in a pseudo Christian culture, but in the last 10 years or so the culture has abandoned its Christian roots and now we find ourselves struggling to figure out what to do. Should we yell and scream about it? Should we withdraw from it? Should we accommodate it? Should we confront it? Perhaps the Philippians, and Paul's letter to them, can give us some insight into how the Church can advance God's kingdom in this pagan culture in which we now live.

## Church Events

August 1-5 & 8-12  
Safety Town

August 10  
Community Meal  
5:00-6:30pm

August 10  
Senior Moment Event

August 17  
Comfort & Joy Sewing  
5:30pm

Over this summer, I went to Show-Me Christian Youth Homes in Missouri with our youth group. The trip was fun, rewarding, and educational. We spent most of our time there working on a prayer trail for the parents and children to use. Being there with the children was amazing.

They were so positive and encouraging to us. The way the children talked and spent time with us was amazing. One night we went to some of the boy's baseball game. The parents and house parents of the boys were there. Being able to help the children's home was amazing, especially after being able to talk to Curtis, who runs the volunteer part of Show-Me. He explained to us that we were saving them time and money.

In the evenings and before breakfast, Kyle gave us devotions about being Godly men. Overall it was worthwhile and I was blessed with the opportunity to serve others.

Drew Kistler



## A Line from Liming

Isn't it fun to gather for worship with our friends and give God all of our praise. He is so wonderful.

Sylvia and I were talking and she said that my favorite day of the week is Tuesday, when I get to go to staff meeting here at the church. I told her that she was wrong. My favorite day is Sunday when I get to worship with my friends. I get to church early and that way I can say hello to many of you. You and my God make the day something special.

Why do you come to church? I hope it is to give God the glory He should receive. Praise Him.

Your Happy Friend,  
Steve

# August Birthdays

- 1 – David Crawford
- 2 – Becky Sharp
- 6 – Tristan Cromer
- 7 – Ed Nichols, Ryan Sharp, Tyler Ehret
- 9 – Jeff Culler
- 10 – Nathan Hickerson
- 11 – Barry Fluty, Gary Fry, Brenda & Linzy Weyhmeller,
- 12 – Gloria Baker, Pam Mowry
- 14 – Lois Worner,
- 15 – Ben Bushong
- 16 – Irene Beal, Lois Cox, Brittney Ehret
- 17 – Marlee Cromer,
- 19 – Jane Olson,
- 23 – Sylvia Liming
- 24 – Ericka Kistler
- 25 – Deb Rockwell,
- 26 – Joshua Clark,
- 29 – Warner Manning, Gavin Sharp
- 30 – Jenny Armstrong, Ellen Fox
- 31 – Chris Cromer



## JASON'S JAM

I encourage you to stop by and check out the children's church room as it is now "under the sea". We have begun a summer long program called "Finding Jesus", and the kids are loving it. Each week a different sea creature is themed and we use different illustrations to work on being more Christ-like. We are also trying to emphasize bringing guests and friends! Please continue to pray for our children here at New Life and our communities.

I love the church generational programs, where the kids are hooked up with adults and new friendships are formed, such as the "Pray for Me" student ministry. You may have noticed one Sunday last fall when you came to church, there were paper apples all over some tables, each apple with a student's name on it. Picking up an apple meant you were committing to pray for that student throughout the year. There was also a little prayer booklet to take. It gave daily scriptures to look up, and write down thoughts and prayers if you wished in the spaces provided. Discipleship is the main focus of the program.

I picked up four names because I didn't want anyone's apple to be left on the table. But then I learned about the discipleship part and became concerned over whether or not I would do it justice because I choose three girls and a boy, all different age groups. It is easy to pray for someone, but discipling goes further. So I began thinking of ways to get to know each student better. Here are some things I did, sometimes with one student and other times with two or three.

- Made contact with each student on Sunday morning
- One student and I emailed back and forth
- Took one student to a Clear Fork football game
- Made favors for their Thanksgiving tables
- Did some Christmas baking
- Attended their functions (Upward games, band concert)
- Went for ice cream at the Dairy Belle

I think many people were doing all kinds of things with their students. It's good to share our ideas. I am writing this to encourage you to pick up an apple this fall when you see them on the table. Just take a name and do whatever is comfortable for you. Getting to know the young people in our congregation is a real blessing.

On a personal note, looking up and writing the daily scriptures in the booklet was something I looked forward to every day, a quiet time of meditation and prayer.

Dianne Kehl

