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### To Our Church Family and Friends,

Max Lucado has a way of conveying the Gospel Message. Let me share some excerpts from his perspective on John 3:16.

"He loves. He gave. We believe. We live. This verse is an alphabet of grace, a table of contents to the Christian hope, each word a safe-deposit box of jewels. Read this verse again, slowly and aloud, and note the word that snatches your attention...

God so <u>loved</u> the world ....We would have expected an anger-fueled God. One who punishes the world, recycles the world, forsakes the world....but loves the world?

The <u>world?</u> This world? Heartbreakers, hope snatchers, and dream dousers prowl this orb. Dictators rage. Abusers inflict. And He loves the world so much He gave his Commandments?

No. The heart-stilling, mind-bending, deal-making-or-breaking claim of John 3:16 is this: God gave His Son....His only Son. No abstract ideas, but a flesh-wrapped divinity. Scripture equates Jesus with God. God gave Himself. Why? So that whoever believes in Him shall not perish."

Lord, your love is beyond our understanding. It reaches out to every one of us, no matter where we are. It is offered and delivered to all people. You are gracious, merciful, and patient loving all the time. Lord, help us to tell and spread the Gospel of your love everywhere we go.

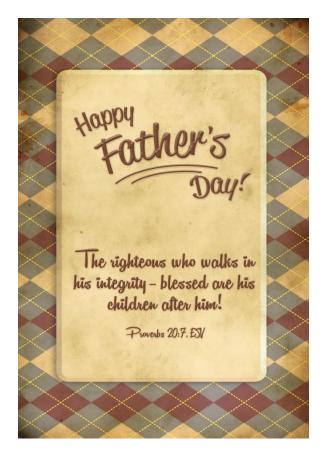
I John 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.

Never forget to thank Him for His love that is extended our way. Jesus Saves!!

Thank you for allowing Cindy and I to serve you.

### Leon and Cindy

Nursery & Children's Church Schedule		
Date	Nursery	Children's Church
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christa & Brandon Love	Teresa Hilton & Gayle Throckmorton
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Napier & Hunter Canap	Beverly Napier
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Debbie Jordan & Amanda Vann	Barbara Simpson & Carolyn Smith
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Marty Little	Christa & Brandon Love
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carter & Laura Dermid	Holly Morris & Katie & Mason Cuthbertson



## Sunday, June 18, 2023

*Open Windows* magazine copies are on the vestibule table for pick up.



\*Rotating off.

June Fellowship Hall Clean Up:

All Classes

### **Second Harvest**

No Second Harvest this month. Watch bulletins for July location. Thank you!



## VBS

# DATES: Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup> TIME: Dinner: 6:00 PM; VBS: 6:30–9:00 PM VBS Volunteer Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. VBS Security

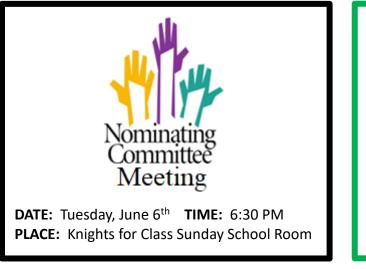
We need a couple more volunteers from our security team to commit to being here during VBS. See Billy Riggins for more information.





# **Homeless Shelter Ministry**

If you are interested in helping at the homeless shelter, please sign up on the bulletin board. For more details, contact Roger Haigler. Thank you!



## WEEKLY FOOD MINISTRY

June 4<sup>th</sup>: Box of individual pack of grits

June 11<sup>th</sup>: Box of individual pack of oatmeal

June 18<sup>th</sup>: Box or package of individually wrapped cookies

June 25<sup>th</sup>: 15 oz can of vegetables (corn, green beans, green peas, etc.)

## **Residential WILDERNESS**

We had six members (Roger Haigler, Sandra Helms, Jack & Beverly Napier, and Sally Wrayno) to visit and volunteer help at Residential WILDERNESS, a Baptist Children's Home residential wilderness camp for school-aged boys and girls.

Cameron Boys Camp and Camp Duncan for Girls provide behavioral change for children in a highly structured, wilderness environment. The Camps offer the freedom of being outdoors and the structure of small groups with constant, caring supervision.

Children live in groups of ten with three counselors, called "Chiefs". With the help of their peers and Chiefs, campers learn discipline, positive behavior patterns and self-worth. The goal is to build positive, healthy relationships where deep hurts are healed, and bad attitudes are changed.





- 3 Hannah Napier
- 4 Josh Lemon, Xaiden Moore
- 5 Pam Rivers
- 6 Emily Graham
- 9 Maggie Collins
- 10 Brandon Knight
- 14 Suzanne Simpson
- 15 Rebecca Edwards, Kathryn Overcash
- 16 Elijah Haigler
- 17 Katie Rivers

- 18 Amanda Ikerd Lynn
- 20 Laurel Preslar
- 21 Donald Griffin
- 22 Melissa Estridge
- 24 Kenneth Anderson, Tommy Edwards, David Simpson
- 25 Josh Fowler
- 27 Kyle Howard
- 28 David Figueroa, Sheri Bradshaw
- 29 Vickie Griffin
- 30 Rheanna Hartis

July 1<sup>st</sup> Week Birthdays

- 1-Nolan Maner, Dawn Marsh
- 3-Eli Dermid
- 5-Taylor Hilton
- 7-Kaylan Maner, Cody Helms



#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 3 Rev. & Mrs. Leon Whitley
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Haigler
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Griffin
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Knight
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Clinton Oster
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Irvin Griffin
- 25 Mr. & Mrs. Dwight Starnes
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Tom Preslar

No Anniversaries First Week in July