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Easter marks a major milestone in the church calendar that carries us into our summer ministries. I am so thankful you heeded the call to participate in worship through the Easter holidays. Those services were dramatically impactful on my life, as I'm sure they were on yours. It is important for us to carry that momentum into the coming months and fulfill the calling of the Lord on our lives and the church. One of the many opportunities for you will be helping us prepare for our annual mission trip in July.

I made my annual pre-mission trip visit to the valley this week, and saw several ministries for our church. Most importantly, I met Mrs. Partida and her youngest of 4 children just outside their half constructed Buckner home. Over spring break a church from Pflugerville began building their new home, and Chalk Bluff will finish it in July. When Diego told her that I represented the church who would finish their new home she could not stop smiling.

If you remember last year we did something similar, but we did the first half of a home. This is the model Buckner likes to use in new home construction. One church spends a week building as much as they can then a second church finishes the project in a second week. It is a remarkable feat, but one Chalk Bluff can complete. The entire project budget is right at \$24,000 for a brand new home typically divided in half by the two churches. Our trip budget, however, would never allow a \$12,000 half-a-home build. Until last year I never thought it would be feasible for us to afford such a project, but in our conversations Buckner said they would pitch in \$10,000 on our behalf to get the job done. As much as a blessing as that was last year, this year they have offered our church the same deal essentially giving Chalk Bluff \$20,000 missions dollars over two years to get this work done.

Buckner's generosity is favorable because they know that Chalk Bluff is committed to mission work in the valley, and they know that the Partida's have completed a comprehensive course load. To receive a new home from churches working with Buckner this family had to complete three classes: personal finance, hygiene & nutrition, and leadership/professional development, as well as work through their personal stories with a licensed Buckner case management worker.

All that is to say, this new home is the icing on the cake after a two year process to develop long term family stability. Our week long mission is the completion of all their hard work, and we will get to celebrate with the Partida's during a new home welcoming ceremony at the end of the week. This is a privilege that we have not taken part in previously because we haven't been the church to finish a family's new home before. This year we will be the ones to hand the family the keys to their new home. I hope you can come celebrate with us.

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:7-8 (NIV)

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Sunday, May 10th



Monday, May 25th



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

New
Choir Members
Welcome!



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“The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way. When he [man] falls, he will not be hurled headlong because The Lord is the One who holds his hand.”
-Psalm 37: 23-24

What an amazing truth. My favorite word of that verse is the word “when”. When God adopts us into His family, He is not trying to make us prove our “worthiness”. He promises to always hold our hand and establish our steps. This verse applies to all areas of our lives, including our worship. We all come together broken and hurt from the times we have fallen, but we have an amazing grace that picks us up and heals our wounds. That is something to celebrate. We gather and sing praises to The Lord because He has given us a renewed heart and voice to do so with. The beauty of the songs we sing does not come from the audible sounds we make. It comes from the healing hearts God has placed inside of us. As we enter into the Summer season, I want to encourage you to keep singing praises to God no matter how many pitfalls you may encounter. He has you in His hands, and He is constantly guiding you along the pathway to His glory.

Zach

4th Sunday, May 24th



Memory Scriptures:
Romans 10:9
Matthew 22:37-40
John 6:28-29
John 3:16



Congratulations to
our Seniors!
Brittney Skopik
Cheyenne Rains
Tierra Gandara

Deacon's Meeting
Sunday, May 3rd-4:00PM

Church Council Meeting
Sunday, May 3rd-5:00 pm

Sunday, May 31st
Lord's Supper- During morning service
Benevolence Offering- 12 Noon
5th Sunday Sing- 6 PM

May 2015						
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					Judy Grimm	Sonny Schmidt
Nursery Volunteers Sandy Anderson Shelby Willis 3	Deacon's Meeting 4 PM Church Council Meeting --5pm Olivia Worsham	Women's Ministry Bible Study 6:30pm Sandy White	K.I.C. 6:30 pm Monthly Alzheimer's Support Group 10 am Ashton Parsons	Senior Adults 10 am 7	Jenna Elwood 8	Women's Ministry Bake Day 9:00am 9
Nursery Volunteers Jane Hall Keith Skopik 10	Mother's Day and Baby Dedication Morning Service No Evening Service Sallie Ramsey	Women's Ministry Bible Study 6:30pm Sidney Ross	K.I.C. 6:30 pm Jordan Fulmer Annie Rhodes Wendy Donovan Tanis Federwisch Lyndsey Wilson	Senior Adults 10 am 14 Courtney Dorris	Norma Hand Ryan Meredith 15	16
Nursery Volunteers Amy Johnson Natalie McCormick Senior Sunday 2015 Youth Camp Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser 12 Noon 17	Hope Glover Colton Wison 18	19	K.I.C. 6:30 pm 20	Senior Adults 10 am 21 John Bray-Warner Juanda Sorrells	22	Doug Nall 23
Nursery Volunteers Barbara Sauls Cheyenne Rains 4th Sunday Game Night 6:00 pm Magen Young 24	Memorial Day Lynnsey Federwisch Kassidi Johnson Stephen kemp Patty Pirko 25	26	K.I.C. 6:30 pm 27	Senior Adults 10 am 28	29	30
Nursery Volunteers Carolyn Anderson Mike Anderson Lord's Supper Benevolence Offering 5th Sunday Sing 31			Men's Prayer Breakfast Every Thursday Morning 6:30 am	Deacon Lock-up May-Ray Guest June- Matt Pirko		



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God is blooming in our hearts! Summer is right around the corner and children's ministries are gearing up for fun. A big thank you to all of you who made our annual dessert auction a huge success. The total funds raised was \$2,177 which will go toward scholarships for our children to attend AIM summer camp in Latham Springs. The camp will be June 16th - 20th, please consider going to camp, it will be a great time for worship and fun. We will also be having a Mother's Day banquet Wednesday evening May 6th from 6:30-7:45pm. Thank so much for the warm welcome that you have given me and my family. So let's come near God with pure hearts and a confidence that comes from having faith. Let's keep our hearts pure, our consciences free from evil, and our bodies washed with clean water. Hebrews 10:22



Children's Aim Camp
Latham Springs
Registration forms need to be in by May 27th
(Last KIC meeting)
Youth who want to sign up for the Rat Pack need to have your registration form in by May 20th.
(Rat Pack is the Recreation Assist Team)

Wednesday Night Menus

- Menu Can Change Without Notice
- May 6th---Grilled Cheese
- May 13th--Pancakes
- May 20th--Chili Dogs
- May 27th--Spaghetti
- Sign-up sheet for meal donations in fellowship hallway.

Thank you to everyone who helps us get this together each week. We couldn't do it without you.

FUN AT THE AUCTION



The end of school is right around the corner for some, and the start of another semester is closer than we think for others. As we transition from spring into summer, we have more time on our hands as another academic year is finished, and we start to wonder where we are and where we are going.

Many people live with the philosophy that Sylvester sings about in a Looney Toons Cartoon: "You never know where you're going till you get there." They just continue on their journey of life without purpose and without thought of what their path is leading them to. I urge them to stop because if you keep wondering where you are supposed to be you will pass it.

In youth, we've been talking about purpose and spiritual gifts. God gave each of us a particular set of skills that we can use however we choose, but God also has a purpose for those skills. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul lists some of the spiritual gifts that God has given people: Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Miracles, Kinds of healings, Helps, Administration, and Tongues. Each of us were given some of these gifts and others like them, but even though our gifts are so different, they are each important in the body of Christ. We cannot be disappointed because we don't have the gifts that we want. I may not be able to speak in tongues, but I can teach. Each gift has a purpose with it and no gift is more important than another gift, just like the parts of the body, as Paul moves on. Our job may seem meaningless, but without that job, the whole body cannot function.

What is your purpose? Are you using the gifts that God has given you? Because without your contribution to the body, it cannot function like it is supposed to. Even the seemingly most important parts of the body, like the pinky toe or the gall bladder, still have a very important function to make the body whole.

On a side note, this month the youth are starting to get ready to go to Summer Camp, and they cannot do it without your help. Each youth has to raise \$245 to go to camp at Highland Lakes, and there are a couple of ways that you can help. The first way is through our Spaghetti Fundraiser that will take place on May 17. Another way is through our Hire-A-Youth Fundraiser. If you have a yard that needs some work, or other chores that you might need some extra hands on, hire one of the youth to help you. There is hiring information and availability on the bulletin board across from the fellowship hall. Also watch for other fundraiser information on that board.

Journey Youth Camps
Highland Lakes Camp and
Conference Center, Spicewood
July 6-10 Grades 6-12
Cost is \$245 each
Must have \$50 deposit by June 1



Caleb
Youth Camp Spaghetti
Lunch Fundraiser
Sunday May 17, 2015 12 Noon