



Mariners: Potluck at the church

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, August 20, at 9:30am

EVERY MONTH SCHEDULE

Sunday School	Sunday	9:45 a.m.
Informal Worship	Sunday	10:45 a.m.
Worship Hour	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
Commissions	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.
General Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Singers	Thursday	4:15 p.m.
Friday Fellowship	Friday	5:00 p.m.
Mariners	2nd Friday	5:00 p.m.
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Friday Fellowship gathers at 5:00 p.m. every Friday for dinner. Mariner's meet at 5:00p.m. on the second Friday of every month. Everyone is welcome to both. Please join us!

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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."
 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.



You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. *Psalm 91, vs. 1-6*

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
 this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

PRAYER CONCERNS



Pat Benton – Healing from Surgery
Helen Campbell – Foot Healing
Don & Suzanne Frantz – Cancer Healing
Josephine Moore – Broken Leg
Kathy Price – Healing from Right Eye Surgery



THE GOD WHO LIVES, LOVES AND REACHES FOR HIS PEOPLE

In our **Bible Study** here at **Empire**, we have been studying a book entitled "*The Living God*". The author is **Peter Lewis**, a British Theologian. He is pastor of the **Cornerstone Church** in Nottingham, England. This study looks at who the **God of Israel**, known as **Yahweh**, is in relation to himself, his creation and his people. It shows a consistency throughout scripture of this God revealing himself to a nation, Israel, and to a people. He chose to work through the people of **Abraham** to reveal himself to the world hoping that they, Israel, would show the world just how wonderful this God was. **The Bible** is the story of Yahweh's revelation of himself to his creation. From walking in the garden in the cool of the day, to providing laws to save people from themselves and to re-establish a relationship with God, to coming into the world as **His Son** that people might see him as he is and be able to relate to Him. Scripture is the story of Yahweh reaching out to mankind to be one with them. From **Creation** to **The Book of Revelation**, Yahweh is revealing Himself to His Creation. This book does a great job describing God in three persons. The Trinity and how the three are one, yet individual. A concept we cannot fully comprehend but can accept and appreciate. Yahweh is a very unique God. He speaks and he binds himself to his creation in a covenantal relationship. He will be our God if we will be His people. He, as the Father, has a plan for us to be in relationship with him. He, as Son, redeems us and pays the price for our sin in order for us to walk with him in a close personal relationship. He, as the Spirit, provides what is necessary for us to accomplish the task of becoming His that He might be ours. As ours He provides for us, takes care of us, intercedes on our behalf, and brings us to live with him forever in **His Kingdom**. All of this is contained in what we call "*The Lord's Prayer*". As you pray this prayer know that you are participating in Yahweh's plan. Created in His Image, redeemed by His will through the Son and guided and strengthened for life through His Spirit. His presence active in our lives. *Praise be the name of the Lord God Almighty, who was, is and will be forever. Amen.*

Your fellow sojourner in "The Way"
Pastor John

POSITIVE INSIGHTS

*“And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end.”
Hebrews 6:11*

One day I was on a Boeing 707, and the pilot came back and sat down beside me for a few minutes. I happened to look out the window and saw something I didn't understand. I said, “Captain, out there along the wing, there are blades set at intervals. What are those things?”

“Those are vortex generators,” he replied. “When we have a smooth flow of air, these planes don't steer as perfectly as they do when there is slight turbulence. The flow of air swirling around those blades gives us enough turbulence for perfect performance.”

If you had nothing but absolutely smooth flight conditions on the voyage of life, you wouldn't attain the objective for which you are designed. So the Lord has put vortex generators into human existence in order that we may grow strong and learn to steer our course and arrive at the destination He has set for us. These vortex generators seem very big sometimes and we feel defeated by them. But a person is lifted above defeat by getting hold of the hope we have in Christ.

Prayer: Our Heavenly Father, help us to rise above trifling with Christianity or using it only in a diluted, formal way. Help us to pray the kind of prayers that have depth, the kind of prayers that release the power. For this we give thanks, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Norman Vincent Peale

JULY SHED SALE



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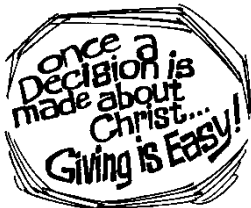
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MAY 2019 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 33

Giving:

Local:	\$5,644.85
Sunday School:	48.00
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	72.00
Other:	2,595.00
Total:	\$8,359.85



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ARE WE RICH?

By Erma Bombeck, printed June 3, 1971

The other day out of a clear blue sky Brucie asked, "Are we rich?" I paused on my knees as I retrieved a dime from the sweeper bag, blew the dust off it and asked, "Not so you can notice. Why?" "How can you tell?" he asked. I straightened up and thought a bit. Being rich is a relative sort of thing. Here's how I can always tell.

You're rich when you buy your gas at the same service station all the time so your glasses match.

You're rich when you can have eight people to dinner and don't have to wash forks between the main course and dessert.

You're rich when you own a boat – without oars.

You can tell people have money when they record a check and don't have to subtract it right away.

People have money when they sit around and joke with the cashier while she's calling in their charge to see if it's still open.

You're rich when your television set has all the knobs on it.

You're rich when you can throw away a pair of pantyhose just because it has a large hole in it.

You know people are loaded when they don't have to save rubber bands from the celery and store them on a doorknob.

You're rich when you can have a home wedding without HAVEN FUNERAL HOME stamped on the folding chairs.

You're rich when the Scouts have a paper drive and you have a stack of The New York Times in your basement.

You're rich when your dog is wet and smells good.

You're rich when your own hair looks so great everyone thinks it's a wig.

Brucie sat quietly for a moment, then said, "I think my friend Ronny is rich." "How can you tell?" I asked. "His mom buys his birthday cake at a bakery, and it isn't even cracked on top." "He's rich, all right," I sighed.

*Anxiety is contemplating your future without God in it.
When God's Word is honored, we become world changers.*

DATES TO REMEMBER IN AUGUST

ANNIVERSARIES

11th – David & Evelyn Hurlbut
29th – Victor & Geri Masellis

BIRTHDAYS

04th – Mike Radcliffe
07th – Nathan Price
08th – Terri Johnson
10th – Hannah Price
Kay Qualls

14th – Eunice Lasater
15th – Josephine Moore
20th – Elaine Azevedo
24th – Mari Arellano
Joel Price
25th – Lois Frantz
30th – Kathy Price
Candice Sheldon



*If we have missed wishing you a happy birthday or a happy anniversary, we may not have your dates.
Please turn in your name and dates to the church secretary. You are important to us!*



AUGUST 2019 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 Proverbs 3:5-12 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano Molly Arellano	2 Isaiah 46:3-9 Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo Ben Baker Ken Barklow Shirley Beekley	3 Joshua 1:1-9 Don & Pat Benton Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam.
4 Psalm 30:1-5 Pastor & Teachers Ron Cadruvi & Fam. Helen Campbell Phyllis Caudle	5 Acts 27:21-26 Linda Carter & Ivy Ashley Cooksey & Fam. Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp	6 Psalm 28:6-9 Gary & Charlotte DeHart Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry	7 1 Corinthians 15:42-49 Zack Fear Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz	8 Nehemiah 6:1-15 Lyndall & Lois Frantz Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie	9 Psalm 1:1-6 Clark & Melanie Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	10 1 John 4:7-19 Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbut
11 Psalm 73:23-28 Pastor & Teachers Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Jay Irizarry Norman Johnson	12 Luke 6:47-49 Randy & Teri Johnson & Fam. Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Fam. Eunice Lasater	13 Psalm 92:12-15 Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk Norma Lutes	14 Isaiah 40:28-31 Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Edna May Miller Josephine Moore	15 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker	16 Mark 10:13-16 Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommie Parrish Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family	17 John 1:1-5 Dennis Peterson Marge Peterson Eileene Petros Oscar Phan
18 Luke 5:12-16 Pastor & Teachers Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price	19 Psalm 68:4-10 Jeremy & Erica Price & Family Joel & Susan Price & Fam. John & Kathy Price	20 Ephesians 3:14-21 Nathan & Kim Price & Fam. Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family	21 Genesis 1:1-5 Mary Rariden Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Roye Vance Shafer	22 Matthew 7:7-11 Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider	23 Ezekiel 34:11-15 Tony & Laura Snyder & Fam. Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford Loretta Stein & David	24 Psalm 121:1-8 Jerry & Amy Stokes & Family Jerry & Judeen Stokes J.J. & Soleena Storne & Fam.
25 Matthew 6:25-34 Pastor & Teachers Veronica Sudeman & Fam. Arthur Syverson	26 James 2:14-18 Mark & Amber Syverson & Family Mike Syverson	27 John 11:1-15 Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca	28 Psalm 92:1-5 Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family	29 Romans 12:3-13 Linda Ward & Family Bev Welch Roger & Cynthia Welch & Fam.	30 2 Timothy 4:6-8 Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam.	31 John 15:1-8 Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt










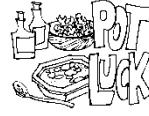













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AUGUST 2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	2  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at La Morenita Turlock	3 FIRST SATURDAY  9:00am-2:00pm
4  All Church Potluck, Finger Food Only	5	6  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	7  7:00 am Government Commodities Distribution 6:00 pm Bible Study	8  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	9  5:00pm Mariners at the Church	10
11	12	13  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.	14  6:00 pm Bible Study	15  4:15pm Fellowship Singers 6:00pm Board Meeting	16  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Ridgeways 2401 E. Orangeburg Ave.	17
18  Coffee Hour	19	20  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	21  6:00 pm Bible Study	22  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	23  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Beijing 3848 McHenry *parking in back entry through back door	24
25	26	27  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	28  6:00 pm Bible Study	29  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	30  5:00pm Friday Fellowship at Sizzler's Turlock	31

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour