



Mariners: No meetings until further notice

Women's Fellowship: The next meeting is Tuesday, June 15th 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	Postponed until further notice	
Mariners	Postponed until further notice	
Women's Fellowship	3rd Tuesday	9:30 a.m.
Food Bank	1st Sunday	9:30 a.m.

Due to COVID-19, Friday Fellowship and Mariners have been temporarily postponed until further notice.

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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 91:1-6*

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 – Pain & Leg Circulation

Ron Cadruvi – Blood Clots

Don & Suzanne Frantz – Cancer

Jeff Qualls – Cancer Treatment



GOD'S SEVEN PRIORITIES

Over the next several months we are going to look at the **Priorities of God** as set forth in the book by Roland Buck: "*Angels on Assignment*" First published in 1979 and still available today.

Priority Number One

The Blood of Jesus

The **Blood of Jesus** is important because the demands of justice have been satisfied, the **wrath of God** appealed, and the records of iniquity erased through the shedding of that blood.

God had to find an object to strike because the sin of this world violated his perfect righteousness. The shedding of the blood of Jesus diverted the stroke of God's hand from us, and Jesus paid the demands of God's judgment for our sins. When Jesus went to heaven He sprinkled His blood over all of the things that were there. The book that contained all of the records of our iniquities, our failings, and our faults, plus our inability to perform, was sprinkled. The Old Covenant listed God's demands, but the new book puts His laws into our hearts. The sacrifice of Jesus was perfect and complete our sins are gone!

In the first covenant God said He would remember all sin and iniquity. In the second covenant He said He would remember them no more because they have been blotted out by the blood of Jesus. He died that we would not die and so we would be liberated from the bondage

and penalty of sin. For many people the blood of Jesus is not important to their faith. But to God the blood of Jesus is so important that not one drop was wasted. It is the only blood that has ever been referred to as incorruptible. This was God's plan.

In **Hebrews 12:24** the writer states, "*There it is, the blood that covered sin!*" Forever throughout eternity, the blood has a place!

POSITIVE INSIGHTS

"And the Lord said unto Joshua, 'See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valour. And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days.'" Proverbs 8:9

The Bible just bubbles over with spiritual food for getting a new heart when disheartened. Dig into the New Testament and you come up with light and music and singing, health and hopefulness and faith and love.

An important thing to realize is it doesn't make any difference how much difficulty there is – there are always great possibilities in any situation. Generally, when people are disheartened, they can't see the possibilities. They see only the difficulties that are involved, not the solution. They magnify the difficulties, to blow them up, to make them bigger than they actually are. The thing to do when you are disheartened is the very opposite: go hunting around your situation for the bright possibilities that are surely there.

Prayer: *Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for the vibrant life with which You have surrounded us. Revitalize us, bring us into the newness of life, that we may be a thrill to the world and the great issues thereof, and the people thereof, and live with vitality and excitement all our days. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Norman Vincent Peale



WHAT DOES A FATHER DO?

By Erma Bombeck



I received a letter from a single mother who had raised a son who was about to become a dad. Since he had no recollection of his own father, her question to me was "What do I tell him a father does?"

When my dad died in my ninth year, I, too, was raised by my mother, giving rise to the same question, "What do fathers do?" As far as I could observe, they brought around the car when it rained so everyone else could stay dry. They always took the family pictures, which is why they were never in them. They carved turkeys on Thanksgiving, kept the car gassed up, weren't afraid to go into the basement, mowed the lawn, and tightened the clothesline to keep it from sagging.

It wasn't until my husband and I had children that I was able to observe firsthand what a father contributed to a child's life. What did he do to deserve his children's respect? He rarely fed them, did anything about their sagging diapers, wiped their noses or fannies, played ball, or bonded with them under the hoods of their cars.

What did he do?

He threw them higher than his head until they were weak from laughter. He cast the deciding vote on the puppy debate. He listened more than he talked. He let them make mistakes. He allowed them to fall from their first two-wheeler without having a heart attack. He read a newspaper while they were trying to parallel park a car for the first time in preparation for their driving test.



If I had to tell someone's son what a father really does that is important, it would be that he shows up for the job in good times and bad times. He's a man who is constantly being observed by his children. They learn from him how to handle adversity, anger, disappointment and success.

He won't laugh at their dreams no matter how impossible they might seem. He will dig out of bed at 1 a.m. when one of his children runs out of gas. He will make unpopular decisions and stand by them. When he is wrong and makes a mistake, he will admit it. He sets the tone for how family members treat one another, members of the opposite sex and people who are different than they are. By example, he can instill a desire to give something back to the community when its needs are greater than theirs.

But mostly, a good father involves himself in his kids' lives. The more responsibility he has for a child, the harder it is to walk out of his life. A father has the potential to be a powerful force in the life of a child. Grab it! Maybe you'll get a greeting card for your efforts. Maybe not. But it's steady work.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS



All of us love our stained glass windows but did you know that stained glass windows were called the poor man's bible? During medieval times most people were illiterate and stained glass windows were used to tell bible stories.

Besides being beneficial presentations of bible stories, the colors of the glass also had meaning. Many of us know some of the meaning for the different colors in the glass but you probably don't know all. **Red**, of course, represents the blood of Jesus, but it also shows strong emotion such as love or hate. **Blue**, the color of the sky, symbolizes hope, heavens, sincerity, and piety. **Green**, the color of grass and nature, represents growth, rebirth, and life over death. **Violet**, a bold color, symbolizes love, truth, passion and suffering. **White** is the symbol of chastity, purity and innocence – often associated with God or Christ. **Black** is a color rarely seen in stained glass and represents both death and regeneration. **Yellow**, is often used to depict Judas, can also be seen in the halos of saints, the gates of heaven and to symbolize divinity, power, and glory. **Purple** – It is thought that Christ wore purple before his crucifixion therefore purple is said to represent suffering and endurance. It is also thought to symbolize power. **Brown**, is thought to represent spiritual death and renunciation of earthly things. Monks often wore brown habits. **Gray**, is a symbol of humility and mourning. The **Rainbow** represents our covenant and union with God. Next time you sit in church think about the colors of the glass and their meaning.

Next month I will write about the specific windows in our church.

Lois Frantz

NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT THIS BEFORE

By Christina McCormack



I have always thought that Noah was safe inside the Ark because he built it according to God's specifications. I thought that perhaps it was the strength of the gopher wood and the soundness of the architecture that ensured that the waters of the flood would not come into the Ark.

But today I encountered a verse that shifted this whole paradigm.

Let's read what Gen. 7:16 says . . . "The animals going in were male and female of every living thing as God had commanded Noah. **THEN GOD SHUT HIM IN.**"

Don't miss this . . . even after Noah had built the Ark, it was God Himself who shut him in, in order to shut out the waters of the flood. In other translations this verse says "The Lord sealed them inside."

May the Almighty God seal us inside His Ark of protection through these last days.

It is not the fact that you have locked your house that keeps you safe at night, it is not your good driving skills that keeps you safe on the road, neither it's your healthy eating habits that keeps you healthy – only God can shut you in and shut out the devil that is seeking to devour you.

Father we pray that while still in this temporary world, as we walk into the streets and as we drive on the roads, Oh God shut us in. Father we pray for your children that in the midst of dangers and molesters . . . You will shut them in, keep out the flood waters of abuse, rape, murder, accidents, diseases and untimely death . . . Oh God shut us in, shut us in your Ark of protection, into your Ark of compassion.

May **GOD SHUT US IN AS WE OBEY HIM AND TRUST IN HIS WORD.** Amen!!



NO JUNE BOARD MEETING

Due to the fact that several members will be out of town, the June Board Meeting has been canceled.

FATHER'S DAY HUMOR

Found on the Internet

The story is told of a father of five children who came home with a toy. He summoned his children and asked which of them should be given the present. "Who is the most obedient one here? Who never talks back to Mom and does everything that Mom says to do? He inquired. There were a few seconds of silence, and then all of the children said in one accord: "You play with it Daddy!"



Father to teenage son: "No, you can't use the car – but please feel free to use the lawnmower."



Jim Bishop describes the feeling a father had when his daughter became engaged: “This is the third of four daughters. Every time it happens, I’m obsessed with the feeling I’m giving a million-dollar stradivarius to a gorilla.”

APRIL 2021 STATISTICS

Average Attendance: 26

Giving:

Local:	\$7,209.81
Sunday School:	0
Youth:	0
Messenger:	0
Mariners:	0
Other:	40.79
Total:	\$7,250.60



DATES TO REMEMBER IN JUNE



ANNIVERSARIES

- 15th –Tim & Catherine Vaughn
- 17th –John & Kathy Price
- 22nd –Thomas & Patricia Guthrie
- 24th –Lyndall & Lois Frantz
- 27th –Alex & Cathy Arellano
Joel & Susan Price

- 12th –Wyatt Price
- 15th –Zachary Baker
Jonah Price
- 16th –Dennis Peterson
- 17th –Kathleen Powell
- 18th –Lyndall Frantz
- 21st –Kerby Frantz
Kristof Vaughn



BIRTHDAYS

- 02nd –Linda Ward
- 08th –Phil Franklin
- 10th –Alex Arellano
Jennifer (Welch) Wuchner



- 22nd –Wanda Bollinger
- 23rd –Katie Lutes
- 28th –Thomas Guthrie

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!

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JUNE 2021 PRAYER CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1 Psalm 119:1-16 Sarah Adams Gerald Allinson Alex & Cathy Arellano Candice Arellano	2 Hebrews 13:1-6 Molly Arellano Donna Ayres Elaine Azevedo	3 Philippians 4:4-7 Ben & Jen Baker Ken Barklow Don & Pat Benton	4 Psalm 19:1-9 Wanda Bollinger Pauline Bert Michael Best Earleen Cadruvi & Fam.	5 1 Corinthians 2:9-13 Ron Cadruvi & Fam. Phyllis Caudle Linda Carter & Ivy
6 Deuteronomy 11:8-15 Pastor & Teachers Ashley Cooksey & Fam. Naomi Covey Arlene Cupp Charlotte DeHart	7 Psalm 133:1-3 Chuck & Wendla Dyer & Family Jim & Sue Eikenberry Zac Fear	8 Romans 15:1-13 Pam Franklin & Cherith Franklin Kerby & Heather Frantz Lyndall & Lois Frantz	9 Matthew 4:1-11 Lloyd Fullmer Jerry Goodman Thomas & Patricia Guthrie	10 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Harold Harger Clark Hartman Jack & Rosetta Hartsfield Marvene Hilkey	11 Psalm 62:1-8 Ryan & Kelly Heiny & Fam. David & Evelyn Hurlbu Kevin & Deborah Hurlbut & Family Jay Irizarry	12 Romans 8:26-28 Norman Johnson Randy & Teri Johnson & Fam. Darlene Kennard Sheryle Knott & Fam.
13 Matthew 9:37-38 Pastor & Teachers Eunice Lasater Mary Lou Lee David & Cheryl Leib JoAnn Lusk	14 2 Timothy 1:3-7 Norma Lutes Gerri Masellis Ric Mason Stacy Nelson Suzanne Neptune	15 Psalm 63:1-11 Kelly Olsson Clifford Parker Brad Parrish & Fam. Tommie Parrish	16 John 6:5-13 Daymon & Sarah Peterson & Family Dennis Peterson	17 Psalm 3:1-8 Oscar Phan Jason & Kirsten Piazza & Family	18 Matthew 11:25-30 Skip & Kathleen Powell Jeff Price	19 Romans 5:1-8 Jeremy & Erica Price & Fam. Joel & Susan Price & Fam.
20 Psalm 46:1-6 Pastor & Teachers John & Kathy Price Nathan & Kim Price & Fam.	21 Luke 2:8-15 Kay Qualls Mike & Laura Radcliffe & Family Mary Rariden	22 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Charlotte Rice & Fam. Lana Royer Keith Shafer Vance & Maria Shafer	23 Matthew 18:1-5 Vern & Patty Shafer Troy & Joy Slaybaugh & Fam. Marilyn Snider	24 Psalm 57:1-5 Tony & Laura Snyder & Fam. Gayle Stanfill Glenn Stanford	25 Joshua 1:1-9 J.J. & Soleena Storne & Fam. Veronica Suderman & Family	26 Psalm 23:1-6 Arthur Syverson Mark & Amber Syverson & Fam. Mike Syverson
27 Romans 12:1-8 Pastor & Teachers Natasha Towe Carolyn Trent John & Sue Vacca	28 Matthew 28:16-20 Tim & Catherine Vaughn & Family Linda Ward & Fam Roger & Cynthia Welch & Fam.	29 1 Kings 19:6-18 Josh & Heather Winchester & Fam. Derek Wyatt Don & Susan Wyatt Donny Wyatt	30 Isaiah 41:1-14			



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JUNE 2021 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	2  8:00 am Government Commodities Distribution	3  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	4	5 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
6	7	8  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	9	10  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	11	12 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
13	14	15  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon 9:30am Women's Fellowship Mtg.	16	17  4:15pm Fellowship Singers NO BOARD MEETING	18	19 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
20  Father's Day	21	22  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	23	24  4:15pm Fellowship Singers	25	26 HEAVEN'S BOUNTY THRIFT SHOP 9:00am-2:00pm
27	28	29  EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY 9:00am-Noon	30			

EVERY SUNDAY

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Informal Worship

11:00am Worship Hour