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Prayer Walk



Jack and Wilma Simmons at West Point Morgan Chapel have asked us to help them with a community prayer walk throughout the West Point community. This prayer walk is scheduled for **Saturday morning, September 8**. We will leave from the church at **8:00 am** and take the church bus/van. We should get to West Point by 9:30 to give us time for a brief orientation and form our groups of 2-3. We'll assign groups various streets/routes in the community and start the prayer walk at 10:00 am. We'll finish up by 11:00 - 11:30. We'll share our experiences over lunch.

We will need 15-20 volunteers to cover the West Point streets for a walk to last 1-1.5 hours. A sign-up sheet will be in the back hallway. **Please consider participating in this effort to pray for the community and its people and to help Morgan Chapel reach those in need.** Contact Steve Dooley (502-695-2819 or bubdooley51@yahoo.com) if you have questions. Thanks for your support.

Chuck's Column

Ten years ago our entire congregation went through a rather intensive process of self-discovery that resulted in the following vision and mission statements. We said that our vision is "to experience and express God's unconditional love." It's a simple statement that serves to keep the main thing the main thing. Our mission statement is more detailed, and consists of four major components. We said our mission is to live like Jesus Christ by:

- 1) Unconditionally loving all people,
- 2) Compassionately serving our world,
- 3) Openly discussing issues of faith, and
- 4) Intentionally inviting others to grow with us as followers of Christ.

That was a decade ago. I think we were "right on" in terms of what we should be about as a local church community. There is no need to revisit that process. But since then, we have had people come and go. We have a number of people who were not here when we went through that process. I would like for us as a congregation to explore how we might come together and build excitement in carrying out our mission.

So, I propose two questions that I would like us as a congregation to give serious attention to as we pray and ponder, talk and discuss how we can best fulfill our mission.

- 1) Who are we called to serve?
- 2) How do we involve unchurched folks into the institutional life of our congregation?

The first question relates to the first two components in our mission statement. It's a question that asks us to explore our motives, intentions, and attitudes. Why do we do what we do?

The second question is more action and program oriented. If we believe that involvement in the life of a congregation is an important piece in one's discipleship to Christ, and if we care about fulfilling that aspect of our mission, then we need to find creative ways to draw the unchurched into the life of our congregation. This is what Immanuel Fest is about, which our mission team is planning for October. I hope you will participate in Immanuel Fest, and own this as one means of carrying out our mission and reaching out to our community with the welcome, hospitality, and love of Christ.

I encourage you to think about these two questions. Let's ponder them and discuss them in light of our mission. Who are we called to serve? And how do we draw in and engage the unchurched in the life of our congregation?

*Grace and peace,
Chuck*



Crafting Weekend

August 24th & 25th

Doors will open Friday, Aug 24th at 6:00pm and again Saturday morning at 9:00am. Bring your favorite craft and enjoy some fun creative time. Please let Sandy Altom (sfaltom@aol.com) know if you plan to come so that we'll have space for you.

Deacon of the Week Schedule:

August 19 Doug Bishop 223-8743

August 26 Bruce Dungan 875-4165

September 2 Sherri Henley 545-2364

Bus Ministry

August 19 Rob Laurenson
382-8579

August 26 Greg Lawson
487-1091

September 2 JT O'Connell
545-3016



Member Prayer Updates



***Michele Morgan** –Fractured
foot

***Eddy Nfor**- Recovering from
foot surgery

***Brent Irvin**-Broken arm

***Jill House**-Broken foot

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$4.00 Children: \$3.00

Maximum per family \$10.00

August 15: Lasagna, fixings and dessert

August 22: Tacos, fixings and dessert

August 29: Pizza, fixings and dessert



Immanuel's Youth on Mission will offer a fall work day for our members. If we may serve you, please leave a message in the church office or call Gena Clark on Wednesday or Thursday in the church office.

Our Sympathy to:

Darlene Craycroft's whose brother, Cecil Hunt of Glasgow died on August 2.



Summer Cinema will meet in Fellowship Hall on **this Sunday, August 19 at 3 pm** to view the classic film "All Quiet on the Western Front". This film is a great example of film making as well as one with an important message. Please feel free to come even if you have not attended before.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study



Bible Study resumed on Wednesday, August 8. The subject will be perhaps the most intriguing book of the Christian Bible, the book of Revelation. One might also call it the most misunderstood and misused book in our scriptures. It belongs to the genre of apocalyptic literature. The Old Testament book of Daniel and parts of Ezekiel fall into this class. We will look at the historical context that moved the author to use symbols and mythological language to convey his message. We will consider how it applied to the audience to which it was written and to the contemporary church.

BRING Your BIBLE and join us 10am, August 8.



Deacon Election

This Sunday immediately after the worship service we will have a special called business meeting to elect six new deacons to replace those rotation off. Of those nominated by our congregation six have agreed to be considered for congregational approval. JT O'Connell, Tom Hewlett, Brent Irvin, Cathy Thomas, John Osborne and Carol O'Connell.

Opportunities at IBC

Sunday, August 19

9:15 am The Gathering followed by
Bible Study

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Deacon Election

3:00 pm Summer Cinema

Monday, August 20

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, August 22

10:00 am Revelation Study

5:30pm Youth Music

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm Children's Activities, Youth on
Mission and Prayer Meeting

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, August 24

6:00 pm Scrapbooking

Saturday, August 25

9:00 am Scrapbooking

Sunday, August 26

9:15 am Bible Study

10:30 am Worship

Monday, August 27

6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, August 28

10:00 am Revelation Study

5:30pm Youth Music

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm Children's Activities, Youth on
Mission and Prayer Meeting

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir
