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After noting that our outer man is decaying, and reminding us that momentary light affliction is producing an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, Paul made it very clear that we walk by faith, not by sight. In spite of that, some think they know exactly what God would have them do, even in situations that are not directed by scriptural commands or principles. I have to admit that I don't claim such insight.

After inflamed tendons in my thumb had kept me awake at nights, I was shocked to read a warning about possible tendon damage in the packaging of the antibiotic I was to take before my recent prostate biopsy. I began thinking that perhaps God had allowed the inflamed tendons to be a warning that I shouldn't take the antibiotic, so I put off the biopsy. Until I was assured by my primary physician that he had never seen such a side-effect; and I had none.

Then, as I mentioned last week, when my biopsy revealed cancer, and I was considering various treatments, I asked my urologist what he would do if he had what I have. He shocked me by saying he would do nothing. I wrote that I hoped my question was Spirit-led, and therefore concluded that perhaps God was telling me there was no need to do anything at this time. Once again my primary physician challenged my assumption, and convinced me to let him make an appointment to see a radiation oncologist.

I've heard the charge that some doctors think they are God, but I know mine doesn't. He's a Christian, and a really good doctor, and I value his opinion. He's not convincing me to stop listening to God, he's just making it obvious that we do walk by faith not by sight, and I believe he is helping me discern as accurately as I can what God would have me do.

In the meantime, if the Lord wills, I'm heading for Florida. Marilyn and I are going to spend a week with a couple of friends we met through Fit Club. I'm looking forward to sight-seeing, fishing, shooting, shelling, and sitting by the pool, hopefully in the shade, reading *Killing the Rising Sun*.

See you after the Super Bowl.
God Bless, Rick



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The Super Bowl will be played on Sunday, February 4th and we have rented the Lakeview Lodge for all who would like to watch the game together. It will be open at 5pm and we ask all attending to bring some finger food to share along with a 2 liter bottle of soda. Even if it is only the commercials you enjoy, come on out for an evening of fellowship!

STATISTICS

Worship 131
Offering \$6,825.17

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-1/28/18

Greeters Rhonda Luzio
Visitors' Stand Judy Marlow
Communion Meditation ... Jonathan Sperry
Chris Luzio
Ushers Chad Formea
Will Bartels
Chuck McLaughlin
Brad Stirmell
Kirk Polley
Duane Carrell

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Kristin Polley
Madison Bales
Infants Dixie Williamson
Jameila Reese
Abbie Divjak
Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
Infants Karen Mann
Jeni Sperry

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY-2/4/18

Greeters Rick & Janet Polley
Visitors' Stand Beryl & Jamella Reese
Communion Meditation Jack Stucki
Paul Hunley
Ushers Scott Bales
Rich Mann
Jake Divjak
Rick Polley
Jim Trimberger
Otto Huber

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Shannon Higgins
Madison Bales
Infants Janet Polley
Lucy McKnight
Kate Sperry
Sunday School
Toddlers Rhonda Luzio
Infants Bonnie Ruebush
Vicki Small

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

FEBRUARY SERVERS

2/11 : Jack Stucki, Paul Hunley
2/18 & 2/25: Chris Luzio, Paul Hunley

FEBRUARY PROJECTIONIST

Chad Formea

FEBRUARY GREETERS

2/11 Judy Marlow
2/18 Brad Stirmell
2/25 Jack & Bonnie Ruebush

FEBRUARY VISITORS' STAND

2/11 Bonnie Ruebush
2/18 Beryl & Jamella Reese
2/25 Bob & Dixie Williamson

FEBRUARY NURSERY

Worship - 2/11

Toddlers: Erica Blakley
Courtney Bales
Infants: Karen Mann
Rebecca Smith
Emily Hughes
Sunday School
Infants: Dixie Williamson
Kristin Polley

Worship - 2/18

Toddlers: Marilyn Wenneborg
Anna Hunley
Infants: Julie Divjak
Vicki Small
Jake Divjak
Sunday School
Infants: Janet Polley
Erica Blakley

Worship - 2/25

Toddlers: Nikki & Grace Hunley
Dixie Williamson
Infants: Kristin Polley
Abbie Divjak
Sunday School
Infants: Karen Mann
Jeni Sperry



Our annual Sweetheart Banquet will be held February 14th at Fulgenzi's. The cost for our favorite Sweetheart meal will be \$40 per couple.

Reservations can be made by signing up on the bulletin board, and placing a check made out to the church in the envelope.



As I am sure is the case with many of you, I haven't even given the upcoming baseball season a thought. However the St. Louis Cardinal ticket office certainly is thinking of the upcoming season and reached out to Brad Stirmell to see if CCC would be interested in a group trip to see a game.

The ticket prices went up over the past two years! Brad found out that if we order 20 tickets, they will be \$60 per ticket for section 265 which is one level above where we were last time. This price is for the Cardinal/Cub game to be played on Friday, May 4th at 7:15pm.

We had a great trip last time but they may have priced us out of the ballpark. Please let me know if you would still be interested in going despite the price increase. If enough want to go, we will certainly pursue it further.



Rescue, Mentor, Community... and in everything, Christ

High School Service Project

Thank you to all the kids who have volunteered to help the Refuge Ranch with their fundraiser this Saturday night at LSCA. The dinner starts at 6pm, so let's plan on meeting at LSCA at 5:15pm. The dress is casual, jeans and a nice shirt would be fine. Or, feel free to add a little western flare to comprise an outfit like a true cowboy or cowgirl!

For dinner, we will be able to eat brisket, mashed potatoes and bacon mac and cheese after we serve the guests. YUM! Tina and I will bring you all back to the church at 8pm for parents to pick you up if needed.



It was such a blessing last Sunday when, during announcements, Micaiah let us know that she and Amelia decided to collect money for homeless people in the area. These two girls are about as cute as they come anyway, but to get a peek inside their compassionate heart in turn caused mine to grow a little.

Jesus talked, correction, commanded us often to take care of others. I think of Matthew 25:31-46 as an example among many others. As compassionate, giving people, we all do this in many different ways both individually and as a body of believers.

For me, their little bag hanging on the bulletin board reminded me to check my own heart behind my giving. At one time we all had a childlike love for all people but often life experience cloud that in one way or another. I was reminded to look upon all and see them as our Lord does, precious and worth dying for.

They decided to give the money to Inner City Mission as they know the needs in that area of Springfield. Erika asked Micaiah how long the bag would be up there and Micaiah said, "Until it's full!!" Let's fill it up on Sunday!



Jr. High Students

This is the last Sunday to sign up and get the reduced registration fee for Believe. The cost is \$59 and will be increasing next week. Please let me know if you have any questions!