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**Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM**  
**Bible School 10:45 AM**

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After we hosted the *Walk Thru the Bible* conference years ago, Schar decided she could simplify the hand motions we were taught to help remember the major Bible events in chronological order, and teach them to our kids in Sunday School. She did so, and many of the kids who have gone through her training still use those hand motions when reviewing Bible history. It was to the picturing of Saul with no heart, David with a whole heart, and Solomon with half a heart that I was referring when I sought your prayers for a successful heart ablation.

In a heart ablation, the spots inside your heart that are triggering an erratic heart beat are burnt or frozen. When it was first being done it required open heart surgery, but now it's done through catheters inserted in your groin and neck. When Anna found out I had parts of my heart frozen, she asked if was now going to be cold-hearted. I assured her that I wouldn't, and that I trusted that even though parts of my heart had been killed, I would still have a whole heart with which to serve God.

Our ability to serve God with a whole heart, of course, is not dependent upon the condition of our physical heart. And if anyone needs to be assured of that fact, all they need do is look at Schar.

Schar had open heart surgery in 2006 to replace a faulty heart valve with a mechanical one. Then in 2014, after enjoying a traditional St. Patrick's Day meal with the Carrolls and Wenneborgs, she went into AFib. The doctors tried to correct it with a heart ablation, but couldn't do all that was needed because of the metal valve in her heart. She then needed another valve replaced through open heart surgery in 2015. When she now goes into AFib she knows it, because it sounds like castanets are in her chest.

I tell you all this to not only assure you of my desire to continue serving with a whole heart, but to honor Schar for doing so. She is not only the author of our children's curriculum, but constantly revises it while teaching both her class and Wee Worship with a whole heart, and has been doing so for nearly 35 years.

You will get a brief look at the success of her program this Sunday morning when teachers share what they have been teaching, and students who are going into Junior High are promoted. God Bless, Rick



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We are excited to announce that HCM now has a fourth official church—Difou. After much prayer, we feel God has presented this opportunity to continue expanding His message throughout Northern Haiti. As part of this announcement we wanted to provide some background on this newest church.

Difou is currently lead by Pastor Nosebin and his wife Phida. The church began with Phida while she was a student at Emmaus Biblical Seminary. EBS has been equipping pastors for many years to evangelize in areas that do not have church. As they were evangelizing at Fev, they were told about a nearby place that also needed to hear the good news. Phida discovered that this area called Difou had no church and the people were interested in witch doctor activities and voodoo. After several weeks of evangelizing, more and more people kept coming and listening to God's word. People stopped doing voodoo activities and instead went to a bible study Phida started. With no church building, they started at someone's house and had to find a larger location. Difou had been a place where there were a lot of witch doctors practicing voodoo. Since the church has been planted, so many have left these kind of voodoo activities to go to church. The situation has changed and the people don't practice voodoo anymore. Now the church has 150 members attending the 2 services they offer each Sunday. The number of people attending continues to grow. There are 14 people who accepted Jesus so far this year. The church that started at someone's house, then transitioned to a couple of tents, now has a roofed structure. Difou is a difficult place to go. It is a long distance to walk, while going through uneasy terrain. No road. No electricity. No clinic. Yet, they have the most important thing, the Good News and a thriving church. Praise God for His guidance in starting a church to reach the unreached in this area of Northern Haiti!

## STATISTICS

Worship ..... 136  
Offering ..... \$5,826.15

## SERVING THIS SUNDAY-8/26/18

Greeters ..... Will & Sara Bartels  
Visitors' Stand ..... Judy Marlow  
Communion Meditation ..... Paul Hunley  
Jonathan Sperry  
Ushers ..... Kirk Polley  
Jake Divjak  
Jeff Edmiston  
Rich Mann  
Jim Trimmerger  
Bob Williamson

### WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers ..... Erica Blakley  
Jake Divjak  
Infants ..... Kristin Polley  
Karen Mann  
Emily Hughes  
Sunday School  
Toddlers ..... Rhonda Luzzio  
Infants ..... Jonathan & Jeni Sperry



## Let Us Pray For...

--Lee Zimmerman with a doctor's appointment to explore a blood test that may indicate kidney problems.

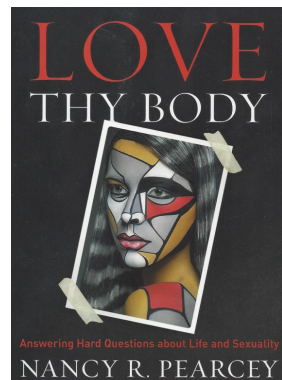
--David Zimmerman as he ministers to friends at the College of the Ozarks who had premature twins a couple of weeks ago. One baby has died and the other has a brain bleed.

## MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS BEGINS SEPT 12

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This Sunday morning our children's Sunday School teachers will share what they have been doing in class, children who have met certain goals will be honored, and those being promoted to Junior High will be recognized. We have an excellent Sunday School program and this will be good opportunity to not only catch the excitement of Sunday School, but to commit yourself to making certain that your children are being taught Bible history and spiritual lessons that will equip them for life. Here, and in the hereafter.



## STUDY FOR ADULTS BEGINNING SEPT 16

## CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Has anyone else thought about Christmas this year? Rhonda Luzzio has because she is directing the children's musical and would like to pass on the following information. The practices will start for all interested children Junior High School and below on Sunday, September 16th. The format will be similar as last year. Practices will begin at 5:15 lasting approximately one hour until 6:15. During the break between practice and youth group time, kids will have the opportunity to eat a snack so they are encouraged to bring one. All the hard work pays off as the kids always bring the Christmas message in a funny, simple, unique way. I look forward to it every year and thank you kids in advance for making the musical possible.



I am so thankful for all who help out with the kids on Sunday morning and evening. You do this out of your love for Christ and a heart that is willing to serve. Our youth program could not be possible without you.

This year, Casey and Erica are going to serve as High School sponsors so that opens up an opportunity for someone to serve the class of kids who are 3-5 years old. Also, we need a volunteer for the nursery to watch a couple ADORABLE little ones during youth group time. Please see me on Sunday if you can help!



I am ready to get Youth Groups going again! Our annual kick-off will be the evening of Sunday, September 9th. As you know, we are making some changes to the flow of evening activities and I am excited to be able to spend time with more of the kids during youth groups.

For the kick-off, get ready to display your survival skills in a couple games of live Fortnite! This will basically be a huge water gun war ending with one winner per round. We will be setting up a course all around the church property where you will be able to find defensive cover and capture additional water guns and water balloons to spray your competitors. I'll remind you as we get closer, but you will need to bring a white shirt and a simple water gun you can hold in one hand. Others will be available on the course. Each round will use a different color of water so there will be no debating if you got hit or not.

Here is the schedule for the evening:

- 5:30-6:30 Dinner & Games
- 6:30-7:00 Fortnite Dance Contest
- 7:00-Dusk Fortnite Live Outside

Most of your friends have played this game, so invite them to come for our kick-off and play it for real with us! It will be a blast! While I am looking forward to that evening, I am really looking forward to our studies this year which include lessons on friendship, identity, authority and wisdom all in a Christ centered context as He is the Lord of our lives. We'll have to be careful, but I will be sure to mix some sloppy games in there as well!