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When I read something that I think is significant I want to share it, but don't always know how. I realize the internet is loaded with options for posting things, but I guess I'm old-school. I just make copies of articles, and make books available. The problem is they most often just sit on the shelf in my office. With that in mind, I want to let you know what's waiting in my office for those who might be interested.

I found several articles in *Touchstone* that I thought might be of interest to those concerned about reparations, the history of slavery, and "Race, Religion & Reconciliation." I also found a book by Voddie Baucham, *Fault Lines, the social justice movement and evangelicalism's looming catastrophe*, that I found very insightful and frightening. I only have one copy of Voddie's book, but I'll be glad to loan it out.

The next book is one that Duane loaned to me, and I bought several copies to make available. Alive: How the Resurrection of Christ Changes Everything is the best defense of belief in the resurrection and how it changes our life that I've ever read. Just ask, and a copy will be yours to read...and to share.

The final book is the one we will be studying together on Sunday nights beginning September 19th. When I first read about Living Spiritually in the Material World I have to admit I was skeptical about it. The book cover refers to it as a "Christian self-help book" and it was written by a psychologist. But when I read it, I was blown away.

The author goes beyond psychological approaches to self-help, and focuses on the spiritual guidance that was given by the founders of America's early colleges to their students. With forty chaplains of Yale recently electing an atheist to be their president, you'll be amazed to hear, and benefit from, the biblical advice and exhortations that were given by college presidents of the past.

God Bless. Rick



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MAGIC WITH A MESSAGE!
YOUTH GROUP KICK OFF
SEPTEMBER 12TH
5:00-8:00PM
PIZZA, GAMES & MORE!

	STATISTICS	
	8/22	
Worship		94
Offering		\$7,120.72
	8/29	
Worship		108
Offering		\$2,095.00
	9/5	
Worship		72
Offering		\$6,688.32



Though we have confidence in the resurrection we share the sorrow of those who have experienced the recent loss of loved ones.

Our heart-felt sympathy therefore goes to the family of Mary Sexton at her passing, and to Traci Marlow at the passing of her mother.

Let's Do Lunch!

Hello Ladies,

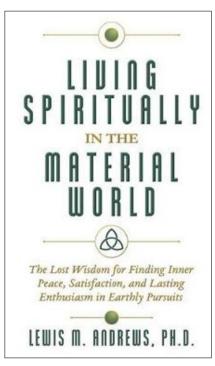
Do you ever feel like the ten minutes before or after church is not enough time to really get to know your Christian sisters? If so, we think alike. In an effort to establish and build stronger friendships, I will be leading a new ladies group focused on us getting to know each other better.

We will be starting our ladies group meetings 9/16/21, meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month. We will start at 11:45 and end at 1:00.

So here's all you have to do. Bring a sack lunch from home, McDonalds, or wherever you choose and meet here at the church. I will present a short devotional, we will draw names each month of a sister to pray for, and when you leave you will know someone will be specifically praying for you over the next month. Next month we will do it again. I'm praying it will be a time for inspiration, support, caring, friendship growth, and fun times.

So come join in with the new Ladies Lunch Bunch! If you have questions, you can call me at 217-303-9095, or email me at tigger62530@yahoo.com.

Pauline Eustice



SUNDAY EVENING STUDY FOR ADULTS BEGINNING SEPT. 19TH



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Night Bible Study will begin again on September 15th at 6:30. We will begin this year's study with a look at the first twelve chapters of Isaiah before hopefully heading into the book of Daniel.

All are welcome to join us as we study together and bounce our thoughts around the ping-pong table.

YOUTH GROUP CLASSES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 17TH



Pre-k through Kindergarten Teacher: Jonathan Sperry

Jonathan looks forward to another great year with these youngsters. He is working through material in a series titled Noah's Park focusing on lessons around God's faithfulness towards His people. Kids will have a fun time as they sing songs, make crafts and eat yummy snacks throughout the evening.



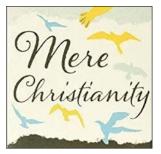
Grades 1-5 Teachers: Rhonda Luzzio & Otto Huber

For the past five years, these two have teamed up to teach this class and what a wonderful job they do! This year, the creative lessons, games and crafts will start in Genesis and move through the Bible to look at God's Big Picture.



Junior High School Teachers: Mark & Tina Huber

Movies often tell the stories of characters who are on a journey to discover their purpose in life. The stories of Scripture follow this pattern with one big exception, humans aren't the main characters, God is. We will be starting off the year focusing on our identity in Christ as we digest Biblical examples showing we can trust God to do difficult things for the Kingdom.



High School Teachers: Casey & Erica Blakely

Making our faith our own is essential for every Christian. C.S. Lewis, once an atheist, is brilliant in laying out logical, specific arguments which show evidences of a loving Creator. While sometimes hard to follow with his use of examples and language from 1950 England, our two equally brilliant teachers will help decipher this important content for our youth.