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

We've sung it for years. Now we've seen it!

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* was demonstrated two Sundays in a row, and it wasn't in church. It was on the church!

Yes, we're getting a new roof. The adjuster has been on top of it, literally, and a couple of contractors are awaiting our decision once we get the go-ahead.

Obviously I'm having a little fun with the hymn. The word "hail" can be used in a number of ways. It can be used to greet someone with enthusiastic approval, or to hail a cab. And it can refer to the balls of ice we saw and how they descend upon the earth, or even to a hail of rifle fire. But the thing the hymn and the hail have in common is that they both focus on the power of God.

When God confronted Job with his assumptions about being in control of things, He asked if he had seen the storehouses of hail that He had reserved for a time of distress and the day of war and battle. And more did die from hailstones than the sword after the sun stood still and the moon stopped while Joshua was fighting against the Amorites.

When the first trumpet was sounded in the book of Revelation, hail and fire fell upon the earth and destroyed a third of it. And when the seventh bowl was poured out, huge hailstones weighing a hundred pounds came down from heaven upon men.

Destructive hail from heaven is always a timely reminder that God is in control and we are not, but it's not always an act of specific judgment from God. Sometimes it's just a consequence of nature being cursed along with mankind after the first sin.

The good news is that God can take whatever happens, and turn it into something good if we love Him and are called according to His purposes. He can even use it to provide a new roof for the church.

God Bless, Rick



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# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## JUNE 5-8      6:15-8:30

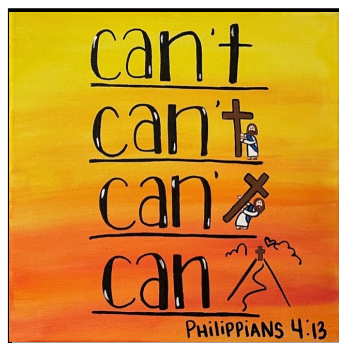
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Worship		120	
Offering		\$12,441.78	
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Worship		119	
Offering		\$4,623.00	
	5/28		
Worship		124	
Offering		\$13,782.00	

### COLLEGE SUMMER CLASS

The Lasleys will once again be offering a summer class for college age kids during the Sunday School hour. The class will meet in the library, and will begin on June 4th. They will be discussing the same book that the Sunday night adult class enjoyed, *Living Life Backward*.

### CPR CLASS

A CPR class will be offered on Saturday, July 8th, beginning at 9:00 at the church. Everyone is welcome to attend, but those who work in the nursery are especially encouraged to attend. Those desiring to come should let Rhonda Luzio know before July 2nd.



The above was painted by Anna, Rick's artistic graduating granddaughter, and can be seen hanging in his office. He shares it here for all to enjoy, and as a timely reminder for all our graduating seniors.



Lilian Vahle-Green

## Congratulations Graduates

High school graduates will be honored during the worship service on June 4th.



Madison Bales & Anna Hunley



As I write this, VBS is 7 days away! WOW! Everything is coming together thanks to the many volunteers willing to assist wherever needed. This is going to be a good week with a good theme allowing us to plant kingdom seeds with all those in attendance.

Registrations continue to come in. It helps to have as many pre-registered as possible, but please don't let that stop anyone you talk with from coming. We have plenty of room and supplies to handle any last minute registrations. Our goal is to reach as many Kindergarten through 5th grade students as possible!

As a church family, please keep VBS in your prayers over the next week. Kids are exposed to so much at such an early age in our society. Pray that God will use our efforts as a vehicle to draw these youngsters to Him as some hear the Gospel for the first time.



### High School Summer Conference

We currently have 10 students signed up to attend the MOVE conference in Warrensburg, Missouri. It's not too late to secure your spot! For those already registered, I would like to collect the fees anytime over the next few weeks. As a reminder, the conference runs from July 17th through July 22nd and the cost is \$364 per person.



The summer camping season at LSCA starts soon! There are a variety of camps starting June 11th for various age groups. If interested, please check the schedule on-line or I have printed copies if needed.

The theme this year is WHO AM I? Our kids are bombarded with curriculum and media nudging them to declare an identity in something. We must never forget that our identity is in Christ, whether we are an adult or camper at LSCA. Kids will be examining the Bible to see who God says they are and gain further understand of this truth.

Please be praying for all the students and staff at LSCA this year. Our first camper is Amelia Sperry who will be attending Niners beginning on June 18th. Remember, if you haven't registered yet, it is not too late and CCC offers a discount code for all campers from our church.



Just to keep you all in the loop, for VBS this year we will be collecting an offering for the International Disaster Emergency Service organization. IDES strives to meet not only physical needs that arise due to horrible disasters around the world, but their primary purpose is to address spiritual needs as well. Loving others in the name of Jesus is their constant focus. As a church family we support them monthly, and we are honored to do so through our VBS program as well.