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

Our Sunday night studies for adults will begin again on September 15th at 6:30. As is usually the case, deciding what to study was an interesting process.

Last year I had announced that we would look at Tim Challies' *Epic: an Around-the-World Journey through Christian History*. Then you gave me and Marilyn an epic journey to the Holy Land.

My skepticism about the authenticity of the sites led me to Joel Kramer's *Where God Came Down: The Archaeological Evidence*. After reading his book and actually seeing the sites, I decided we needed to look at the archaeology of the Holy Land before looking at Christian history. We therefore spent several months looking at YouTube videos he produced, as well as others, and everyone really enjoyed them.

When we finished our archaeological study, we began our look at artifacts from around the world that taught us about the history of the church. When we took a break for the summer and I asked the class what they would like to study this year, all I kept hearing was "More archaeology!"

When I told Marilyn I didn't know what more we could look at, she brought up the *That the World May Know* series by Ray Vander Laan that we watched on VHS twenty-five years ago. When I went on-line to see if they were available in a format we could use, I discovered that Ray has continued taking people on tours of the Holy Land. His tours focus more on faith lessons he draws from the various locations than the archaeology itself, and when I saw that Focus on the Family had continued producing videos of his trips, it seemed like the perfect follow-up to what we did last year.

We have therefore purchased Ray's most recent four videos, *Israel's Mission*, *The Mission of Jesus*, *A Clash of Kingdoms*, and *Cultures in Conflict*. Each study will last for five weeks, and we'll begin with *Israel's Mission: Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World* on the 15th.

All adults are invited to join us for these interesting studies.

God Bless, Rick



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FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 8TH

LOCATION: HUNLEY FARM

5:00PM: YARD GAMES & FELLOWSHIP

6:00PM: HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS

7:00PM: FAMILY OLYMPICS

8:00PM: MEDAL CEREMONY

****DETAILS INSIDE****

STATISTICS		
	7/28	
Worship		96
Offering		\$4,836
	8/4	
Worship		106
Offering		\$2,656.64
	8/11	
Worship		95
Offering		\$16,196.90
	8/18	
Worship		126
Offering		\$5,361.72
	8/25	
Worship		107
Offering		\$8,475.00



Prayer Requests

It's long been our practice to share prayer requests during our morning worship service, and we used to post them in our weekly newsletter. But now that we publish a newsletter monthly, by the time a new one comes out many prayers have been answered and others haven't been made known.

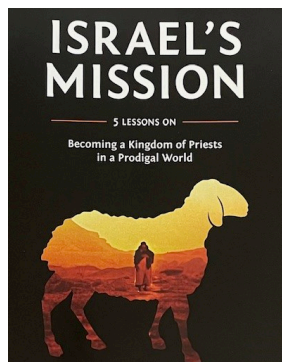
There are many in our church family, however, who are going through difficult times that last for an extended period of time, and many of them involve cancer.

Those we are aware of who are currently battling cancer are Dan Martin, Patrick Boatright, Gloria Carrell, Kathy Lasley, Nancy Berry and Jamella Reese.

Please pray for all who are undergoing cancer treatment, and for those who are awaiting various kinds of surgeries and procedures to alleviate painful conditions.



All ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Whitney Leman, the future bride of Conner Bales, to be held at the church on Sunday, September 22nd at 2:00.



SUNDAY NIGHT ADULT STUDY BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 15th.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday night Bible study will resume on September 11th at 6:30. This year we will begin a study of the Minor Prophets, beginning with Hosea.

Many of us read a novel by Francine Rivers based on Hosea's life several years ago. Now we'll study the book upon which *Redeeming Love* was based.



The date set for the Fall Kick-Off is September 8th. We plan to gather at the Hunley Farm around 5:00pm for some fellowship and yard games. At that time we will fire up the grill for hamburgers and hot dogs which we plan to enjoy around 6:00pm. Bring a healthy appetite!

Shortly after dinner we will start our Family Olympics competition. I'm currently planning some games for the whole family in addition to individual events contributing back to the family score. It will be fun to see who collects the most metals and wins bragging rights for the rest of the year. Even if you are not planning on participating in the Olympics, come on out for a great night of fellowship!



If your schedule allows, please consider helping out with this event in St. Louis on Saturday, October 12th. Remember, this is a great opportunity for the family to serve together. The organizers set up tasks appropriate for all ages, from those in kindergarten to those who graduated from school many years ago.

Our shift that day runs from 12:45-2:45. The tradition is to stop at Dave and Busters on the way home to let the kids enjoy some food and video games. If there are no objections, we will plan on that again.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve and help pack food for children in need around the world. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board and more details will be announced as we get closer to the event.



It is exciting to be starting another year of Youth Groups! On the 15th, here is what the kids will be exploring.

Pre K-Kindergarten: Jonathan Sperry will be leading this class through introductory lessons using Scripture, crafts and plenty of snacks! Thanks Jonathan!

Grades 1-5: Rhonda and Otto will be conducting weekly science experiments with the kids while relating the experience back to Biblical stories and principles. Fun!

Junior High & High School: Mark and Tina will be working with the Junior High students while Casey and Erica will be leading the High School Group. Throughout the first half of the year, we plan to cover important topics like evangelism, apologetics, spiritual habits and loving others as Christ would love them. Plus plenty of games like 4 on the couch. Don't miss it!



Kindergarten-8th grade

The Christmas Musical is a little over 3 months away. Time sure does fly! As we begin Youth Groups for the Fall, Rhonda would also like to begin rehearsals. So if you are planning on participating in the upcoming musical, please note the first practice will be on Sunday, September 15th at 5:15 here at the church. Don't forget to bring a snack to munch on before Youth Groups begin! Thank you to all who are involved and we look forward to another wonderful Christmas message.