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

After telling Matt about an experience I had with someone from Netflix, he said he knew where my next article would be coming from, and I thought he was right. But my envisioned article just became nothing more than an introduction to Carter's experiences.

Several weeks ago Marilyn discovered we no longer had access to Netflix. I really don't like dealing with computers, so I called. We learned they shut us off because someone in Indonesia was using our account. It took three attempts to straighten things out, but finally got it done by switching to my church email address. After making sure everything was working, the lady I had been talking with wanted to know if she could ask me something. She presumed that I was a preacher and wanted to know what I did when things weren't going well. I shared with her the confidence I have in Christ's love for me, and she thanked me with tears in her eyes. Now on to Carter.

It had been his practice to listen to a daily Bible reading while in the shower at home, and he was doing the same in what he thought was an empty bathroom at his new dorm. When he finished, and paused the recording, a voice came from a stall that said there was no need to turn it off, he was listening. Carter decided to seize the moment, invited him to join him at Encounter that night, and he did.

A few days later, as Marilyn and I were going for a walk, she got a message from Carter. It was a picture of a gash above his eyebrow, with blood flowing down his face and all over his shirt. A panicky call discovered that teeth from a collision with another basketball player had caused his wound. A quick call to his sister, a run to Urgent Care, and three stitches later, and he was ready to play softball that night. But not before he had shared his faith a couple of times. A girl in the elevator had noticed his bloody Fellowship of Christian Athletes shirt, and he had bonded with his nurse, so he encouraged them to also get involved in the ISU campus ministry.

As Peter told us, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have." God Bless, Rick



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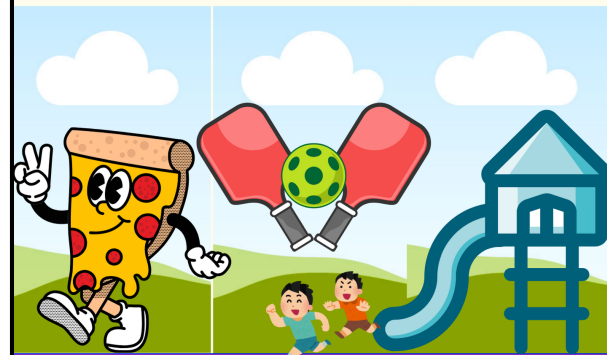
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CCC YOUTH GROUP KICK-OFF

# PIZZA & PICKLE AT THE PARK

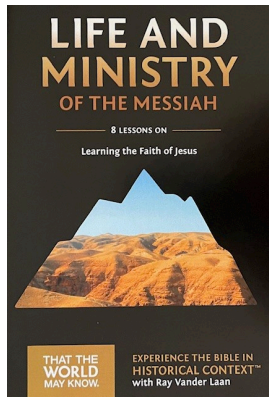
**SEPT 7<sup>TH</sup> 5:30PM-7:30PM**

BRING YOUR PICKLEBALL RAQUET, LAWN CHAIR, AND APPETITE! ENJOY THE PLAYGROUND, PAVILLION, 9 SQUARE, CORNHOLE, AND OF COURSE PICKLEBALL! SCORE AGAINST CAPTAIN PICKLEBALL FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!



LOCATED AT SOUTHPARK COMMUNITY PARK PAVILLION

| STATISTICS |      |             |  |
|------------|------|-------------|--|
|            | 8/3  |             |  |
| Worship    |      | 83          |  |
| Offering   |      | \$4,950.45  |  |
|            | 8/10 |             |  |
| Worship    |      | 108         |  |
| Offering   |      | \$5,424.00  |  |
|            | 8/17 |             |  |
| Worship    |      | 122         |  |
| Offering   |      | \$16,200.45 |  |
|            | 8/24 |             |  |
| Worship    |      | 108         |  |
| Offering   |      | \$4,785.58  |  |
|            | 8/31 |             |  |
| Worship    |      | 96          |  |
| Offering   |      | \$3,405.24  |  |



### SUNDAY NIGHT VIDEOS BEGINNING SEPT. 14TH

All who are not involved with the Sunday night youth program are encouraged to join us at 6:30 for Ray Vander Laan videos of teaching that takes place at Biblical sites, beginning with the Life and Ministry of the Messiah.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS SEPT. 10TH

Wednesday night Bible study for adults will resume on September 10th at 7:00. We will begin this season by looking at the prophetic laments of Habakkuk.

### MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUEST

We received the following note from Mark Fishel, our missionary in Cambodia, informing us of his wife's dad's condition that led them to temporarily relocate in Korea, Grace's home. While there they will be working with an international ministry that reaches out to foreign workers and students.

A week ago yesterday, Grace's dad started chemotherapy. Over the weekend, he became very weak and started to be confused in his mind. The decision was made on Tuesday that he needed to return to the hospital. We spent the whole day at the hospital and he was admitted in the evening. The symptoms he was experiencing were not caused by the chemo as we thought. They were due to the damage caused by the cancer in his liver. The cancer has spread to many other parts of his body and is even to his bones. They found from further tests that he has problems with a heart valve also. Surgery is out of the question because of the extent of the cancer. He was transferred yesterday to a hospital where he can receive long-term treatment. The doctors have decided to discontinue the chemotherapy because his body cannot take it. The overall prognosis is not very encouraging. Please continue to pray for Grace and her family as they navigate these days.

Grace had a conversation with her dad about our Lord at home before going to the hospital. He still has a cold heart towards the gospel. I think this is, in part, because sometimes parents cannot hear what their children are saying. This coming week, Grace's former pastor will come to speak with him. He is older than Grace's dad and the Lord may be able to break through the ice with him in this conversation. His name is pastor Tae Dong (pronounced Tay Dong). Please pray that the Lord will work in this conversation and the continued conversations that we have with him. His salvation seems impossible but through Christ, all things are possible. Even a stone-cold heart can be made alive in Christ. Please pray for a miracle.

Mark & Grace Fishel

## YOUTH GROUP CLASSES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 14TH



### Pre-k through Kindergarten

Teacher: Jonathan Sperry

Jonathan looks forward to another great year working 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 Luzio & Otto Huber

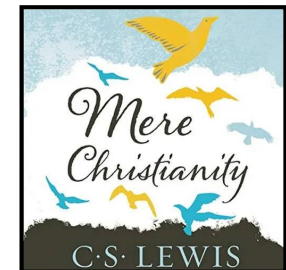
I think it has been around 9 years that these two have teamed up to teach this class and what a wonderful job they do! This year, the creative lessons, games and crafts will address some big questions kids have about God using an oceanic backdrop to provide examples. Should be fun!



### Junior High School

Teachers: Mark & Tina Huber

Friendships are important to us all, especially Godly friendships. Examples from the Old and New Testament will be studied to show how God can help us choose our friends wisely which in turn strengthens our walk with Him. In addition to our study of Scripture, we'll play plenty of games to help build friendships that will last a lifetime!



### High School

Teachers: Casey & Erica Blakley

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.