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The Eagle

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August Events:

AWANA Open House:

Sunday the 3rd
@ 4:30pm

Special Business Meeting:

Sunday the 3rd
@ 6:45pm

Deacon and Elders Meetings:

Sunday the 3rd
@ 7:00 pm

AWANA Begins

Sunday the 10th
@ 4:00 pm

Admin Council Meeting:

Sunday the 10th
@ 7:00pm

Business Meeting:

Sunday the 17th
@ 6:23pm

Potluck:

Sunday the 31st
@ 12:00pm

-From the Pastor's Desk-

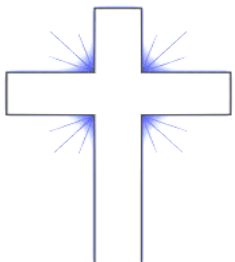
"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded" - James 4:8

It is just about time to book another Alaska summer. Cloudy with a chance of rain seems to be the forecast. What describes our often typical summer can also be true for us as Christians. Followers of Jesus. Disciples. In the 23rd Psalm we all love the green pastures and still waters, the table prepared before our enemies and even our heads anointed with oil by our Great Shepherd. But what about those times in the "valley of the shadow of death" where it seems like the warmth and light of our spiritual sun is hidden behind clouds of grief; guilt or despair? Prayer is such a chore at these times. Bible reading an effort and empty. For me this was often what described the last six months. Even good days were forecasted as "partly cloudy". Strangely during these times the Shepherd's rod and staff did bring me some sense of comfort. The rod was used by the shepherd to hit the thick brush to drive away any lurking unwanted predators. The staff with its "crooked" end to loop around the sheep's neck, catch on their head and pull them out of places they had wandered or fell into. Although this picture brought me comfort it did not bring me communion.

James addresses this issue of separation in the above verse. Draw near to God and He will draw near to You! I am so grateful that James just did not leave it there. He is kind enough to tell us how to draw near to God. James tells us to "cleanse our hands". We know that Pilate washed his hands for the guilt of shedding the innocent blood of God's only begotten Son. The Priests were instructed to "wash" their hands and feet before entering the Temple for service. Titus tells of the "washing of regeneration" and Peter of the "washing by the word". All vivid and worthy pictures. But I believe James has something more along the lines of the Upper Room in John chapter 13. There Jesus "washes" the feet of the Disciples until he gets to Peter. Peter refuses Jesus until told he would have no part in the kingdom. Peter then responds in usual form to then; "wash all of him". Jesus assures Peter that he has already been "washed" and it is just his feet that required washing from walking in the defilement of this world. In Isaiah we read; "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear" (59:2).

What a wonderful reminder next time we "feel" that spiritual separation from our Great Shepherd. That in confessing our sin God is then able to forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Let us not waste any more of our summer and "draw near unto God" our Great Shepherd.

- Pastor Ted -



AWANA



**AWANA
Open House
Sunday, August
3rd @ 4:30pm**

**AWANA
Begins
Sunday, August
10th!!**



If you have a prayer request or concern, we would like to pray for you, or if you would like to be a part of our prayer chain, please contact the office.

Library: The FBCER Library is taking a break until Friday, August 8th. It will be back open on the 8th from 2pm to 4pm.



Youth Group: We are continuing to read through the Bible, studying the Scriptures verse by verse! We are continuing through the book of Acts. All youth, 6th grade and older are welcome to join us on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday evenings as we go over the weekly reading.

The Youth Mission Trip to Tok was a huge success! We had a great time at Mukluk Land. We were able to help with many tasks and we got to meet and fellowship with lots of people! Thank you so much to everyone who prayed for us or supported us in any way!

Family Outdoor Ministry: Join the Family Outdoor Ministry on our scenic hikes as we explore God's beauty and splendor. We have several dates and trails throughout the summer. Sign up sheet and information on the trails is hanging in the foyer, on the Church Center app, and on the Website. If you have any questions, please speak with Brent or contact the Church Office.

AWANA: AWANA will be starting up before we know it! Registration is open. On August 3rd from 4:30pm to 5:30pm will be the open house! If you are interested in volunteering to help out with AWANA, please let Kathy or Jessica know.

Business Meetings: There will be a Special Business Meeting held on Sunday, August 3rd, immediately following Evening Service. There will be a regular Business Meeting held on Sunday, August 17th at 6:23pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend, all church members are allowed to vote.

Church Potluck: Join us on Sunday, August 31st for Worship Service in the Annex. We will hold communion during service and then we will have a Church Potluck immediately following Morning Service. There will be no Evening Service that day.



04 - Connie S.

08 - Art R.

12 - Bill A.

28 - Daniel W.

August 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Homeless Ministry 9am Sabbath Service/Torah 10 - 6pm
3 AWANA Open House 4:30pm Special Business Meeting 6:45pm Deacons/Elders 7pm	4	5	6 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/Prayer 6:30pm Youth 6:30pm	7	8	9 Sabbath Services/Torah 10 - 6pm
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January 28th
thru
February 2nd



Williamstown, KY
Ark Encounter

If you would like to be part of the VBS 2026 Leadership team or would like to go to the VBS Showcase, please let Jessica know no later than September 28th. I will be collecting names to submit to the Pastors and Elders during their October Meeting. If you have any questions about being on the leadership team in any capacity or about the showcase, please feel free to ask.

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