

Koinonia *focus*

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³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how he went about doing good and healing all who were under the tyranny of the devil, because God was with him. Acts 10:38 (CSB)

The scriptures tell us that Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit, went about doing good and God was with Him. I think that is our model for ministry. The Holy Spirit directed Jesus to help others in need. His life and ministry is a testimony of how He loved, helped and blessed thousands who were in need during his earthly ministry. What should be our response? We are certainly faithful to meet each week in worship and discipleship. But what are some ways to go about doing good? I want to invite you to join me in doing good in Mooreland in what I call Mission Mooreland on Saturday, April 6 at 8:30 am. This is one way of going about doing good like Jesus did in His day. We have several elderly people in Mooreland who need help cleaning up yards, flowerbeds, and removing clutter that has accumulated over time. We need about 25 people and three or four pickups and trailers who will work together to help our community. Let's do what Jesus did and see God's love and grace extend to our community.

Pastor David



I
am the
RESURRECTION
and the
LIFE.

He who
believes in
me will
LIVE,
even though
he dies.
John 11:25

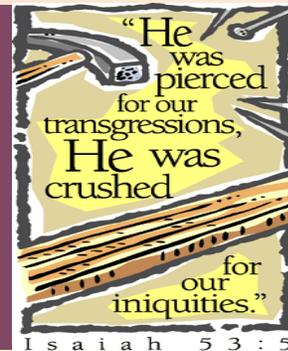
Summer is coming

Before we know it summer will be here and now is the time to start preparing for *summer camps and signing up sponsors*. Things have changed at both Falls Creek and Kid's Camp. Both camps are now requiring that we have background checks on everyone 18 years and older. If you plan to go to camp as a sponsor this year, please see Brice or Bev so we can begin to get all our paperwork done.

Falls Creek - June 3-8

Kid's Camp - July 29-31

We are needing adult sponsors to go with our kids to both of these camps and are asking you to pray and seek if you are willing to be one of the sponsors. The Association Kid's Camp committee are meeting now and getting the group leaders in place. Each individual church is responsible to bring enough adult sponsors, one for every 6 or 7 children, that they bring to camp and as many jr. sponsors as possible to help make camp a great experience. Brice is needing sponsors for Falls Creek, especially ladies! Thank you for your faithful service! Reminder: Scholarships are needed for both camps. If you are will to sponsor a youth/child please designate your gift Falls Creek cost \$100 Kid's Camp cost \$60.



Take the time to reach out and invite someone to come with you as we celebrate Easter during our Sunday morning Easter Service held April 21st, 10:45 a.m.



On April 14th at 6:00 p.m., we will join our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ at the First United Methodist church for the annual Palm Sunday Community Service. We will enjoy special music, the message by Pastor Todd Bergman, ending with a fellowship following the service.



Prayer & Fellowship



The men of the church will be meeting on Saturday, April 13th for their monthly prayer breakfast at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and see what the Lord is doing and how He is moving in our church and community. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer an supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made know to God:"



The ladies of the church will be meeting on Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for their monthly prayer and fellowship meeting. Invite a friend, bring a salad and/or dessert and come to celebrate Jesus as we fellowship and pray together.

Bridal Shower / You are invited

Our church is co-hosting with Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church, a bridal shower for Moriah Wooldridge & Logan Pope. You are invited to celebrate with the couple on April 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church, 1620 Lincoln Ave, Woodward. The couple are registered at Persimmon Creek, Amazon.com and Walmart.com.

Christ came to Serve...



Join us on Good Friday April 19th at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall as we worship the Lord in remembrance of all He has done

FBC Mooreland Students

The iPhone was released in 2007 and no one could have imagined the impact that they would have on society. I remember talking to a friend when apple first made the announcement. We couldn't understand how the touch screen would turn off when you touched it to your ear/cheek. The times have changed a lot since 2007 and it's amazing to think that medical disorders like "text-neck" and depression are often linked to our digital swiss-army knives. The phone is often a huge battleground between parents and students. Dr. Sherry Turkle once said: "Computers are not good or bad, they are powerful". Her statement initially sounds truthful but it actually opposes what the Bible says. In Genesis, God created the world and found that it was good. Technology is one of the many ways that humans have cultivated the world in a very good way. The problem is that due to the curse, technology is also affected and has the ability to be very bad. Maybe you need to make boundaries in your house when it comes to your phones. Do you need to create a space that all family members place their phones once they get home? Are you leading by example and using your smartphone responsibly? Or are your kids simply following your bad example? Sit down with your family and ask the following questions:

- Do you own your smart phone or does your smartphone own you?
- How is a smartphone very good, how is it cursed?
- Can we redeem it?
- What is the purpose of our phones? (does it connect us or put up more barriers within our homes?)

This is simply a starting point in the conversation on technology in the house and looking at it through a biblical lens. Are we burying our head in the ground and pretending it doesn't exist? Are we fully embracing it? Or are we redeeming it?

-Brice A Rasmussen



Falls Creek 2019 is quickly approaching and we are in need of Falls Creek small group leaders (especially female leaders). If you have a heart for students and would like to pour into them this year at Falls Creek, please speak with Brice ASAP.

A look at this year's Spring Break Service Project at Falls Creek



April

17th: Guest Speaker-Brian Baldwin

(BGCO Student Evangelism and Mission Specialist)

MAY

5th & 8th: Parent /Student Falls Creek meeting

(If your 6th –12th grade student is planning on attending Falls Creek this summer, we need you and your student to attend one of these meetings. These meetings are the only opportunity to get a camper packet)

19th-22nd: Next Step (VBS) for 6th graders

This will be an awesome time for our 6th graders to grow in their walk with Christ and to promote into the student ministry)

29th: Falls Creek kickoff/ volleyball party

camper packets due

June

3rd-8th: Falls Creek, 6th-12 graders (\$100)

17th-21st: Super Summer OK

July

15th-20th: Mobile Missions-Tulsa (\$112)

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Association VBS Clinic

IN THE WILD AMAZING ENCOUNTERERS WITH JESUS

During this years VBS, kids will focus in on some amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus. Each encounter is like a snapshot-a specific moment in time captured on the pages of Scripture. Kids will reinforce what they learn at the Bible study watering hole by visiting: Music at Bullfrog Bog, Crafts at Cockatoo Canopy, Recreation at Beluga Bay, Snacks at Grizzly Gulch, and Missions at Pachyderm Path. On April 9th, 7:00 p.m., our church will be hosting the Association VBS Clinic where we will be introduced to this years adventures *In The Wild*. Members of our Association along with VBS director/Wildlife Specialist, Carla Thomas, will give us tips as to what they learned at the State VBS training. You will be able to visit the area of interest that you will be leading or working with at this years VBS. All Lead and Assistant Teachers (Scouts) are encouraged to attend. Carla has been working hard on getting all the decorations ready and signing up *Scouts*. If you have not signed up to help with VBS, check with Carla for Amazing Encounters! Our VBS is May 19-22.

VBS MOTTO:

Zoom in!

Focus on

Jesus!

Save empty Paper towel
& toilet paper rolls!