



# Koinonia *focus*

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## *America is facing a freefall*

(The following are excerpts from a sermon by David Stone, pastor of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky.)

A freefall from the Christian convictions that our nation was built on.

We have cracks in our foundation. When did the cracks really start to show in the foundation of our nation? Some people would point to a moment in 1962 as the tipping point, when the Supreme Court ruled that voluntary prayer at the start of each school day was unconstitutional because it amounted to state sponsorship of prayer. What was so offensive? Can I read for you the prayer that was typically said? This is from New York, one of the more liberal states, and this is what students would recite to start the school day in 1961: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence on Thee and we beg Thy blessing over us, our parents, our teachers, and our nation." That was it. That simple prayer came under fire and went to the Supreme Court for that landmark decision.

Ronald Reagan said, "If we forget that we are a nation under God, then we are a nation gone under." And now looking back, what that 1962 decision became was a significant turning point in our history. It somehow communicated that we were turning away from our foundation as a nation.

So how do we restore our nation to that level of moral fiber and character? God himself shared this list for the nation of Israel when they saw some cracks in their foundation and desired restoration. The Lord says in 2 *Chronicles 7:14*, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land".

Our country desires a restoration that can only come through the power of God, but it begins with prayer, with humility, and with repentance. Without those three, God does not promise to heal our land. Our need is mirrored by what King David said in *Psalms 20:7*: "Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."

So how is this all going to end? Will we return to our roots as a nation, or will we continue our descent on this slippery slope? Well, that's up to us. *We* will write the ending of this nation's story through the lives that we choose to live.

Praying for Revival,  
Pastor David

# Investing in the Future

We are so blessed with children! Many churches don't have young families and children. They are our future, the churches future, our nations future. In the establishment of the church, roles have been given so that the church will grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Some have been equipped with the spiritual blessing of being teachers/disciplers. We want to say a heart felt "thank you" to our many teachers of both young and old. We are currently in need of a K/1st grade Sunday School teacher. We ask that you *seek* to know if the Lord is calling you to be the one! Before you know it, we will be starting up with TeamKid too! Next month, we will be having a teacher/worker meeting. Please start praying and seeking now as to your role in the mission work of TeamKid. We discovered last year that we need to have a recreation director. This position is open, are you the one to fill it? The bus ministry needs some drivers (substitute drivers) some with CDL's, and riders to keep it up and running! Can we call on you?

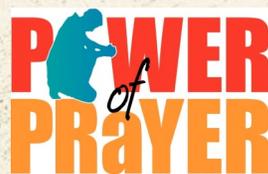
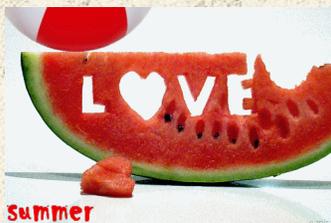
We will be having a Business Meeting on July 12, at 5:00 p.m. for the semi annual church report.  
No meal for this meeting.

# Taking Care of Business

Danny Thomas and crew did a fantastic job taking down the wind ravaged recreation/play yard fence and putting up the new one! We have some more projects to do! Spray paint has been purchased to paint the metal handrails and play yard benches. The wooden awning in the recreation/play yard needs a fresh coat of paint too! We have ordered new filling material to add to the play ground toy area. We will only get a couple of days notice as to when they will deliver and we will need help with wheelbarrows and rakes to put it in the yard. If you would like to be on call to help, please let the office know. Danny may have other property projects, if you would like to help with property upkeep, give him a shout! Thank you!

# Prime Timers Back in Action

On Thursday July 23, the Prime Timers will enjoy a summer time lunch (hamburgers & hot dogs) at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Following lunch, we will break out the games and have a couple of hours of light-hearted competition playing!



Tap into the real power of prayer at the Men's Prayer Breakfast on July 11th at 7:00 a.m.



The ladies will be praising, seeking & making their requests known to the Lord at Ladies Prayer Brunch, July 18th 9:00 a.m.

Seeking safety in this troubled time? Proverbs says, "The name of the LORD is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe" 18:10

The NWBA executive board met on Tuesday, June 30th to have discussion and vote on having Kids Camp for 2020. In the interest of the on going concerns of Covid19, the board decided to not have a collective camp. Individual churches may decide to have day camps.

# Serving Faithfully

In the midst of all the uncertainty with Covid19, we have withstood the storm, standing strong & courageous. We complied with the States direction in how we refrained from meeting together and how we have opened back up. We are so grateful for our Trustees, Deacons & Pastor as they worked together to do all they could to assure safety and glorify the Lord in our church. They put in extra time with zoom conference calls as they monitored the situation and devised plans/schedules to prepare for Sunday services. After not meeting for several weeks, it was so nice to be "distance" greeted at the door, each one with a smile and a hearty welcome! A special "thank you" to Ashley, Bev & Brenda as they put in extra effort to do deep cleaning during our down time and continue now to keep sanitizing the property to keep Covid19 at bay. We give Praise to the Lord for our church family that he has put together, direction He continues to give, His faithful watch care, and the ministries He has yet for us to do. See you Sunday!

# FBC Mooreland Students

I don't know about you but I always find that normal daily routine makes it easier to stay consistent in my quiet time and dedicated time in the Bible. Over many years, I struggled during the summer months to maintain consistency. I have made excuses of my own and I've heard students complain about staying up late, sleeping in late, among many other things. It boils down to prioritizing other things over God. I encourage you to use this prolonged summer as a way to establish a quiet time and to build a habit of seeking God out.

"Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his face always." Psalm 105:4

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1st : Super Wednesday

8th: Super Wednesday

13th-15th: VBS (students may sign up in the student room to help with younger classes).

19th-22nd: Student Camp( sign up before July 5).



*August* LOCAL MISSION PROJECT-  
details coming soon

FALLS CREEK YOUTH CAMP



July 19-22

I have received a lot of questions about student camp this summer, so here is a little clarification. After many discussions with medical professionals, some parents & students, along with lots and lots of prayer, I have decided that our student camp (those going into 7th-2020 graduates) will have a day camp at our church campus. This will provide a unique opportunity for our student ministry to come together as a group. We will dig in together while looking at several Old Testament stories of how everything seemed like it had gone wrong but yet God showed that He was still in control.

We will start on Sunday (July 19th ) 1:45-8:00 and will go from 9-5:30 Mon-Wed (July 20-22nd).

Sign up is in the student room. Please sign up before July 5 so that we can ensure we have shirts purchased and have enough food (no cost). Please sign up even if you cant come all day, everyday.

I am so pumped to see how God will use this to equip our students.

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# VBS-Concrete & Cranes!

SHOW KIDS THE FOUNDATION THAT LASTS

July 13-15 8:30-11:30 a.m.



Grab your hard hat and tool belt! As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will discover that skyscrapers aren't the only things that need a rock-solid foundation. During VBS, kids will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion. 2020 has been a year of uncertainty but one thing we know, "Jesus! Our strong Foundation!" which is our VBS moto. We will do VBS a bit different this year, Monday-Wednesday 8:30-11:30. We will be using only store bought, packaged cookies, you may drop them off at the church if you would like to help with cookies. We will not have parent night. The teachers will cover all the "foundations" in the 3 sessions. Our buses will run. If you have not volunteered yet and would like to help, see Carla.