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Vision 2020



for the future

PRAYING, TRUSTING, GIVING



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*God Bless You
on Your Birthday!*

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hello March!

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John's Jots

March is an enigma month.

The weather in March is just so “iffy”! Winter has certainly left its mark on us, and it may not be over. But March also is a “**Get ready**” month—get ready for Easter, get ready for Spring, plan for Summer, and get ready to leave Winter behind. God has a timetable for the changing seasons, just like His timetable for us. I sense God is telling us to “**get ready**” for what He has in store. I don’t know about you, but I am ready.

Our Red Cross Blood Drive is this Saturday, March 2nd, 10 am--2 pm. Previous blood drives have been successful, as donors from our fellowship and community have lined up to give. Donating takes a little time and is a very selfless act. (And a way to lose a pound or two!) The reality is there is **Power in the Blood**, and indeed there is for patients facing surgery or serious injuries. You can walk in or call Beth Boxx to make an appointment. Heartfelt thanks to our WMU leadership for this ministry, and to all who participate.

We continue our Sunday night series, Letters to the Seven Churches of Revelation. Winter weather has caused several interruptions, but we will finish this month. Join us on Sunday night.

REBELLION SUNDAY is March 10th!! That is the weekend we are supposed to set our clocks forward on Saturday night and “lose” an hour’s sleep. Wweellll—once again, we are going to REBEL. **DON’T set your clocks forward** Saturday night—come to Sunday School and Church on the **OLD TIME**, and we will set our clocks forward AFTER CHURCH. I know it sounds silly, but it is all in fun—but try it, you’ll like it. This is the 4th year we have rebelled against time change, and the Church Council voted unanimously to do it again.

Our Quarterly Business Meeting is Sunday evening, March 10th. Among our regular reports, we will address several important issues. We will hear from the Vision Committee (formerly the Building Committee) a report and request, a recommendation from the Building & Grounds Committee about a cleaning contract for our building, a recommendation from the Church Council about our Summer ministry and a Summer intern candidate. We may also hear a report and recommendation from the Bus Committee. The Lord’s business is always important, but this quarterly meeting really is! Plan to join us as we do the Lord’s business at FBC, Sunday evening, March 10th.

The Men’s Prayer Breakfast & Work Day is Saturday, March 23rd. After the Prayer Breakfast and fellowship, we will address several projects around our building that need extra attention. Our men faithfully mobilize for these work days—and we need your help again. Weather permitting, we will be working outdoors. If not, there are several indoor projects that need attention. Please help.

In the e-mail edition of this newsletter, you will see the **Vision 2020** logo adopted by our Church Council. That logo should remind us that we are guided by a vision that God is calling us to fulfill. Over the next several months, as we face new challenges, attempt new ministries, and make important decisions, my prayer is that we will remain focused on the God’s vision of what our Church is to be. Remember—**the power of a vision is not just what you achieve by fulfilling it, but what you become by working on it.** May God continue to guide and enable us to seek that vision.

Gratefully, Your Pastor
Pastor John

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GWEN'S Gallery

It's Okay Not To Be Okay by Sheila Walsh

When Sheila Walsh discovered “I’m not good enough and I’m good with what,” everything started to change. We’ve all experienced that moment when we wish we could start all over again. Failed marriages, lost friends, addictions, lost jobs. This is not the life we imagined. Yesterday can leave us stuck, sad, shamed, scared, and searching. Sheila wants you to face the pain head on and then start again, from right where you are.

In *It's Okay Not To Be Okay*, she helps you overcome the same old rut of struggles and pain by changing the way you think about God, yourself, and your everyday life. She shares practical, doable, daily strategies that will help you move forward one step at a time, knowing God will never let you down.

It’s never too late to start again . . . and there is healing and freedom in just taking the first step.

Mind Games by Nancy Mehl

FBI Behavioral Analyst Kaely Quinn’s methods may be highly unorthodox, but her talent is undeniable. She’s done her best to establish a new life for herself after being demoted and transferred to St. Louis when a reporter revealed she’s the daughter of an infamous serial killer. But when that same reporter claims to have received an anonymous poem predicting a string of murders, ending with Kaely’s, it seems her old life has followed her.

When a body is found that fits the poem’s morbid predictions, Kaely and her new partner, Special Agent Noah Hunter, are forced to move past his skepticism of her approach and work together to unravel the deadly riddle.

With a brazen serial killer who breaks all the normal patterns on the loose, Noah and Kaely must race to catch the murderer before anyone else, including Kaely, is killed.



Kidz Kollege

We continue to have a good school year at Kidz Kollege. We have several new kids come to Kidz Kollege this year, and that is a real blessing.

Kidz Kollege continues until the end of May, and it is never too late to join. It’s for all kids, 4-year-olds thru 5th grade.

Entrance requirements and registration for this Kollege are really simple—just COME, every Wednesday, 6:30—8:00 pm.

Ed & Pauline Maness

Kidz Praise . . . Children In Action

We had a great first month of our Bible Study, The Quest. The kids have had a lot of great questions, and we are learning what it means to have a closer relationship with God. In March, we are continuing our Bible Study.

We praise God by loving one another, and we show that love through RESPECT.

Cyndi Harmon



John's Notes

Greetings Everyone,

Everyone loves a motto, a famous quote, a catchy saying with a nugget of transcending truth. A thought I have tried to promote through the years is: "Leave a room in a better and more positive way than when you enter." I don't always succeed but its a nice goal. Here are a collection of quotes that I found interesting. "A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him." David Brinkley. "Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." Eleanor Roosevelt. "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do." Mark Twain. "When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us." Helen Keller. "Get busy living or get busy dying." Stephen King. "You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams." Dr. Suess. "I can't give you a sure-fire formula for success, but I can give you a formula for failure: try to please everybody all the time." Herbert Bayard Swope. "Those who dare to fail miserably can achieve greatly." John F. Kennedy. "It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed." Theodore Roosevelt. "I'm a success today because I had a friend who believed in me and I didn't have the heart to let him down." Abraham Lincoln. "It has long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things." Leonardo Da Vinci. "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love." Mother Theresa "Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone." Pablo Picasso. "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." Thomas A. Edison. "If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things." Albert Einstein. "Love is a serious mental disease." Plato "I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love." Henry Ward Beecher. And as we near the baseball season "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game." Babe Ruth. As noble or witty and cerebral these quotes are I am reminded by the words of Jesus that provide the best advice on living. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind This is the first and greatest commandment And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Jesus Matthew 22:37-40 And to finish with another great quote to live by "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Jesus Luke 6:31. See you in the services and online and on Facebook Live and at choir practice on Wednesdays at 7:45.

Lets Get to Work Doing Gods Work and I LOVE YOU ALL,

John Gorse

Don't forget—

Rebellion Sunday
March 10th

Join us on the OLD time. Set to the NEW time after Church.