



August 4, 2024

### Pastor Notes:

God wants you and me to be beautiful people. Looking at history and the news, being beautiful doesn't seem to come easy for us. Few things are a greater contradiction than an ugly Christian. It is easy to claim faith, but it is much more difficult to continue and grow in that faith. Coming to saving faith in Christ is the beginning, but it is not the end. That faith needs to grow, is meant to grow into Christlike beauty, that is why the Apostle Peter reminds all followers of Jesus of the absolute necessity to continually add to our faith, **"Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ"** 2 Peter 1:5-8 (NKJV).

Peter highlights seven essential qualities to add to our faith, seven beautifiers: Virtue/moral excellence, knowledge, self-control/discipline, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. Would you have used those seven to describe a beautiful person? I would you have used the last two for sure, but I have known a person or two who excel at the first four, and yet had the reputation of a hard -@%#, made a drill sergeant look cuddly. But when I need someone I can rely on, by all means, give me someone with virtue, knowledge, self-control, and no quit.

There is nothing and no one more beautiful than God, than Christ, so it is not surprising Peter tells us to add "godliness" to our faith, living in such a way that reflects the character, heart, and actions of Christ/God, **"Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do"** 1 Peter 1:15 (NIV). A good place to start is remembering that every day God starts us out with

fresh mercy and grace, we can't be godly without them. Godliness is the big box of Crayons, lots of colors.

Brotherly kindness, packing your behavioral bagel with "philadelphia," brotherly/sisterly love, caring about and for people. James writes that faith devoid of concrete caring action is a corpse (James 2:14-20). I have seen plenty of corpses, and as hard as morticians try to make them look presentable, they're dead. Beautiful people have an engine lubricated with kindness, which releases the power of kind words, kind gestures, kind responses, thoughtfulness, generosity, hospitality, and so much more. You can hear, see, and feel kindness when it comes your way.

Love. Peter uses the Greek "agape" for love, the word the Apostle John uses when he writes **"God is love"** (1 John 4:8,16). It is the kind of love that compelled Jesus to sacrifice himself for sinners like you and me, **"Though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross"** Philippians 2:6-8 (ESV). The Apostle Paul identified the **"love of Christ"** as the driving, controlling force of his life (2 Corinthians 5:14). He also reminded the Corinthians that Christians without love, no matter how devoted, how sincere, or right, are nothing but ugly, cringe-worthy noise. But with it, we give people a glimpse into heaven itself (1 Corinthians 13).

So, what are you and I going to do with this marvelous box of Crayons the Apostle put into our hands to color our faith with?

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



# Lord Hear Our Prayers

## PRAYER REQUEST

Bob Sykes, Steve Prinz, Carolyn Jeffers, Felix Barrera, Amy Watts & baby Wyatt, Marie, those dealing with addiction, those who have lost family members, those who have lost their homes due to fire, Fire & Rescue people

## SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, Peter, Jimmy, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

## Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula, Dylan Briggs

## CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 & Prayer Request e-mail to: **Judy Mahar**  
[ldpbcpayer@gmail.com](mailto:ldpbcpayer@gmail.com)

## **Church Board Members:**

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon , Sue Kluding, Gabi Cox, Chuck Arndt, Barb Deibler

# Let's Celebrate!

**“The LORD your God has been with you this past forty years, and you have lacked nothing” Deut.2:7b**

**Our church will celebrate Pastor Hans’ “40th Anniversary” with a special service packed with guests (some are former members who held ministry positions in our church during the past 40 years) along with special music in honor of our church and Hans' 40 years of ministry.**

**When: August 11, 2024**

**Time: 10 am-12:30ish**

**BBQ potluck to follow (please sign up in the foyer)**



# August Announcements

## VBS Praises:

**"Lord, may You be blessed"** Psalm 119:12

Our little country church served up a big batch of blessings:

- 65 children registered
- 49 volunteers- including 12 youth
- 157 in attendance for the church VBS program
- 34 unchurched children attended VBS
- Average daily attendance for participants & volunteers: 96

Thank you to all who helped donate, pray, work, teach, lead, play, create, serve, and engage with our VBS ministry. May God use it all for His glory to bring children and families closer to Christ.

Keep praying!

**BE TRANSFORMED BY THE  
RENEWING OF YOUR MIND.**

*Romans 12:2*

### Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
  - Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
  - Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
    - **GriefShare** - begins August 7th @ 6:30 PM
    - **Women on Higher Ground Retreat 9/27 - 9/29**
- For more information contact De-Leta or see poster in the Foyer  
Registration must be turned in by August 19th  
**NO Evening Service on August 11th**

Fellowship Time Snacks were provided  
By - **"Beverly's Class & the Youth"**

**Thank you**

*Next week "Merle's Class" is up!!*

**Pastor Hans'**  
**"40th Anniversary"**

**Celebration & Potluck**

**August 11th**

**10 A.M.**

## Giving

July 21 & 28, 2024

Offering:  
\$3,325.00

Facilities:  
\$5.00

Missions:  
\$60.00

Books & Material:  
\$5.00

Food:  
\$20.00

VBS:  
\$390

Attendance:  
86/157

## Weekly Events

### Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

### Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

### Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

### 1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

#### Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

#### Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - On Hiatus  
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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BAPTIST CHURCH

# Be Saved

Acts 4:12

Sunday Services 10:30am & 6:00pm  
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## August 5 - August 11th

DAY 1 - 2 Sam. 19-20  
(Job 7)

DAY 2 - 2 Sam. 21-22  
(Job 8)

DAY 3 - 2 Sam. 23-24  
(Job 9)

DAY 4 - John 1-2  
(Job 10)

DAY 5 - John 3-4  
(Job 11)

DAY 6 - (Job 12)  
DAY 7 - (Job 13)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.