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From The Pastor's Study

Got your summer reading list? Mine is always longer than I can finish, but it is fun to have a list of books to enjoy during the long summer days by the pool or while the burgers slowly sizzle. If you haven't picked out a book yet, here are a couple of suggestions:

Pick up a copy of Soul Feast by Marjorie Thompson. This is the book our Wednesday night summer Bible Study is based on. It is full of great stories and thought provoking quotes.

Stop by our CBC library. We have a great church library that is full of the classics of spiritual reading as well as new books that explore the life of a disciple. From Augustine to Graham, you can find a great book to enjoy during the summer. And make sure you pick up one or two for the children in your life as well.

Read a Gospel. We are reading through all four Gospels this year as a church, and you can also take some time this summer and read through one. Read through it slowly or read through it multiple times. The Gospels are our record of what Jesus said and did and are a primary guide for understanding our faith. Why not take this summer and explore the greatest story ever written?

Let me know what you are reading and enjoy the summer!

On the journey together,

Greg

Did You Know?

- **That VBS will be held at Jameison Memorial United Methodist Church?**
- **That the ARISE band continues to play out in our community?**
- **That our newest Sunday School class for young adults is studying the Gospel of Mark?**
- **That CBC will host the Concord Associational Revival this fall?**
- **That the Road Runners are headed to Cracker Barrel?**
- **That our youth will be at camp in July?**
- **That the choir has new shelves for its music and is in the process of organizing and cataloging their music library?**
- **That the baptistry has been re-painted?**
- **That God continues to do wonderful things with our youth on Friday nights?**
- **That it is a wonderful time to be at CBC? Bet you knew that one!**



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Ministry & Mission

Ministry Research Committee

Submitted by V.J. Springer

The Ministry Research Committee has continued to make progress in accomplishing our objectives: to research, evaluate, and recommend a path forward for ministry leadership opportunities at CBC for youth and children.

We covet the church family's prayers so we will be able to accurately communicate any recommendations to all groups within the church community over these next few weeks.

We feel very strongly that this is "...a new day" at CBC and it is our desire to make recommendations that will only enhance, not limit, the growth the church has experienced in the children and youth programs over the past two years. New families continue to experience the warmth of our fellowship. It is our desire that we can be a part of providing structure and opportunities to maximize what this can mean for our church and our larger community.

Journey Through The Gospels

The four Gospels are the foundational documents of our faith. During 2012 we are reading through the Gospels together, and during the month of June we will be reading Mark 9-16. Take a few minutes and read with us, and join us at 7:00 pm on June 28 for our group discussion.

Ordination!

We will have a called business meeting on June 17 to vote on the ordination of Kristen Tucker to the Gospel Ministry. Her ordination service will be on Saturday, June 23 at 1:00 pm at CBC with a reception to follow

Summer Wednesday Night Study

There are no dinners on Wednesday nights during the summer, but we will have an adult Bible Study. This summer we will be studying the book "Soul Feast" by Marjorie J. Thompson. This book explores the blessings we receive by incorporating spiritual practices into our lives and how we can develop a daily rule that can guide our practices. You do not have to purchase the book to participate in the study, but if you would like to read along, you can purchase the book from Amazon.com or order it from your favorite bookstore. It is also available for download to your reading device. Come and join us this summer for a great discussion that will enrich your spiritual life. Our study begins June 6 and goes through July 25. We do not meet on June 13 or July 4.

I've Always Wanted To Hear A Sermon About...

During July and August, you get to pick the sermon topics! We did this a few years ago and it was a great experience. What topic would you like to hear



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addressed in a sermon? What Bible verse or story do you want to hear more about? Is there a doctrine that has always been difficult to understand or troubled you? Send Greg an e-mail or write it down on the forms we will have in worship starting in May, and listen for your topic in July and August. And yes, you can send in more than one!

Newsworthy

Mark Your Calendar!

- June 3: Brotherhood Breakfast, Dr. Tony Brooks preaching in both services
- June 4: Deacon's Meeting
- June 7: MCC Meeting
- June 10-14: VBS
- June 12: Road Runner Lunch
- June 17: Father's Day, Called Business Meeting
- June 28: Gospel Study Mark 9-16

Laughter is Good for the Soul

Submitted by Betty Rodenhizer

Phillip, age 4, was in Sunday School. His teacher asked, "Phillip, who was he first woman created?" "I don't know", he said. Teacher said, "I'll give you a hint - 'apple'. I know, said Phillip, "Granny Smith".

Conversations With My Father

Submitted by Cindy Meyer

I've been here before, Father. This place is familiar and unwanted. I'm cold and lonely and lost. I read your book. You know, the part about how you love me. Really, God? Because I'm not feeling it now. I went to Church. I didn't want to. The allure of reeling in my own self pity was great but, I went. And what, Lord? I surrounded myself with people who almost certainly felt the same way and yet smiled as though nothing was wrong. My heart is broken. My soul, Father, MY SOUL aches and where are you? How could you love me when no one else does? How can you watch me? How can you FEEL me and do nothing to pull me from my misery. This blanket of misery envelopes me and prevents me from praying. Father, hear me cry. I know you are here but I don't have the energy and don't feel worthy of your interest. From the depths of my misery I am reminded that I have danced in your presence. I have danced, Father. I danced with joy and abandon surrounded by your love. I have been there before, also familiar but warm and restful. I give to you my heart. Make me well, Father. Hear me cry though I am lost for prayer. Come to me as you have in the past and pull me from this darkness. Evil has taken hold of my emotions and desires to keep me in this cold, dark place. I am here. You are here. Call me and shine your glorious light. I will answer and follow your righteous path and dance once again. I will rejoice in your steadfast love and share your good news with others lost in this familiar cold place.



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The Symphony

Submitted by Evelyn Allen

I attended a symphony today. My two dogs and I were treated to a very special concert. The concert hall was magnificent – deep blue sky above with wispy clouds floating by. There were tall trees surrounding the meadow where the symphony was performed. The temperature was just right and soft breezes brought the fragrance of freshly tilled earth and wildflowers. In the background I could hear a buzz – a steady, low hum coming from all around. The performers were several kinds of bees. There were amber colored honey bees and the black and yellow bumblebees. They were all busily visiting from flower to flower as they played their peaceful spring song.

Suddenly, I heard the bright red cardinal with his crested hat trill out his deep, powerful voice. He performed loudly and proudly telling the world what a great day it was.

Over to the side, the bluebird was adding its soft, sweet sound to this happy composition.

Down in the woods, the perky little brown wren with the up-turned tail was bellowing out with a voice that seemed much too big to be from such a wee little fellow.

Intermittently, the drummer added its raucous rat-a-tat-tat to the performance. This drummer is the burly pileated woodpecker. He is very impressive with his red topnotch. He resembles a rock star but he definitely belongs with this group.

Hopping all around the flower seed heads were the sunshine-bright goldfinches with their black caps and wings. They chirp, chirp, chirped in their high-pitched little twitters seeming so thrilled with their meal.

Periodically out of the depths of the pond there came very deep “ahrumphs” from the bullfrogs.

Then came the star of the performance. High on top of the power pole, the indigo bunting performed the most beautiful, lilting composition of all. It almost always performs from the highest point around as though it wants its song to travel as far as possible! It threw its beautiful blue head back and sang its fantastic aria.

Every day they perform with no thought of a planned program. They just perform and it creates music from heaven, the most beautiful in the world. More beautiful than Mozart or Beethoven or any other great musician. And – it’s free for anyone to hear.

When I had to go, my heart was saying Bravo! Bravo! Encore! Encore! Tomorrow! I will come.



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Recipe Box

Orange Cream Cheesecake

Crust:

2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon grated orange peel
½ cup butter or margarine, melted

Filling:

1 package (3 ounces) orange gelatin
3 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese softened
1 ¼ cups sugar
1 can (5 ounces) evaporated milk
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1/3 cup orange juice concentrate
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 carton (8 ounces) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Topping:

2 cups whipped topping
¼ cup sugar

Combine the cracker crumbs, cinnamon, orange peel and butter. Press onto the bottom of a greased 10 inch spring form pan. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. Prepare gelatin according to package directions. Set aside ½ cup at room temperature. Chill Remaining gelatin until slightly thickened, about 80 minutes. Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar for 2 minutes. Gradually beat in the milk and lemon juice. Beat on medium high speed 2 minutes longer. Gradually beat in the orange juice concentrate, vanilla and room-temperature

gelatin. Fold in the whipped topping. Pour over prepared crust. In a mixing bowl, beat whipped topping and sugar. Beat in refrigerated gelatin (mixture will be thin). Chill for 30 minutes. Gently spoon over filling (pan will be full). Refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight. Garnish with lemon slices, orange peel strips, kumquats and lemon balm if desired.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Note* Every Sunday</u> 9:00 ARISE 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p>			<p><u>Note* Every Wed</u> 7:00 Adult Bible Study</p>		1	2
<p>3 Pastor Greg & Margie's Anniversary  8:00 Brotherhood Breakfast</p>	<p>4  1:00 Blood Drive at Community Center 7:00 Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>5 6:30 Youth Committee Meeting</p>	6	<p>7 7:00 MCC Meeting</p>	8	9
10	<p>11 7:00 Rosa Lipfert Circle Meeting</p>	12	13	<p>14 Flag Day </p>	15	16
← Community Vacation Bible School →						
<p>17 Father's Day  Men's Choir & Pre-School Children Sing</p>	18	<p>19 12PM Prime Time Luncheon</p>	20	<p>21 Summer Begins </p>	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



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