PRAYER MINISTRY

Join us for prayer on Saturday mornings at 7am via Zoom video. People can join via video or using the call-in number if video is not an option.

Join via phone: (346) 248-7799

Meeting website: https://zoom.us/j/862139432
Meeting ID: 862 139 432
Password: 853781

Call Shawn Blom at 605-940-6702 with questions.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Bishop Dudley Hospitality House

The most recent statistics indicate that more than 600 men, women and children in Sioux Falls are without a home. The Bishop Dudley Hospitality House, located in downtown Sioux Falls, offers a safe, secure and warm place to start the road back to a more stable, long-term way of living.

CLYDE’S UPDATE

Maybe spring will get here at some point, but it is having to work very hard. Sunday was such an unusual day with the snow in the morning and then the wind and warm air. I don’t know what season this will wind up being, but we will do whatever it offers us. The wind has been something. The Bible talks about the Spirit moving like the wind. So maybe what we are seeing is the moving the Holy Spirit in very powerful ways. I like the sound of that! Maybe that’s what this is. It will be spring. It is coming. I’m sure of that.

We are seeing some returning faces each week. Little by little, as all of this continues to improve, we see folks joining us. 11am is still that service that is least crowded. I know our 8am folks are wondering when we change back to the old schedule and I am not sure. It is coming, but we are watching the numbers. That day will come. What I don’t want to do is change and then have to change back or get everyone nervous again. We don’t need that. Pray it up people!

We have started making some preliminary plans for fall things already. Planning because with all of the activity out here with the two schools, we want to be ready in lots of ways. How do we get noticed? How do we get the message out? What does that message look like? It is a fun thing to do, I must say. This is all very exciting to see and think about. We need to be creative and yet not silly. What a great problem to have to solve and work out!

I want to put in a plug for the library again. We have some great items in there and those ladies who do that work are always up to speed on what they can do to highlight the messages on Sunday. There are always a number of books on display that are right in step with things we are talking about. It is a wonderful ministry. Stop in there and see what they have going on!

We had a good meeting on Sunday with lots of good questions and discussion. I do hope that you will all continue to visit with each other. That’s all good in this. Please, know you can visit with me about this at any time. I don’t mind at all. As we wait for all of this to unfold, we will be about the business of focusing our hearts on what we believe God is calling us to be. I think this is a great time to be out here and I am very curious about what is in store for this church. We are not here by chance. This was a grand design that was set in motion a long time ago. God already knows...let’s follow him to the next place. We will do our very best to keep you all in the loop on these things. Community, this is an opportunity for us to be a light. I love that challenge. Pray it up everyone!

I have had a full week thus far. I will talk about that on Sunday. Let’s just say a spontaneous sort of week. We are into a new series about our identity in Christ. I am always trying to find new ways to say those things. I like to find fresh words that bring a deeper meaning for us. When we are “in Christ”, it is like we have found a new home or maybe to be more accurate, we are finally home. I know heaven is that final place, but until then, we are alone. It’s not as if we have no connection to that place until then. We have roots there. We’ll talk more on Sunday, have a great week!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28:
8:00-9:00PM - H.S. YOUTH GROUP

SATURDAY, MAY 1:
7:00AM - PRAYER MINISTRY
10:00AM - AA MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 2:
8:45AM, 9:45AM & 11:00AM - IN-PERSON & ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICES

TUESDAY, MAY 4:
7:00PM - AA MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5:
8:00-9:00PM - H.S. YOUTH GROUP

UPCOMING MINISTRIES

BAPTISM DATE
There will be a baptism service coming up but that date is to be determined. If that is too long to wait, please contact the church office to determine a date for a private service for you and your family.

AA BIG BOOK MEETING
Every Tues. at 7pm at Community - Open meeting. Use east door. AA meeting via Zoom or in person at the church on Saturday mornings at 10am. Please contact Tom Jacobs (tjstonegate@gmail.com) for meeting access.

BOOK CLUB
The evening book club will meet on Tuesday, May 18, at 7pm at the church. We will be discussing Neverhome.

The morning book club will meet on Wed, May 19 at 9am at the church. We will be discussing Kitchens of the Great Midwest.

FINANCES
Sunday, April 25, 2021

General: $10,153
Vision: $625
Missions: $345
Faith Ave: $265

General YTD: $279,193
Vision YTD: $34,703
Vision Account Balance: $182,393

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Beginning Monday, May 10, the Senior Citizens will meet monthly in a reserved room at noon for lunch. 10th Street Pizza Ranch. A card game of golf will follow until 2:30pm. Some will join us for lunch/conversation and not for cards. That is entirely up to you. If you feel you can’t go through the line for lunch, we can help you with that.

If you have questions, please contact Connie Parmley, 605-275-0030.

NEW NURSERY VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

COULD YOU HELP OUT IN THE NURSERY?
If you are willing to volunteer for one of the services, please contact Sheri Brouwer, Nursery Director, at 605-261-2153 or click on this link to sign up online to help. You’re help is so appreciated!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48A9AA29A3FA
C43-nursery

National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 6
7pm

Come for a time of worship, singing and prayer at 7pm. We’ll end the evening with a prayer walk outside to the cross.

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Hi Everyone!
As we get closer to the end of the school year, I’m noticing that many kids are a bit busier and that they just have more to get done. With the end of the school year, there are projects due, special events and concerts to attend, tests to take, and even fun traditions to be shared. While it is nice to be able to have a more “normal” feeling spring after so many things having to be canceled at this time last year, I am finding the rush of it all to be a little jarring as I’ve gotten used to a little quieter schedule. I’m noticing some kids who are feeling it too.

My newsletter this week is just a note that we may need to pay a little extra attention to our kids and their feelings and needs right now. I sometimes catch myself being wound up in the to-do list of parenting. I am going through the actions of making sure we get everything done on time. Is the permission slip signed? Are they getting their homework done? Did I read the newsletter? What am I forgetting? When do I need to volunteer? What does she need to wear to the event? When is activity? How can I help? I do all these things because I love my daughters and I want to do “mom” as a verb really well for them. Unfortunately, I must admit that often those things that must be checked off are so close to the front of my mind that I forget to be sure my kids know that I just love them so much I could burst. I am so thankful to be their mom but I’m not sure I show that really well when I’m worried about whether they are doing everything they need to do. I am a people pleaser and do my best to be responsible and honor all of my commitments, so it feels counterintuitive to say that I think I’m a better mom when I focus more on listening, loving and resting with my family than when I’m making sure we get everything done and get everyone where they need to be when they need to be there. I think it is possible to do both when we’ve balanced our commitments well but even then, it isn’t easy. When we’ve said yes to too much and prioritized doing over being it is even harder. I’m trying hard to remember to just be with my daughters and enjoy them, even as we do the things that are on our list. Rather than being exhausted and stressed on the drive between school and the next commitment, I’m trying to appreciate and enjoy those 20 minutes as a great opportunity to chat about how things are going. Rather than trying to think about what we still need to get done before the end of the day or week, I’m listening to my kids and really focusing on what they need from me. Usually what they really need is just a hug, a listening ear or a quiet loving presence as they have some time to hear themselves think for the first time all day.

Stress and overcommitment look different in every child but no matter what, the only way to notice those clues is to be truly present, truly listening and truly focused. Phone down. Eyes open. Ears ready. Deep breath. Life is full of distractions and lists of things that need to get done, but our kids need to know that someone is completely for them and about them when they need it. They need Jesus and they need loving parents who have Jesus.

This is another year like no other. Kids are adjusting to another new normal and more changes come often. Some of those changes are probably things adults don’t even notice because they are little procedural shifts as the covid situation continues to improve. However, for some kids, change is change, no matter how small. We all still have a few extra thoughts in the back of our minds. It takes a little time and connection to help kids define what is really on their mind. The human brain isn’t fully developed until age 25 and even then, we all continue to grow, learn and develop as we have experiences and are changed by Jesus. Some kids (and adults) need a reminder to rest in the Lord. I know I do!

Please remember that sometimes worry is too much and anxiety is real. For adults and kids, the help of a professional counselor, psychiatrist or psychologist is a life saver. Schedule an appointment for you and/or your child. I’ve never met anyone who regretted making that phone call, but I’ve met many people who say they wish they’d done it sooner.

Heather DeWit

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HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Daryl & Char Dubois on their 50th wedding anniversary on April 30th!

VOLUNTEERS WHO CAN SEW NEEDED

For a special Kids Ministry project, we need about 80 drawstring bags in any fabric (big enough to hold a coloring book.) Can you make some?

PRAYER REQUESTS

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

• Jean Nollman (nose bleeds)
• Ellie Wigg (appendicitis)
• Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
• Ann DeYoung (hospitalized)
• Anna Halverson (seizures)
• Kara Schouten (hip pain)
• Jenny Getting (stroke recovery)
• Jan Kruen
• Randi Van Der Sloot (cancer treatments)
• Brian Frisbee (stroke recovery/long-term rehab)
• Holli Jans’ dad, Milt (cancer)
• Troy Payne’s brother (kidney transplant)
• Mitch Jensen
• Jodie Jensen (new cancer treatments)
• Carrie Valentine (surgery recovery)
• Jan Kreun’s dad (surgery recovery)
• Abby Brost (breast cancer)
• Connie Tiggelaar (hospice)
• Marv Sturing (cancer)
• Tracee Ellwein’s dad (skin & muscle graft)
• Kim Becker’s mother-in-law, Amy (colorectal cancer)
• Ellen Nelson (chronic airway disease)
• Lexi Valentine (auto-immune disease)
• Jessica Vander Weide (heart)
• Lindsey Vander Weide (heart)
• Jenna Hoogendoorn (liver)
• Tami Boyle’s dad (prostate cancer)
• Laura Maloney’s brother-in-law, Bruce (lymphoma)
• Gary Jensen (cancer)
• Wade Persson’s mom (cancer)
• Tami Harm’s cousin (colon cancer)
• Melanie Oden’s dad, David

THE GIVE

Check out THE GIVE wall in the lobby. It’s a place to donate to local ministries.

The Banquet: Ground Regular Coffee & Large Coffee filters

Community Youth- old cell phones or ink cartridges (the size that fits in your hand)

Community Kids- empty cereal boxes & baby wipe boxes

Mission Haiti- shoes & backpacks (used or new)

CHURCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

MAY 6: 8:30 & 9:30PM
MAY 13: 6:30 & 7:30PM

All Games played at Sherman Park near the zoo
Hello, everyone!

I am finally back from a very restful vacation! I was able to accomplish some big tasks at my house as well as take some much needed times of rest. Once again I’d like to say a special thank you to Abby Burnside, Abbie Coffey, and Pastor Clyde for leading worship for me while I was gone. It's great to know we have people who can fill-in so well!

This week I don’t have much to say. In fact, it looks like my family is going to take a quick trip down south for some instrument shopping! We weren’t planning on this, but when Dad says, “Let’s go,” we go! We will be back for church on Sunday, and I’m very excited to share that we’ll be learning a new song on Sunday!

Once I was able to get rested while on vacation, I found I was inspired to write a new worship song that focused on all of the different things Pastor Clyde has been preaching about. In it, you’ll notice some familiar phrases...Paid in full. Do you believe? He’s alive! Redeemed. Change your heart... I wanted to find a way to put all of those things into one song that would remind us that God is for us. Normally I am a bit hesitant with a new song because I don’t know how everyone will respond. But I’m seriously excited to share this with you on Sunday because I think you’re going to love singing it AND find it worshipful. At least that’s my prayer!

I’ll see you Sunday with a new song!

Have a great week,

Liz
REQUESTS FOR MEMBERSHIP & BAPTISM...
If you would like to request membership or baptism, please e-mail the church office at connect@communityrc.org to set up a time to meet with the Elders (2nd or 4th Sundays of the month @ 10:10am.)
Next Baptism Service: TBD

NEED GROCERIES? OR GAS?
Gift cards for HyVee, Fareway & Sunshine can be purchased every Sunday morning at the coffee bar. 5% of that purchase will go toward our Vision Fund at church.

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