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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School
9:15 AM
10:45 AM

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Since we last visited via this column I have turned 71, and we have celebrated Thanksgiving. I mention them together because I am very thankful I'm on the other side of my 70th year.

When I entered into my 70's I was the picture of health...for a 70 year old. I wasn't on any medication, and didn't think I would need any. In fact, I had foolishly thrown away my Medicare Rx card. Then the dominoes started to tumble.

My PSA took a jump, and it was discovered that I had prostate cancer. As it was being addressed, it was discovered that I had Afib. Going from healthy to having cancer and a heart condition was disconcerting to say the least.

By the grace of God both conditions were apparently successfully treated. I don't have to see my oncologist or my cardiologist for a year. And the \$500 a month medication that was reduced to \$50 when I got a new Rx card is no longer needed. I'm back to self-prescribed baby aspirin and fish oil. As I said, I am very thankful.

It would appear that health issues and age may have given some the idea that retirement might be on the horizon for me. Several have asked me about the possibility, and I've been encouraged by their response to assurances that I haven't even had a glimpse of that distant horizon. And I had to laugh when someone left a book on my desk about how to avoid burnout in ministry. I took that as a sign they hoped I wouldn't burn out any time soon. Let me assure you that I have no plans to do so.

In fact, those who know me well have probably noticed that burnout has never been an issue for me. I've always tried to maintain a healthy balance between ministry, family, and personal time. I long ago gave up the "I'd rather burn out than rust out" mantra. I just want to keep going until I exchange a worn-out temporal body for an eternal one.

Jesse, our missionary in Thailand, and I share the same goal. After he sent me a note assuring me of his thoughts and prayers concerning my health, and I told him I was doing well, and assured him of my prayers on behalf of his many health issues, he responded with, "Praise God! We will preach Christ until our last breath."

That is indeed my hope and prayer.
God Bless, Rick



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Ladies' Christmas Ornament Exchange

All ladies are invited to attend a Christmas Ornament Exchange to be held at Mario's on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:00. The meal will be everyone's choice, as all will be ordering off the menu. Those coming are asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for the exchange.

A sign-up will be posted this Sunday.

STATISTICS

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| Worship | 11/18 | 110 |
| Offering | | \$3,729.45 |
| Worship | 11/25 | 116 |
| Offering | | \$5,486.68 |

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-12/2/18

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| Greeters | Beryl & Jamella Reese |
| Visitors' Stand | Chuck & Jan McLaughlin |
| Communion Meditation | Paul Hunley |
| Ushers | Jonathan Sperry |
| | Will Bartels |
| | Rick Polley |
| | Chris Luzio |
| | Brad Stirmell |
| | Scott Bales |
| | Duane Carell |
| WORSHIP NURSERY | |
| Toddlers | Vicki Small |
| | Jake Divjak |
| Infants | Janet Polley |
| | Jamella Reese |
| | Courtney Bales |
| | Sunday School |
| Toddlers | Rhonda Luzio |
| Infants | Dixie Williamson |
| | Kileen Huber |



--Jim Sexton in the hospital being treated for pneumonia..
 --Beryl and Lee still recovering at The Bridge.
 --Rhonda Luzio's uncle in hospice care.
 --Jim Higgins and family healing after the death of a nephew in a car accident.



The CCC mailbox for Christmas greetings will be in the hallway this Sunday.



DECEMBER SERVERS

12/9: Jonathan Sperry, Paul Hunley
 12/16 & 12/23: Doug Marlow, Paul Hunley
 12/30: Otto Huber, Paul Hunley

DECEMBER PROJECTIONIST

Chad Formea

DECEMBER GREETERS

12/9 Bonnie Ruebush
 12/16 Will & Sara Bartels
 12/23 Duane Carrell
 12/30 Rhonda Luzio

DECEMBER VISITORS' STAND

12/9 Rich & Karen Mann
 12/16 Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
 12/23 Chris & Rhonda Luzio
 12/30 Rick & Janet Polley

DECEMBER NURSERY

Worship - 12/16

Toddlers: Shannon Higgins
 Cooper Formea
 Infants: Nikki & Anna Hunley
 Stacey Cantrell
 Sunday School
 Infants: Karen Mann
 Vicki Small

Worship - 12/23

Toddlers: Marilyn Wenneborg
 Carter Hunley
 Infants: Dixie Williamson
 Kristin Polley
 Abbie Divjak
 Sunday School
 Infants: Julie Divjak
 Rebecca Smith

Worship - 12/30

Toddlers: Karen Mann
 Madison Bales
 Infants: Erica Blakley
 Rebecca Smith
 Kileen Huber
 Sunday School
 Infants: Bonnie Ruebush
 Kristin Polley

FINANCIAL PROJECTION FOR 2019

The financial projection and elders for 2019 will be presented this Sunday. The projection is slightly under last year's, at \$284,000, requiring \$5,462 per week.



The play is fast approaching! This week, for your double practice, you will be in the auditorium to start your series of final rehearsals. As always, bring your snack and a smile! The final dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 8th at 9:00am-noon followed by pizza for lunch.



Jr High and High School

As calendars will begin filling up with Christmas activities, please mark down Sunday, December 16th for our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange during FUSE. I'll detail the process and ideas as we get closer to the event, but in the meantime, you can be thinking of that perfect gift laying around the house that you can wrap and bring to the exchange.



Jr High and High School

Our annual overnigher and race around Springfield will be Friday, December 28th. Mark your calendars as you won't want to miss a fun filled night of activities!



Jr High and High School

The weather forecast doesn't look great, but we are going to try real hard to rake leaves this Saturday. A little rain won't stop us, but a lot of rain or extremely low temperatures will cause us to postpone again. I wouldn't want anyone getting sick for the holidays!

Please plan on being here at the church at 1:00pm with gloves and a rake in hand. You will need a little money for Steak and Shake afterwards and our target time to return is 6:00pm. It is a great activity to invite a friend as we fellowship around and play in huge piles of leaves!



Jr High and High School

It is time to finish our project we started last Spring before we ran out of material. It will be a great afternoon when we deliver blankets with a personalized note to the chemotherapy patients at Springfield Clinic. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall during FUSE this week to work on the project. Many hands make light work so I look forward to our time together this Sunday!



There are still a few shirts left in the Bible Bistro. If you ordered one, please see me on Sunday if possible. Thanks!