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I realize that the word "spiritual" means different things to different people. We've all heard or read of someone declaring they are not religious, but are spiritual. They generally mean they have given up on organized religion, and are simply spiritual, whatever that might mean. Now I've been forced to re-think the word "inspirational."

For years we've purchased inspirational wall calendars. They generally included a beautiful picture of nature and a Biblical quote. Last year's calendar included quotes such as, "And blessed be His glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with His glory", and "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth."

The calendars were beautiful, but the price and the minimum number we had to purchase kept going up. We stopped purchasing pocket calendars years ago because few people use them any more, and I did end up throwing away a number of wall calendars last year, but there still seems to be a place for a beautiful calendar on most walls. And it's good to have the name of the church and phone numbers readily available.

While trying to justify the cost, I received a welcomed offer in the mail. A company I had not used before had inspirational calendars available for a very good price, and we only had to order 50. I jumped at it.

When they arrived I was really excited, but my excitement died when I read the first quote. It was from Benjamin Franklin! The quote wasn't horrible, and was even inspirational. "Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight." It's not far from, "Do not be anxious for tomorrow, for tomorrow will take care of itself," and "You are the light of the world."

But then I read another. "If the path be beautiful, let us not ask where it leads." That is horrible! And it's a far cry from, "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and way is broad that leads to destruction."

Those calendars went into the dumpster, and the company graciously agreed to send us replacements, free of charge, that actually have Scripture on them. I just hope the pictures are good. God Bless, Rick



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YOUTH GROUPS BEGIN THIS SUNDAY AT 6:30 !

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

STATISTICS

Worship 131
Offering \$10,097.07

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-9/15/19

Greeters Will & Sara Bartels
Visitors' Stand Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
Communion Meditation Chris Luzio
Jack Stucki
Ushers Duane Carrell
Chad Formea
Paul Hunley
Bob Williamson
Kirk Polley
Gary Gredzieleski
WORSHIP NURSERY
Toddlers Nikki & Carter Hunley
Infants Dixie Williamson
Kileen Huber
Courtney Bales
Sunday School
Toddlers Rhonda Luzio
Infants Julie Divjak
Vicki Small

The Hidden Word

NAHUM 1:3a

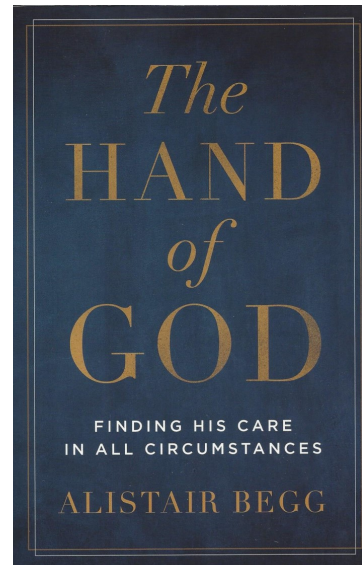
"The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and the Lord will by no means leave the guilty unpunished."

Prayers
Please

--Brian Sabourin having extensive back surgery.

--Kirk Polley's co-worker whose father died in kayaking accident.

--Family of Elaine Mirek at her passing.



ADULT STUDY BEGINS SUNDAY AT 6:30

Does God really care about me and the details of my everyday life?

"A thousand times yes!" says pastor and author Alistair Begg. God's guiding and protecting hand shapes your every affair, from your deepest trials to your loftiest triumphs. It's an amazing and comforting fact: God rules and overrules in all of life's circumstances.

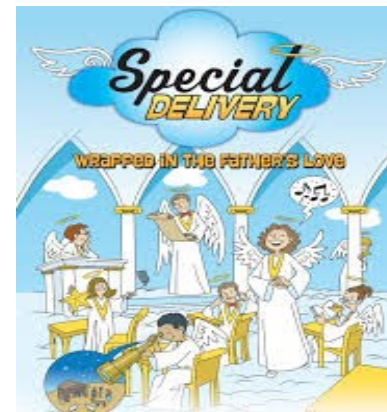
Few stories declare this theme more powerfully than the Bible's account of Joseph, the son of Jacob. As Begg walks us through the dramatic events of Joseph's life, he invites us to rejoice in God's sovereignty and providential care.

So take comfort, weary traveler, and read on. Soon you'll pack up the baggage of your past, the fears of your present, and the prospects of your future and entrust them into the hands of the God who works all things for the good of those who love Him.



For those planning on going to Gateway Christian Church in St. Louis on Saturday, September 21st for the Feed My Starving Children work day, we will be leaving CCC at 10:00am. I will be driving the church van for all who would like to ride together. If you are driving separately, please let me know.

When we are finished at 2:30pm, I would like to do something in St. Louis before returning to Chatham. I'm open to suggestions and we can brainstorm ideas on the way down. Other than that, money for food throughout the day and energy to serve is all you'll need!



We begin our Kids' Christmas musical practice this Sunday at 5:15. All students K-8th are welcome to participate. Please bring a snack for the 15 minute break before youth groups begin at 6:30. We'll see you there!

YOUTH GROUPS

What a great kick-off we had last Sunday! God was gracious and pushed the rain just a little north of us. Throughout the afternoon, we went through around 85 sticks of cotton candy not to mention countless cups of flavored ice and bags of popcorn. Kids were running all over the place playing games, jumping on inflatables and visiting our prize table. Thank you to all the students who set up, worked the games all afternoon and helped pick up as well. Also, thank you to the adults who participated to make this a great kick off for our kids and a service to the foster care community around Chatham.

I hope your family is planning on making Sunday evening a priority this Fall. There are foundational, God centered lessons taught every Sunday evening to assist in your efforts at home. In previous newsletters, I have summarized most of the fall curriculum. Here is a quick review for your convenience:

- Pre K & K: Stacey Cantrell will be leading the kids in crafts, games and puppet shows around a Biblical topic for the day.
- Grades 1-5: Otto and Rhonda will be presenting lessons on God, Jesus, the Bible, prayer and the church around an oceanic theme.
- Jr. High: For the majority of the evening, the girls and the guys are going to separate to focus on topics related both to age and gender. Mark and Tina will be leading the discussions.
- High School: Casey and Erica are presenting "sticky" situations that require application of our faith to respond appropriately.

Please be in prayer for our sponsors and children as we reconvene our groups!