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"There is none so blind as he who will not see." As I admitted in my Easter Sunday sermon, I assumed that quote was in the Bible, but it's not. That's not, however, to deny the truth of it.

On Sunday mornings we've been looking at the blindness of the disciples and those who witnessed the miracles of Jesus. They just did not want to believe what He was telling them, and showing them. They didn't want to take their eyes off their own perceived needs, and give up their thoughts about the way things ought to be. And they are not the only ones who are blind to the signs God left behind, and continues to manifest.

On Sunday nights we've been looking at the evidence in creation that points to a Creator, and the evidence within us that makes it obvious we have a spiritual nature. The Apostle Paul even went so far as to state that the invisible attributes of God, His eternal power, and His divine nature can be clearly seen in creation, and that which is known about God is evident within us. As a result he said we are without excuse for not honoring Him as God, and giving thanks.

When we left the church last Sunday night I commented to Marilyn about the beautiful sunset. She said it was even more beautiful before I came out, and that I had missed a double rainbow. That's something I hate to miss, because when God set the bow in the heavens He did so remind us, and even Himself, of His promises. Indeed, even in a dark and sin-stained world, beauty and hope break through if we have eyes to see it.

As we move from April showers to May flowers, may we do what Jesus said we ought to do. "Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like one of these. But if God so arrays the grass of the field...will He not much more do so for you, O men of little faith?" Open our eyes Lord!

God Bless, Rick



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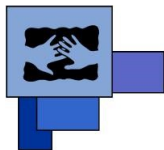
Mother's Day, May 8th
All ladies will be given a corsage

STATISTICS		
	4/10	
Worship		96
Offering		\$15,370.68
	4/17	
Worship		125
Offering		\$3,279.96
	4/24	
Worship		94
Offering		\$4,931.00



The mission of Beerlahai Roi Women's Ministries is to offer care and compassion to homeless pregnant women in a safe and loving environment. Since opening 24 years ago they have sheltered 314 women who have chosen life for their babies.

We support the ministry on a monthly basis, but they welcome donations of adult towel sets, changing table pads, boy/girl infant clothing, diapers/wipes (size 4 & 5) and new pillows. Items can be brought to the church any Sunday, and we will see that they get to the home.



Oblong Children's Christian Home

Arvin Moden, the Director of Oblong Children's Christian Home, will be with us on Mother's Day. He will speak briefly during the worship service, and then give a detailed report on the ministry of the home during the Sunday School hour to adults.

We have supported the home for many years, and encourage everyone to check the missions bulletin board regularly for updates on the ministries we support.



MEXICAN FIESTA

All seniors and senoras are invited to a fiesta to be held on the 5th of May in the fellowship hall at 5:30. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board this Sunday, and those planning to come are encouraged to bring selected items for a taco bar or other Mexican dishes.

A MESSAGE FROM MEXICO

We recently received a very encouraging video message from Victor Banda, the minister we supported for many years in Mexico as he sought to establish a self-supporting congregation. The video details what has been accomplished by the church and those they have sent out, and thanks us for the support we provided.

The video will be shown during our worship service this Sunday.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

The designated gifts that were given to help Ukrainian refugees was recently acknowledged by the International Disaster Emergency Service. IDES is housing refugees in Christian camps in the region, and have provided for over a million meals.

Anyone who desires to help meet this need is invited to make out a check to the church and designate it for refugee relief.

Lawn Renovation

As soon as the weather allows some major lawn work will begin, and loads of dirt will be hauled in to fill low spots. How much help will be needed for lawn care this year is unknown, but anyone who is willing to help should let Casey know.



YOUTH GROUP FINALE

Over the years, we have done a variety of activities to mark the summer break for our Sunday evening groups. This year, we wanted to go off-site and since we have never had a church function at Skyzone, that seemed like a logical place to investigate. Especially since kids of all ages love jumping around on all the trampolines!

Everything worked out and the finale will be on Sunday, May 22nd from 4:00-6:00. Our package includes two hours of jumping for all the kids, pizza for dinner and private rooms for our group. As we get closer to the finale, I might ask some of you to bake some cookies or bring a bag of chips to munch on throughout the evening. While we had to order their pizza, we are allowed to bring in outside snacks. It's been a great year and I'm looking forward to a fun finale!



If you haven't done so already, don't forget to register your child for summer camp soon through the LSCA website. God has been faithful in providing for LSCA since their inception in 1939. It is a blessing to have such a great church camp so close to our church. If you register your child by May 1st, you will get \$10.00 off the registration fees! Also, be sure to put in our CCC code to receive 50% off your camping fees for one session of camp for each of your children this year.



VBS will be here soon. That means school will be out and the summer time activities will begin. I love this time of year!

As a reminder, our VBS will run for four nights starting on Monday, June 6th. The primary registration will be done through the link on our webpage. Please be sure to guide your friends and others you invite to our website if possible. Currently we have 11 children registered, so we are off to a good start! If anyone needs a paper copy of the registration form for whatever reason, I'll make sure there are a few on the table in the auditorium every Sunday morning.

The music we will be listening to and singing during VBS has arrived. Once registered, be sure to stop by my office and pick up your copy. The kids love listening to the music beforehand. Also, if you would like to help out during the evenings, there are a few open slots. Just let me know!



High School Students

If possible, please let me know by the end of this week if you will be attending the CIY/MOVE Conference in Warrensburg, MO on July 18-23. As we get closer to the conference I can collect the money, however I would like to lock in our spots now to take advantage of the early bird special. If everything is a go, shoot me a text and I'll be sure to get you registered.