# HIGHLIGHTS



#### "Where do we go from here?"

That has been the question I get more than any other these days! My answer: "We are moving forward into uncharted waters, but we have great people who will help us navigate!" And I really believe that! We truly are in uncharted waters, but we are continuing to do ministry in ways that are in many respects "throw back." In other words, we are reclaiming some methods used in generations past that focus more on outside activities for groups, and at the same time utilizing all technology advantages at our disposal. Since it appears as if we may be in sort of a holding pattern as it relates to this virus, we are making plans to do ministry "outside-in" for the remainder of the summer and into the fall. That will include some new/retro activities that I think you will really enjoy!

In the midst of all of this, please remember that Jesus' call for us to "Follow Him" has

Weeds in the Field!

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Ramon Smith

not changed...nor His promise that He will make us fishers of people! Love God ... Love People! That is still the call of our lives, and a pandemic doesn't change that!

This month we will be having our regularly scheduled quarterly church conference. It will be on Wednesday, July 22nd in Smith Hall, and we will have all of the measures in place so we can meet safely. You will receive a separate letter that will bring you up to date on the items we will discuss and vote on, and others that we will postpone until the fall conference in October. We need 50 people to attend in order to have a quorum; so if you are able, and comfortable doing so, please make plans to

Stay safe, and let us know how we can help!

The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like...

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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Blessings & Peace, Ramon

## Our Mission...

"A people gathered in Christ; nurtured in His Spirit; and sent in His name."



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD



July 5, 2020 11:00 a.m.	July 12, 2020 11:00 a.m.
True Freedom	Then Now No
Romans 7:15-25a	Romans 8:1-11
Ramon Smith	Ramon Smith
July 19, 2020	July 26, 2020
11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.

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## Family Ministry Update

#### GRADUATE SUNDAY IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 26!

Summer is here and the time for graduation has passed. All the work, late night study sessions, exams, and papers are finished. Commencements have happened online and in socially distant forums. However, there is one final celebration to come! We are excited to announce that our congregation will be honoring this year's graduating class **on Sunday, July 26**.

We would like to recognize all the high school and post-high school graduates. Especially this year, we want to take time to celebrate the achievements of this year's class. If you have someone graduating this year, please contact Jeff with full name, school, and degree conferred. This information should be to the church office or to Jeff no later than July 6.

We look forward to celebrating this incredible accomplishment with our graduates and their families on **Sunday**, **July 26**. Please be in prayer for all involved.

#### CREATION KIDS CAMPOUT IS IN FULL FORCE

One of our favorite things to do in the summer is go camping. Well, some of us really love it! Others of us are scared of snakes!

So we are having a snake-free, fun-filled campout with all our friends from church! Every Tuesday at 7 PM, you are invited to join us at <u>go.atthepark.ws/campout</u>. We have games, prizes, music, and important Bible stories every week. We hope to see you! Let's go camping!



#### SUMMER YOUTH SCHEDULE

Here is a quick overview of the times our teenagers are getting together in safe and meaningful ways. We hope your student will be able to join in as you feel able:

Youth Sunday School – Sunday mornings, 10:30 – 11:15 AM; we meet outside at church and broadcast it <u>through Zoom</u> as well. Join us as we keep discussing the actions of Jesus.

YouthAtThePark – Sunday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 PM; every Sunday night we are doing things together outside; we have fun with activities like kickball, frisbee golf, and hiking. There is even more to come this summer!

Youth Late Night – Thursday evenings, 6:30 - 8:30 PM; every Thursday night we are meeting outside and talking through the gospel of Mark. These are important discussions as we walk through the life of Jesus and see how He can change us.

#### **Church Events**

<u>Sunday</u>

9:00 a.m. ReCreation Worship

10:30-11:15 Youth Sunday School—outside & Zoom

11:00 Morning Worship 6:30-8:30 p.m. Youth @ The Park

Tuesday

7:00-7:30 p.m. Creation Kids Campout (online)

Wednesday

6:15 p.m. Tailgating

7:00 Prayer & Praise Service

Thursday

6:30-8:30 p.m. Youth Late Night 8:00 APB Rehearsal

Saturday 7:00 a.m. A Men's Bible Study FAMILY Game Night July 24th 6:30pm C.P.A.S.G.B.



Bring yourself and your teammates... (your family). Prizes will be awarded!

#### A Note From Mary



Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is holy. Be still oh restless soul of mine. Bow before the Prince of Peace. Let the noise and clamor cease. Be still.

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is faithful. Consider all that He has done. Stand in awe and be amazed. And know that He will never change. Be still.

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is God. Be still. Be speechless.

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know He is our Father. Come rest your head upon His breast, Listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love heating for His little ones. Calling each of us to come. Be still.

Steven Curtis Chapman

If quarantine has proven one thing, it is that we are a people who are not able to be still. Busyness is so woven into the fabric of who we are as a people, that sitting still is not an option. And that is a problem, a spiritual problem. But I worry that perhaps an even bigger problem is that we are unable to sit and be speechless. Rather than sit and be still before God in the wonder and awe of who He is, we have an incessant need to be heard. And to be right. And so we post, and we argue, and we declare our thoughts and opinions (backed up by other people's opinions or the latest poll/study that validates our own). And in all of it, we feel smug in our own rightness. And we forget that, as we argue and post, on the other end is our brother or sister in Christ. Or someone who knows we claim to belong to Christ but who doesn't hear words spoken in love. And it has to stop. Y'all, if our need to be right outweighs our mandate to love, we are missing the point. And we're missing it quite publicly. When Paul wrote to the Corinthians, he was addressing a diverse church divided by its differences. As he closed his letter to them, one of his last commands was "Let everything you do be done in love." (I Corinthians 16:14) Y'all, if our actions or our words are not loving (to all), we need to sit back, be still, and get to know God some more.

#### **PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**

July 5	<u>July 12</u>
Noah Goodman	Hutch Hutchison
<u>July 19</u>	<u>July 26</u>
Charlie Jones	Ishmael Stowe

#### **DEACON OF THE WEEK**

July 5-11	<u>July 12-18</u>
Chris May	Cathy Chinlund

<u>July 19-25</u>	<u>July 26-August 1</u>
Carolyn Ely	Alice Wilson

Financial Corner:			
Budget - May 2020	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	
Budget	\$77,658.11	\$388,290.55	
Receipts	92,468.97	469,021.43	
Expenditures	72,342.36	351,017.48	
Building Fund - May Beginning Balance Receipts Expenditures	\$72,548.82 8,641.00 9,074.17	\$77,984.27 39,502.23 45,370.85	
Ending Balance	72,115.65	72,115.65	
Loan Balance		\$959,432.18	

Church Conference Wednesday, July 22 - 7:00 p.m.