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GREAT BANQUET  
SPRING & SUMMER  
2019 DATES

*Women's #2- #115 Spring Great Banquet*  
May 2-5, 2019  
Michelle Adkins Lay Director

*Girl's Awakening #31*  
May 31-Jun 2, 2019  
Vanessa Kelson Lay Director

*Boy's Awakening #32*  
Jun 7-9, 2019  
Doug Wolber Lay Director



**Sunday Morning Worship**

9:15 am

10:45 am

**Sunday School**

Classes for Children and Adults

at 9:15a & 10:45a

Fellowship 10:15-10:45am

Children's Church 11:00am

April 25, 2019



MEETINGS:

APR 28

Team Meetings

Women's #115

Awakening Girls #31 &

Boy's #32

6p

APR 30

Women's Bible Study

10-11:30a

MAY 1

Dinner

5p

Bible Study

6p

MAY 2

Women's GB #115

7p

MAY 3

Women's GB #115

MAY 4

Women's GB #115

MAY 5

Women's GB #115

Closing

5p

MAY 6

Stephen Ministry

Supervision

6p

MAY 7

Christian Education

Spiritual Life

7p

# The Chimes

## THE PRACTICE OF DISCIPLESHIP

The idea of Christian discipleship is popular among followers of Jesus, but the practice of discipleship is not so popular. Relatively few people actually practice discipleship. Christian discipleship is best seen as both a discipline and an attitude about life. Discipleship is basically a philosophy of will power and reliance on the Holy Spirit.

A long-term follower of Jesus who was also a pastor was visited by a seminary professor who wished to know all about this pastor's understanding of discipleship.

(Let's call this pastor Jack for reference's sake) Jack served the professor some coffee. He poured the cup full, and then continued to pour. The seminary professor watched the overflow until he could no longer restrain himself. "Stop it! No more will go in!"

"Like this cup," said Pastor Jack, "you are full of your own ideas and speculations. How can I show you 'discipleship' unless you first empty your cup?"

Do you realize that a baby's mind is empty. That's what we all need at times. A baby has no preconceived ideas. It sees things as they are. A baby is free from habits of experience and therefore open to all possibilities. A baby makes no judgments, no distinctions. A baby lives in the absolute present.

That is why one principle in the practice of discipleship is to **SEE FIRST - THINK LATER.** Live in the present. To really understand a situation clearly and to see it for what it is, and not what you think it is, you have to live in the present. Reality must be experienced as it is. Reality cannot be grasped from only one viewpoint.

For instance, when the light goes on, one says, "The light is on." But, are you aware of the absence of darkness? See first - think later. If you truly want to see (perceive, understand, experience), see first. When you begin to think, you miss the point. (There are actually two points in this thought. You may want to read this again to understand.)

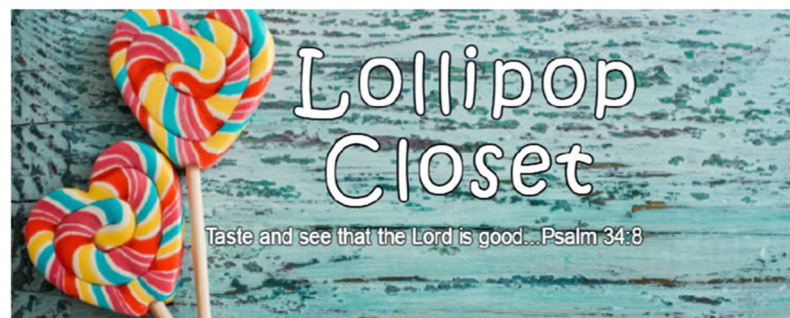
Discipleship is a practice for life. First comes the technique, practiced so many times that it is forgotten. Then you begin to live it. It is when you do not think about it anymore that you do it so well. It is reaching that state, that the practice of discipleship is all about.

Watch a professional dancer, tennis pro, golfer, pro football player. They have practiced the discipline so much that it is internalized. They just live it. Christian discipleship is like that.

As pastor, I can cheer you on, but all the encouragement, teaching, and exhortation will not help you live the life. You have to do it.

So, is your cup full to overflowing yet with your own ideas? See you in church . . . . .

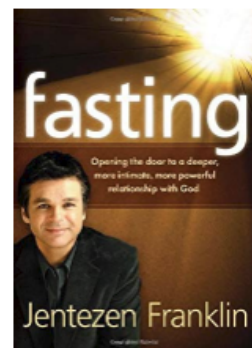
See first – think later. Jack



Lollipop Closet collects the items listed below. The Backpacks are packed with shirts, pants, socks, underwear, pajamas, lollipop and a Biblical item. They are distributed to the Decatur DCFS office to be given to the kids.

Items needed are: Backpacks, Shirts, Pants, Socks, Underwear, and Pajamas must be new and in packages. Sizes need to be in Girls and Boys 2T to Small Adult.

Items can be dropped off at Lampstand Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact Jacque Danneberger at 217.358.2423 or jssievers@yahoo.com



## Tuesday Women's Bible Study

New study starting Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

“Fasting” by Jentezen Franklin

Join us in the Conference Room  
10a – 11:30a



## YOUTH MISSION TRIP

DATE: July 22-26, 2019  
PLACE: Lake of the Ozarks, MO  
WHO: Incoming 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders

Parent Meeting  
Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>  
7p, Atrium Room 2

| ATTENDANCE |      |      |      |
|------------|------|------|------|
|            | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| January    | 250  | 226  | 204  |
| February   | 250  | 228  | 228  |
| March      | 255  | 254  | 225  |
| April      | 302  | 302  |      |
| May        | 229  | 241  |      |
| June       | 256  | 242  |      |
| July       | 210  | 227  |      |
| August     | 262  | 286  |      |
| September  | 240  | 233  |      |
| October    | 243  | 226  |      |
| November   | 276  | 252  |      |
| December   | 278  | 251  |      |

Loan Balance as of end of  
MAR 2019  
\$676,121.66

Capital Fund Contribution  
Through MAR 2019  
\$19,993.42  
Expenses through MAR, 2019  
\$21,967.86  
\$6,779.78 Interest  
\$15,188.08 Principal

Capital Fund Checking  
Account End of MAR 2019  
\$1,175.99

Giving thru MAR, 2019  
\$117,184.36  
Expenses through FEB, 2019  
\$124,558.95

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Joyce Mullen        | 01 |
| Lailah Binkley      | 04 |
| Sara Kileen         | 04 |
| Angelina Wright     | 04 |
| Brittany Kacsir     | 07 |
| Rachel Byers        | 08 |
| LaVon Mason         | 08 |
| Andre Newsome       | 08 |
| Joe Cardascio       | 09 |
| Cathy Cavanaugh     | 09 |
| Brad Piersall       | 09 |
| Taylor Yuhas        | 09 |
| Leanne Atteberry    | 10 |
| Jeff Dennison       | 11 |
| Andrew Garrett      | 11 |
| Suzanne Johnson     | 12 |
| John Curry          | 13 |
| Cody Carlson        | 14 |
| Kathy Housh         | 15 |
| Nora Howard         | 15 |
| Betty Thorpe        | 17 |
| John Wolpert        | 17 |
| Elizabeth Morthland | 18 |
| Rob Perkins         | 18 |
| Vickie Reynolds     | 18 |
| Nick Dyer           | 19 |
| Brandon Walker      | 19 |
| John Wright, Sr.    | 19 |
| Brendan Lockwood    | 20 |
| Barb Grimestad      | 22 |
| Tammy Laughery      | 22 |
| Abby Byers          | 23 |
| Brenden Kuzel       | 23 |
| Karlee McAtee       | 24 |
| Isabella Wright     | 24 |
| Tucker Renfro       | 25 |
| Mackenzie Adkins    | 26 |
| Chuck Burkhart      | 26 |
| JR Ohmen            | 26 |
| Michael Smothers    | 28 |
| John Wright, Jr.    | 28 |

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Sandy Lettrich    | 29 |
| Emma Garrett      | 31 |
| Melissa Scroggins | 31 |

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Jim & Marjean Yagen     | 01 |
| Larry & Gale Stenger    | 02 |
| Chuck & Sue Lines       | 06 |
| Bob & Dawn Yuhas        | 06 |
| Larry & Judy Austin     | 11 |
| Mark & Rhonda Daniel    | 17 |
| JR & Julie Ohmen        | 20 |
| Mark & Tammy Laughery   | 22 |
| Travis & Courtney Brown | 23 |
| Cody & Aly Woodrum      | 26 |



**Men's Breakfast**  
Men of all ages, come and eat, fellowship and pray on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the Atrium. All are welcome!