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TO KNOW JESUS AS SAVIOR AND
LORD AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN.

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GREAT BANQUET
FALL
2019 DATES

TCC #15
September 6-8, 2019
Steve Woods, Lay Director

DCC #17
October 10-13, 2019
Lori Rosborough, Lay Director

Men's Great Banquet #116
October 24-27, 2019
Jeff Byers, Lay Director

Women's Great Banquet #117
November 7-10, 2019
Nancy Hart, 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

July 12, 2019



MEETINGS!

JULY 16

Intercessory Prayer
6p

JULY 19-20

Family Camp Out
5p Fri-12p Sat

JULY 22

Stephen Ministry
Supervision
6p

JULY 23

Intercessory Prayer
6p

JULY 25

Under His Wings
6-8p

JULY 28

TCC Team Meeting
6p

AUG 4

TCC Team Meeting
6p

AUG 6

Christian Education
Spiritual Life
7p

AUG 7

Exercise Class
10:30a

The Chimes

LIVE LONG AND PROSPER

In certain cultures people greet each other with a little bow and their hands pressed together in a prayer position. This is meant to convey that one acknowledges the divinity in the other person. In our culture we greet each other by shaking hands, a gesture meant to convey the cheery thought, "SEE! I'M NOT HOLDING A WEAPON!" The first way seems to be a little bit more "eternal thinking" in meeting someone. Personally, I like to walk down the street and remind myself that each and every person I see is of divine origin and on a journey that is unique, profound, tragic, joyous, and to them, immensely important.

Personally, though, I am partial to "Mr. Spock's form of greeting. "Live long and prosper."

In the TV series Star Trek the greeting of Mr. Spock was an adlib by Leonard Nimoy, who was a devout Jew. "Live Long and Prosper" is a Jewish benediction given by the Rabbi at the end of worship. The hand gesture is the Hebrew letter Shin, which begins the word "Shaddai", one of God's sacred names. "El Shaddai" means "God Almighty".

"Live Long and Prosper" is actually the 5th commandment which is a commandment with a promise. Deut. 5:16 "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you; that your days may be prolonged (live long), and that it may go well with you (prosper), in the land which the Lord your God gives you."

The hand gesture is a hand with a wide spread between the middle and ring fingers. This is the ancient hand sign of the ko-ha-nim (priests) in the temple. It is symbolic of divine imminence, and was used by the priests when they pronounced the Priestly Blessing on the congregation. It is still part of the Jewish service today.

This Jewish ritual was popularized by the Star Trek show back in 1967 by Leonard Nimoy who portrayed the original Vulcan, Mr. Spock who got his first acting jobs in Yiddish Theater, and was a Baal Koreh (Torah reader) at his synagogue."

So, when I am thinking about it, and not just a mindless, senseless human being, and I encounter others in life, I acknowledge that spark of divinity in the people I meet. When I do, I feel better. Life is less threatening. I am more inclined to be open and loving. I also, acknowledge the divinity in me as one of Jesus' disciples.

Try it – you might just sense the spirit of Jesus in yourself. Also, if you are a gun-toting hombre in the jungle of life -- YOU MIGHT BE MORE INCLINED TO LEAVE THE SAFETY ON! Just saying.

You probably won't see me in church

Since I am on vacation. Jack

CLASH OF GENERATIONS Video Gaming Tournament

August 10, 2019
4p – 12a

Age requirement:
Incoming High School and older

FREE ADMISSION

Nintendo Switch giveaway and 38 other prizes will be available

Food and gaming systems included

150 person participant limit!

Call 217-620-5066 and leave a voice mail if you are interested in signing up

Questions can be answered by Brenden Kuzel

Save The Date



**Lampstand Church Camp Out!!!
Right Here At Church!**

Bring your camper or tent or reserve a "CABIN" and camp out with family!

Friday July 19th @ 5PM -
Saturday July 20th @ Noon

More Info Coming Soon!

As I see teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.

ATTENDANCE			
	2017	2018	2019
January	250	226	204
February	250	228	228
March	255	254	225
April	302	302	279
May	229	241	227
June	256	242	231
July	210	227	
August	262	286	
September	240	233	
October	243	226	
November	276	252	
December	278	251	

Loan Balance as of end of
June 2019
\$663,748.99

Capital Fund Contribution
Through June 2019
\$54,527.77

Expenses through June, 2019
\$39,290.48
\$11,729.73 Interest
\$27,560.75 Principal

Capital Fund Checking
Account End of June 2019
\$18,587.72

Giving thru June, 2019
\$282,125.37
Expenses through June, 2019
\$261,287.13

AUG BIRTHDAYS

Mary Lou Holmer	01
Lisa Vieweg	01
Phoenix Walters	01
Rhonda Daniel	03
Andrew Holmgren	03
Lisa Smothers	04
Griffin Wolber	04
Mark Rueff	05
Judi Curry	06
Whitney Adkins	08
Marley Doering	08
Zoe Doering	08
Joshua Dyer	09
Abby Jones	09
Grace Robinson	09
Andrew Young	10
Italianna Wright	11
Nicole Wright	12
Jody Welsh	13
Kevin Jones	15
Haley Rodgers	15
Nathan Welke	15
Susan Haney	16
Lori Rosborough	16
Marti Margenthaler	17
Rick Doering	18
Haley Jones	18
Brett Scroggins	20
Pat Corrigan	22
Lily Morthland	24
Dodie Turner	24
Sebastian Cholewa	26
Deone Comage	26
Sue Lines	26
Vada Arganbright	27
Abbie Messmore	27
Dennis Miller	27
Laura LaFrence	28
Casey Cook	31
Bill Kavanaugh	31

NURSERY DONATIONS

The Nursery is adding



and are in need of musical instruments 2 – 4 year olds can use. If you have such instruments and would like to donate them, please drop them off in the Nursery! Thank You!

AUG ANNIVERSARIES

Eric & Julie Schultz	01
John & Shelly Morthland, Jr	05
Ron & Marti Margenthaler	07
Perry & Jeanine Snearly	10
Chuck & Pam Burkhart	12
Brad & Heather Piersall	13
Dan & Gail Rennert	13
Jim & Deana Smiley	16
Joe & Rhonda Hodge	26
Gaye & Dodie Turner	26
Matt & Heather Dyer	31

NEW ADDRESS

Char Smith, c/o Imboden
Creek Gardens
185 W Imboden Drive
Apt #107
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A Bible that is falling apart often belongs to someone who isn't.