



News from Creighton First Baptist Church



As we enter August, I have to take a moment to look back at July. A few things stand out. First, COVID is not gone. We have had at least six people in our church who have battled it, and some still are. Second, we were getting dry and the Lord blessed us with rain and cooler weather every day for Vacation Bible School. Finally, Vacation Bible School, perhaps our favorite outreach of the year. We did not have our biggest Bible School, but we had a lot of fun. We had a young lady who grew up coming to our VBS, bring her kids and Janet and I were able to bring two granddaughters, that was a tremendous blessing. Parents night was outstanding, we did not have a lot of kids, but a big group came to see the program, it was a lot of fun and a blessing to have so many at the church. Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School, your work was not in vain, we may not know the results until we stand before the Lord, but I know He will use this VBS for His glory.

As Paul said in Philippians 3:13-14 "forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead..." I do not want to dwell on the past but look ahead. August is our relax and take a deep breath month, but then hang on as we get busy and get outside the church doors to reach people for Jesus. That said, pray for the Lords' guidance as we reach out.

Wednesday night July 28, on our Fireside chat, I talked about living in a post Christian culture. It is surprising how many do not know what we would consider basics of Christianity, such as why we celebrate Christmas and Easter. We now have two or three generations who have no church experience or interest in spiritual things. I think we make the mistake of thinking that people are looking to go to church when they are not. What are we to do? I do not have all the answers, but I do know we need to control what we can control, our walk with the Lord. I pray we live our lives in a way that points people to Jesus. You may be the only Bible some ever read. Walk worthy!

Have a blessed month!

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August memory verse: Proverbs 2:5

Coming Soon!

**Men's Breakfast
 and Bible Study**
August 13 at 8:30 a.m.

**1st Day
 of School**

August 22

**BLOCK
 PARTY**

September 11

Sermons We See

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.
The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear,
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear;
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their
creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it if you'll let me see it done;
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast
may run.
And the lecture you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lessons by observing what you do;
For I might misunderstand you and the high advise you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you
live.

When I see a deed of kindness, I am eager to be kind.
When a weaker brother stumbles and a strong man stays
behind
Just to see if he can help him, then the wish grows strong in
me
To become as big and thoughtful as I know that friend to be.
And all travelers can witness that the best of guides today
is not the one who tells them, but the one who shows the
way.

One good man teaches many, men believe what they behold;
One deed of kindness noticed is worth forty that are told.
Who stands with men of honor learns to hold his honor dear,
For right living speaks a language which to every one is clear.
Though an able speaker charms me with his eloquence, I say,
I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one, any day.

Edgar A. Guest, 1881-1959

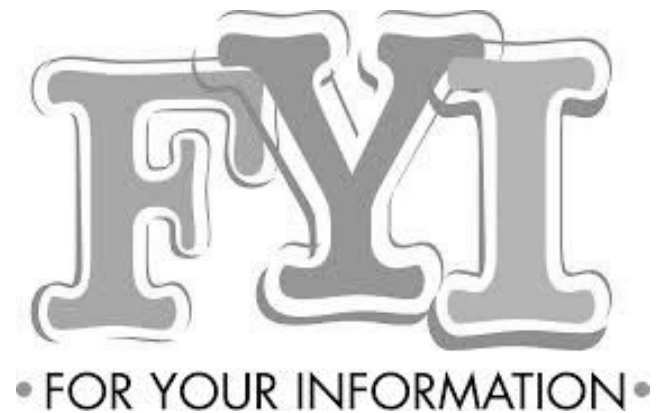


Community of Care

The Creighton Community of Care will be the hands and feet of Christ and respond to needs in the Creighton area, guided by Matthew 25:35-40.

Our next scheduled meeting will be September 19th at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, or possibly online. If you know of any needs that we need to be looking at, or wish to volunteer, please contact any of the churches in Creighton.

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:45 a.m.
Bible Study	12:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening fireside chat on Facebook®	7:00 p.m.

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Adult Bible Studies for Life **How to Love Your Neighbor**

August 7: Pray for Your Neighbor (1 Timothy 2:1-8)
August 14: Honor Your Neighbor (Romans 12:9-21)
August 21: Forgive Your Neighbor (Matthew 18:21-35)
August 28: Share Christ with Your Neighbor (John 1:40-49)

Youth Bible Studies for Life **How to Love Your Neighbor**

August 7: Pray for Your Neighbor (1 Timothy 2:1-8)
August 14: Honor Your Neighbor (Romans 12:9-21)
August 21: Forgive Your Neighbor (Matthew 18:21-35)
August 28: Share Christ with Your Neighbor (John 1:40-49)

Children Bible Studies for Life **Love Your Family**

August 7: Ruth, Boaz, and Obed (Ruth 1-4)
August 14: Moses Spoke to Families (Deuteronomy 4-6)
August 21: Abram and Lot (Genesis 13)
August 28: A Couple Helped Elisha (2 Kings 4:8-17)

Preschool Bible Studies for Life **Love Your Family**

August 7: Ruth, Boaz, and Obed (Ruth 1-4)
August 14: Moses Spoke to Families (Deuteronomy 4-6)
August 21: Abram and Lot (Genesis 13)
August 28: A Couple Helped Elisha (2 Kings 4:8-17)

A NOTE FROM THE VBS DIRECTOR:

A great big thank you to all who came and participated in the Spark Studios Vacation Bible School. I believe it was a great success even though our numbers were a little down this year. Talking of numbers, we had an average in attendance for Youth and Adult 25, with 32 enrolled. Our children's Bible School average was 11 children and 18 workers with an average of 29 each day. Both Bible schools gave us an average of 54 in attendance.

We had seeds planted, and the ones who came this year had a great time learning and growing in their walk with the Lord. It was great to see visitors and see parents who have attended in the past bring their children. We just praise the Lord for how He has worked through Bible School and how he continues to work through Bible School.

Our Mission offering this year is going to help Dustin Preston and his team from Southwest Baptist University. They are going on a Mission trip to the Republic of Georgia. Dustin came and shared with us the work he would be doing in the Republic of Georgia. He was a blessing to have, and we look forward to hearing how the Lord works with him and his team as they share the Love of Jesus to the people in the Republic of Georgia.

Our Motto: Created! Designed! Empowered! and our Theme Verse: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do." Ephesians 2:10.

An overview of our 2 weeks we learned how David praised God the Creator. Our song praised God the Creator and was named "How Marvelous You Are." We then learned how God is our Designer and God prepared David to be King. We are all uniquely designed for His purpose. Our song "Designed by God." Each day's song goes well with our lessons and helps us hide God's word in our hearts. That is the beauty of our lessons, they all work together. Wednesday, we learned how people welcomed Jesus, the King riding in on a Donkey. Our song for the day was, "We are a living Masterpiece." We then learned how Jesus is our redeemer, he died and rose again. Our song for the day was "What Only God can Do." Our last days lesson was the Holy Spirit, our helper gives us the power to follow God's plan for our lives. Our song for the day was "Go" and share the good news with others."

We will be setting our Bible School dates for next year soon. So, keep watching and preparing for next year's Bible School. Till next year!

Your Spark Studios Director,

Janet West



BETTER-THAN-MOTHER-IN-LAW'S CREAMY MAC AND CHEESE

2 tablespoons ($\frac{1}{4}$ stick) butter, divided
1 teaspoon salt
1 box (16 ounces) elbow macaroni
3 cups milk
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup cubed Velveeta
1 can (10.5 ounces) Campbell's cheese soup
1 cup shredded Colby cheese
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese, divided

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 13x9-inch casserole or baking dish with 1 tablespoon butter. In a stockpot, bring 8 cups water to a boil. Add salt and macaroni. Cook macaroni al dente, according to package directions, drain, and return to pot. In a saucepan over medium heat, combine milk, remaining butter, Velveeta, and cheese soup. Cook for 10 to 15 minutes, or until cheese is melted, stirring often. Pour cheese sauce over macaroni. Add Colby and 1 cup cheddar. Stir to combine. Transfer to prepared casserole. Top with remaining cheese. Bake for 20 minutes. *Makes 8 servings.*

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WHITE CHICKEN CHILI

2 pounds skinless chicken (1 pound bone-in thighs, 1 pound boneless breast)
2 large or 4 small chicken bouillon cubes
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup ($\frac{1}{2}$ stick) butter
1 bunch celery, with leaves, finely diced
1 onion, finely diced
2 packages (1.25 ounces each) McCormick White Chicken Chili seasoning
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained and rinsed
1 can (15 ounces) navy beans, with liquid
1 can (15 ounces) great northern beans, with liquid
1 can (15 ounces) cannellini (white kidney) beans, with liquid
1 can (15 ounces) whole kernel corn, with liquid
1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
salt, to taste
sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese, chopped scallions, and/or cooked white rice, for garnish (optional)
tortilla chips (optional)

Place chicken in a 6-quart Dutch oven, add water to cover, and bouillon cubes. Simmer gently with lid askew for 1 hour, or until meat is falling off bones. Remove and let chicken cool. Strain and reserve stock. Melt butter in a soup pot over low heat and add celery. Cook for 5 minutes. Add onions and cook for 5 minutes more. Add chili seasoning, stirring to dissolve. Cook for 2 minutes, then add reserved stock. Add black beans and simmer for 10 minutes. Debone chicken and dice the meat. Add navy, great northern, and cannellini beans to pot. Simmer for 5 minutes. Add diced chicken and corn and simmer for 5 minutes more. Add evaporated milk and $\frac{1}{2}$ can water. Return to simmer; do not boil. Taste for seasoning and add salt. If desired, serve topped with sour cream, shredded cheddar cheese, chopped scallions, and/or a scoop of white rice. Or serve with tortilla chips. *Makes 8 servings.*

