

News from Creighton First Baptist Church



Here comes August, usually one of the hottest months of the year, I hope it doesn't beat July. As you know the heat was on in July. Thankfully it didn't hurt our worship and Vacation Bible School in July. We had a good VBS, I will let the director write about that. Our worship attendance has been up, and we thank the Lord for that. I read several months ago to expect to get 92% of your people back after COVID, I thought no way, we will get more than that back, well I think they were right. It has been good to see attendance slowly going up. If you have fallen away, now is a good time to return to the Lord and His work.

August is when the dog days of summer set in and we as a church take a breath and recoup after a busy month. We will not have any special activities this month, we do have our Saturday evening worship on the Fifth at 6:00 p.m. Jaylon Taylor will be preaching. Jaylon is a Christian musician and an evangelist. He has a powerful testimony of being delivered from drugs. I am not sure what he will be sharing, so plan on attending.

Our memory verse for August is 1 Samuel 12:23. It is a little long, but I felt the Lord lead to this verse because it applies to our prayer focus for this quarter, to pray for our nation. Our memory verse is Samuel telling the people that he will pray for them as they have done wrong and asked for a king. Samuel is saying it is a sin to not pray for the people. His advice to them in verse 24 is to only fear the Lord. I think Samuel was afraid the people would stop worshipping the Lord and depending on Him and put all of their hope in a king. Sounds like our country today, many may not say it but instead of "In God we trust", they are saying, "In government we trust." Pray for our nation that we will return to the Lord, for a great revival to break out in our land.

Have a great month!

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August memory verse: 1 Samuel 12:23

Coming Soon!

**Men's
Breakfast
and Bible Study**
August 12 at 8:30 a.m.

**1st Day
of
School**

August 21

**BLOCK
PARTY**

September 16



Adult Bible Studies for Life **Set Apart: A Life Lived for God**

August 6: Set Apart in the Way We Think (Romans 12:1-5,9-13)
 August 13: Set Apart in the Way We Live (2 John 1-9)
 August 20: Set Apart for the Journey (Philippians 3:12-21)
 August 27: Abigail: A Woman of Wisdom (1 Samuel 25:14-17,23-28,32-35)

Youth Bible Studies for Life **Set Apart: A Life Lived for God**

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 August 13: Set Apart in the Way We Live (2 John 1-9)
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 August 27: Abigail—a Woman of Wisdom (1 Samuel 25:14-17,23-28,32-35)

Children Bible Studies for Life **Live for God**

August 6: The Spirit Sent by God (John 14:15-26)
 August 13: Stephen Preached (Acts 6:8-15; 7)
 August 20: Paul Listened to God (Acts 15:40-41; 16:1-12)
 August 27: Take Up the Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)

Preschool Bible Studies for Life **What Jesus Did**

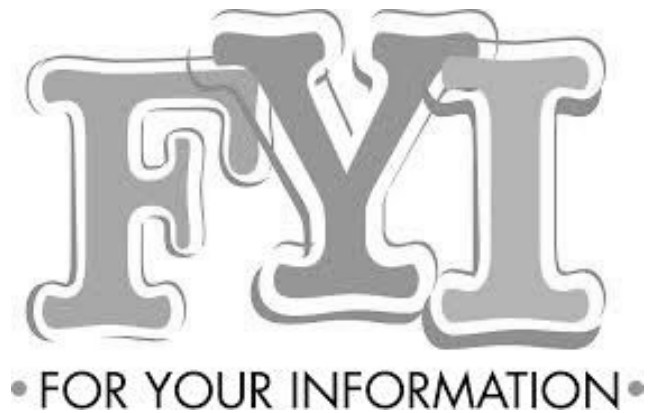
August 6: Jesus Taught About God's Care (Matthew 5:1-2; 6:25-34)
 August 13: Jesus Healed a Woman (Luke 13:10-17)
 August 20: Jesus Visited Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
 August 27: Jesus Calmed a Storm (Mark 4:35-41)

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 18th at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, or possibly online. One item of business will be election of officers. 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.
First Saturday of the month	6:00 p.m.

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Excitement is in the air, we just finished two wonderful weeks of Bible School. This has been my favorite time of year since I was a little girl! I have some precious memories with my Aunt Doris and Uncle Melvin. It was always a fun time and many times our vacation! I remember going with my grandparents, as a kid doing Mission trips to South Dakota and helping out in their Bible School! Bible School has a special place in my heart! This year we experienced 4 grandchildren and each of our grown kids took part in Bible School, it was Great blessing! It was great to see many bring kids, grandkids, and helpers to Bible school this year. It was great to see some young people help out and take leadership roles in Bible School. Thank You!

We began each day in the Worship Rally spinning the spinner, beating the clock. We then dismissed and took different twists and turns as we learned that following Jesus changes everything!

We began with Youth and Adult Bible School with 28 enrolled this year! It is a great time of fellowship, growing, learning and it prepares us for the children's Bible School. We start with dinner, and then take the twists and turns thru the different classes as we did during children's Bible School.

Preschool class: was called the Uno class, they had 16 kids enrolled 10 helpers; it was a lively class! We are thankful for the many workers with this little class! They began each day in Wild Card Crafts; this class made some amazing crafts, a few were T-shirts and picture frames with each student's picture in them.

The Go Fish Class was the 1st and 2nd Grade class had 10 students enrolled and 1 leader. They took a twist and turn to the Bible Study Game Room where they learned about Peter each Day. Peter followed Jesus; and we can follow Him too! Peter walked to Jesus on the Water and is trustworthy. We too can trust Jesus in our daily lives. Peter denied Jesus and was restored. We like Peter can be restored and Jesus is forgiving! Jesus is worth following! Peter spoke boldly about Jesus! We should follow Peter's example and be bold and speak up and share Jesus with others and His love! Peter told Cornelius about Jesus. We too, can share Jesus to everyone!

The Scrabble Class, 3rd and 4th graders were ready, set for recreation! This was this groups first rotation. They had 9 enrolled in this class and two helpers. Everyone enjoys recreation, they take turns blowing bubbles, going thru obstacles, and remembering Jesus makes the difference when you are playing the different games. A few days the students got wet! It was hot those days, so no one minded a little wet!

Friday we had the rock climbing wall and the Lord blessed us with perfect weather. In our daily lives Jesus makes the difference as we have twists and turns that we must face. After Recreation each day we had to skip away to snacks! We were fed good daily! A great big thank you to our kitchen crew!

The Monopoly Class, 5th and beyond went to Missions first; they had 5 and 1 leader in this class. We learned about 2 missionaries all week; Travis and Beth Burkhalter with their family served in South America. Beth helped to start the Embera Bead project. Sharing Jesus with each bead she sewed. One at a time. The Jones's grew up in St. Louis and moved away for a time. They said, they were not going back but God had a different plan, so they moved back to St. Louis to share Jesus with those in the area they grew up at.

Our Theme Verse this week and month are Psalm 25:4 "Make your ways known to me, Lord; teach me your paths. We supported one of our very own this year during Bible School. She grew up here going to Bible School. She shared how she was able with our support to go to Africa and share the love of Jesus to each of the children and families in South Africa. It was good to hear from her. Thank you, Alexus Oberg for sharing your Mission work with us!

Last but not least was our level up to Music! That is one of my favorite classes! Each day's song helps us hide Gods word in our hearts. It helps us all get excited for Bible School! Our songs were Twists and Turns! Theme Song. If you want to look them up on YouTube, you can look up each songs name and Demonstration will show how you learned it with music. Day 1 song "Our God is Holy" Bible Verse: Then everyone who call on the name of the Lord will be saved." Acts 2:21. Day 2 song "Do Not Fear." Bible Verse: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will hold on to you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10 Day 3 song "Make Your Move" Bible Verse " In him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:14. Day 4 song "Jesus You're All I Need" Bible Verse "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12 Day 5 song "Everyone" Bible Verse "All the prophets testify about him that through his name everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins. Acts 10:43.

We had a great turn out Sunday Evening, the finale of both Bible Schools the kids did a great job, with their songs learned; and I know I have been told many are still singing those songs! We had over 60 present Sunday evening! Praise the Lord! Thank You for all your prayers! We could see God working! As you can see, we had a fun 2 weeks! We had 77 total in both Bible schools not counting anyone twice. We saw God working thru out Bible School and we look forward to seeing those seeds cultivated. A great big thank you, to all who came and took part! Thank you for all the Teachers, leaders, helpers, prayer warriors! We could not of had a GREAT BIBLE SCHOOL without each of you! THANK YOU!

In case you were wondering next year's theme is going to be Breaker Rock Beach! Sounds Fun! Get rested up, we will keep you posted! Till next year, have a blessed month and rest up!

Your Vacation Bible School Director,

Janet West



Balsamic Green Bean Salad

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| 2 lbs. fresh green beans,
trimmed and cut into 1-1/2-
inch pieces | 1/4 tsp. garlic powder |
| 1/4 C. olive oil | 1/4 tsp. ground mustard |
| 3 T. lemon juice | 1/8 tsp. pepper |
| 3 T. balsamic vinegar | 1 large red onion, chopped |
| 1/4 tsp. salt | 4 C. cherry tomatoes, halved |
| | 1 C. crumbled feta cheese |

Place beans in a 6-qt. stockpot; add water to cover. Bring to a boil. Cook, covered, 8-10 minutes or until crisp-tender. Drain and immediately place in ice water. Drain and pat dry. In a small bowl, whisk oil, lemon juice, vinegar, salt, garlic powder, mustard and pepper. Drizzle over beans. Add onion; toss to coat. Refrigerate, covered, at least 1 hour. Just before serving, stir in tomatoes and cheese.

Watermelon Salad with Feta

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| Dressing | 1/4 C. thinly sliced red onions |
| 2 T. olive oil | 1/3 C. crumbled feta cheese |
| 3 T. lime juice | 1 avocado, cubed |
| 1/2 garlic clove, minced | 1/2 C. torn mint or basil leaves |
| 1/4 tsp. sea salt | 1/2 jalapeno or serrano pepper,
thinly sliced, optional |
| For the salad | Sea salt |
| 5 C. cubed watermelon | 1 C. diced English cucumber |

Make the dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, lime juice, garlic and salt. Arrange the watermelon, cucumber, and red onions on a large plate or platter. Drizzle with half the dressing. Top with the feta, avocado, mint, and serrano pepper, if using, and drizzle with remaining dressing. Season to taste and serve.



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