

News from Creighton First Baptist Church



I pray you had a great month of July and enjoyed your celebration of the 250th birthday of our country. If you follow our church or are a part of it, you know July was a very busy month. July 6-10 was Youth and Adult Bible School and July 20-24 was Children's Bible school, we call it children's but we had as many adults as we had kids, what a blessing. In between our Bible Schools, Oliver LaFollette was in the hospital, bothered with stomach problems he has been dealing with since December, for more on Oliver read Maggie's article.

As you can tell this was a busy month and sometimes when you have a busy time in your life you can get tired and slack off on your Bible reading and prayer time, which does not help. Or you can let it drive you to prayer and Bible study, use it as a time to strengthen your walk with the Lord. After you go through the hard times of life, and they do come and go, take time to reflect on how God worked through the difficult times. Let me be clear, I am not calling Bible School a difficult time, just busy and a lot of tired people when it was over, but worth every minute.

Looking back on July, I want to reflect on how the Lord worked in the life of our church and hopefully you can take a minute and see how He worked in your life. First, He was faithful the whole month, working in the hearts and lives of children and adults. Second, He answered prayers. Oliver and his family were able to get answers. He answered prayers in ways we did not expect, isn't that how He works? Third, He provided. We had workers for every position in Bible school, even moving some to get out of their comfort zone and work in areas they had not prepared for. Thank you, workers, God has used you to make an eternal difference.

To wind it up, let me challenge you, no matter what life situations you find yourself in, remember the Lord is faithful: 2 Thessalonians 3:3 "But the Lord is faithful. He will guard you against the evil one."

Have a blessed month of August and watch for the blessings the Lord has blessed you with.

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Coming Soon!



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



**1st Day
of
School**

August 25



**BLOCK
PARTY**

September 12



Adult Bible Studies for Life Essentials for Christian Living

August 2: A Servant's Heart (1 Corinthians 3:5-15)
 August 9: A Humble Attitude (1 Corinthians 3:18-4:7)
 August 16: An Outward Focus (1 Corinthians 10:23-33)
 August 23: A Way to Serve (1 Corinthians 12:12-24)
 August 31: A Love for Others (1 Corinthians 13:1-13)

Youth Bible Studies for Life The Right Path

August 2: God's Design for the World (Genesis 1:1-9; 20-25; 26-27, 31)
 August 9: God's Design for Living (Genesis 2:7-24)
 August 16: God's Design for Loyalty (Genesis 13)
 August 23: God's Design for Reconciliation (Genesis 25:27-34; 27:30-33)
 August 30: God's Design for the Family (Genesis 45:1-15)

Children Bible Studies for Life God Had a Plan

August 2: God Created the World (Genesis 1:1-2:3)
 August 9: God Created People (Genesis 2:4-24)
 August 16: Abram Solved a Problem (Genesis 13)
 August 23: Jacob and Esau Reconciled (Genesis 25:27-34; 27; 32-33)
 August 31: Joseph Loved His Brothers (Genesis 37; 41:29-57; 42-43; 45-46; 50)

Preschool Bible Studies for Life God Had a Plan

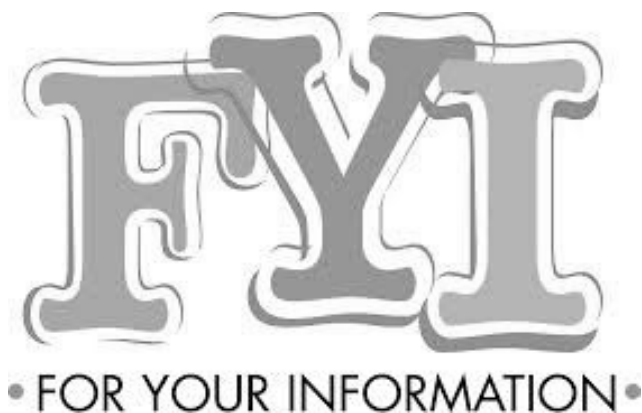
August 2: God Created the World (Genesis 1:1-19)
 August 9: God Created Animals (Genesis 1:20-25, 30-31)
 August 16: God Created People (Genesis 1:26-2:24)
 August 23: God Planned for Families (Genesis 1:27-28; 3:20; 4:1-2)
 August 31: Joseph Loved His Brothers (Genesis 37; 41:29-57; 42-43; 46:28-34; 50:15-21)

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 21st at 6:30 p.m. at the Salmon Family shop/John Deere Museum. 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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Looking at them Jesus said, with man it is impossible, but not with God, because all things are possible with God. Mark 10:27

If you don't know my son Oliver. He is a sweet 10-year-old boy with level 3 autism spectrum disorder. He has limited verbal skills. However, he is very smart, and he can make his needs and wants known. He can have conversations, although not the same as one you or I would have.

Over the last 6 months he has been increasingly getting sick after eating. Over the last 2 months he lost 9 pounds. I had taken him to his pediatrician and been referred to Children's Mercy. The same tests were repeated, and new medications were tried, but no one was concerned enough to rush getting any answers but Mom and Dad.

He had to get sick enough to be hospitalized before anything was actually done. Even then I was being told well, this could be a behavior. NO! I had done the research on the condition they assumed he had. I knew his symptoms didn't match! I was not going to accept this was a behavior until all medical conditions had been ruled out. Admitted on Monday night by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m, I had 0 confidence in the medical team at Children's Mercy. We had been awaiting Gastrointestinal medicine to do an EGD. I had just called in the Doctor in charge of his care, ready to be that fire breathing Mom and they came in to say they are coming to get Oliver for the EGD exam now.

So, I started praying specifically for the Lord to show the doctor what is causing his vomiting. They come from the EGD and tell me they think it's a condition that makes his esophagus narrow and possible allergies to 6 food groups. Oliver has only a handful of foods he will eat and all these foods were on that list.

I was grateful to have a possible diagnosis but praying now for wisdom and strength to navigate the behaviors that would arise with changing his foods. While waiting the biopsy results, I was feeling devastated. But I felt the Lord with me. He sat with me in my sadness and told me it was ok to be sad right now this situation was sad. Feeling Him with me in my sadness was exactly what I needed to rearrange the thoughts. They turned to ok this is sad, but God will equip us to take it on.

Then God showed me he is much bigger than medicine. I've witnessed it before. I've heard stories from friends before. This was so unexpected. I was preparing for a complete overhaul of our day-to-day life to accommodate Oliver having a chronic condition. Then we got results that he actually had bacteria in his stomach called H. Pylori that requires a 2 week course of antibiotics and a few follow up appointments. A very curable but not complicated condition. **Praise The Lord!**

The Lord does not always answer prayers with miraculous healing or with any physical healing at all. It is hard for us to understand this. However, He never leaves us alone in our sickness, sadness or grief. I was so glad to have that to hold on to. When my anxiety was throwing out the scariest of scenarios, my heart knew Jesus would be with me through every possible what if. I was shown again that my church truly cares. I know they were praying for Oliver and my husband and me.

Pastor Gabe and Mrs. Sabrina sent encouraging texts and scriptures. Pastor Vernon and Mrs. Janet spent several hours each day there with us and with Oliver allowing us time to run home. In moments of strife, we were surrounded by love and prayer. No matter how hard or painful this life here might be. I know this life is not the end, paradise awaits. That's worth all the strife here.

We will resume Ladies League meet ups in August! The next one is August 15th at 11:30 a.m., bring a food that starts with your first name. We will discuss plans for the rest of the year. We have our biggest outreach events coming up! We will also have a devotional and circle of prayer.

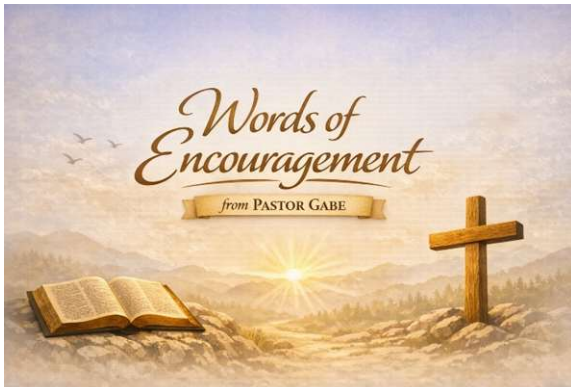
Hope to see you there! If you can't come keep the Ladies League in your prayers. That we can plant seeds for Jesus!

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August memory verse: *Galatians 5:1*

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.



Just like that July is over. What a month it has been, we have had Vacation Bible School in July, it has truly been a blessing. Through children's Bible school we had 2 adults make decisions to accept Christ; praise the Lord! That is the reason we do these things, we love to have fun events, but if souls aren't won for Christ, then we aren't following the commands of the Lord to make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:29, Acts 1:8).

Thank each of you for whatever capacity you helped to make Bible school a success. Thank you for those laboring in prayer, as it wouldn't matter the amount of strategy we put in, without the power of the Holy Spirit no lives would be changed; God moves when His people call out to Him. As we move into August and through the second half of 2026, let us all pause and reflect on the first half. How have we grown with the Lord? Are we listening to His call for our lives? Is there sin we need to lay aside? Have we shared Christ with others?

There is much to continue to reflect on and examine ourselves to see if we are walking worthy. As we go through our daily lives let us search for opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with any who will listen, the world is a crazy place, and the only hope people have is found in the person of Jesus Christ. One can easily notice the evil in the world, and some will offer solutions to solve it, but short of Jesus there is no solution to the evil in the world. In a dark world, let us all point people to Jesus, the Light of the world (John 8:12).

I hope you all had a blessed month, and as always, please let me know how to pray for you.

God Bless,
Pastor Gabe.



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