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Our Mission: Bring people to Christ, grow as disciples, and together serve God

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Vacation Bible School Fun

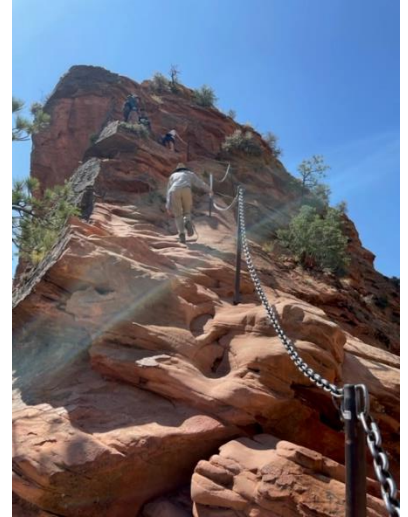


Pastor Reflection



We won the lottery!! There is a hike in Zion National Park in Utah that so many people want to try and hike that they had to institute a lottery system to limit the number of hikers. I went online and registered for the lottery a month ahead of our departure date and receive the news that Will and I had won the lottery and were selected as two of the people who could hike the “Angel’s Landing” trail. The trail is only about 5.4 miles long but goes up 1488 feet in elevation. (Amy felt like she won the lottery because she stayed in the air-conditioned room and slept in.) A majority of the trail was paved “switchbacks” where we gained elevation quickly. Being in a National Park, we heard visitors from all over the world speaking in different languages, but hiking the “switchbacks” felt like Pentecost because I heard each one gasping for breath in my own native tongue.

Once the park rangers confirmed our lottery win credentials, we began the final ascent. This was the coolest part. At times, the path was so steep and narrow, chains handrails were installed along the trail. Sometimes we climbed without touching the chain. Sometimes we rested one hand on them to assist with balance. Sometimes we used both hands on the chains, trusting them with our very lives, pulling ourselves upward. When we arrived at the top, the view was amazing. We were 1500 feet above the river valley below. The rock we were on was so tall and so narrow we could look out for miles and down over 1000 feet in almost every direction. The view was awe inspiring, but I have to admit, I enjoyed the climb more than the view.



That was another Pentecost moment. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to the disciples and made them able to speak in different languages they did not know how to speak. The disciples moved forward, leaning on the Holy Spirit to give them the words to speak as well as the ability to heal the sick and bring hope to the hopeless. The Spirit empowered their very lives. The things they did, the things they saw the Spirit do through them, had to have made the journey to heaven rival heaven itself. They learned to trust God working through them in a way that revealed the power of heaven in our midst. Their faith wasn’t just about the destination; it was about the journey.

I pray you learn to trust the power of the Holy Spirit not only to bring you to heaven when you die, but as a solid chain that helps you do more than you ever could on your own, making the journey not only possible, but a joy.

Love,
Mike

Teaching Moment Tuesday X



Join Pastor Mike live on Facebook on Tuesdays at noon or catch the recording anytime on our Facebook page. We are studying the Old Testament book of Exodus. We have finished the 10 Commandments and are moving forward.



PRAYER LIST

*Key: Person's name (description; w submitted request).

Our Mission Co-Worker in **Hong Kong**

Judy Musgrave 6/23 complete knee replacement June 26 in Indy

The family of Roger Neff, died 6/13

Oliver & Amanda 6/16 that they would develop a relationship with the Lord; by Todd Wiles

Mike Messick 6/8 diagnosed with Alzheimer's, also battling squamous cell skin cancer; father of Sara Story

Gay Downing 6/8 heart attack 92 year old mother-in-law of Lance Musgrave

Mike Hammel 5/20 had another stroke; son of Lois Hammel

Sharri Downing 5/9 has severe back pain; by Judy Musgrave

Marcia Smith 5/5 has stage 4 breast cancer, struggling with side effects from treatments; cousin of Jacque Douglas

Candy Myer 5/5 has colon cancer and stage 4 liver cancer; chemotherapy, with surgery 6/16; niece of Liz Robinson

Jim Wilber 5/1 rehabilitation from a stroke

Lance Musgrave another eye surgery on 4/17. Prayer for healing and that the retina does not detach again; by Judy Musgrave

Fred Jones 4/17 continues through his cancer journey; be Sandra Hoffarth

Shane Rudd 4/13 battling two different kinds of cancer, receiving chemo and radiation 5 times a week. Has a feeding tube for nutrition; nephew of Deb Tyler

Mary Ellen Nelsen 4/10 stage 4 bone cancer; by Jacque Douglas

Jackie Liebrandt 4/9 cancer treatments, just lost mother; by Christy Bennett

Cathy Ralstin 3/25 started physical therapy in Indy; by Dave Ralstin

Jim Riffle 3/17 stage 4 liver cancer, receiving treatments; nephew of Barbara Tibbets

Barbara Swihart 6/24 home with hospice; aunt of Gayle Rodriguez

Carlene Musselman 1/14 monthly chemo injections, still in congestive heart failure; by Judy Evans

Pray for

Israel/Hamas/Gaza/Lebanon/Syria

Russia and Ukraine conflict

JOY

Kayce Lee Nunemaker was born May 21; great grandson of Denny & Joyce Mikesell

Bill Roe is now home from complications from surgery.





7/07 Alex & Sydney Gudeman



Judy Evans and the Membership Team for hosting the Father's Day breakfast in honor of the men in our lives who show us the ways of God.

Fred Dorisse, Jason See, Ted Waggoner, Doug and Angie Miller, Mark Sroufe, Amanda Hooker and Sandra Hoffarth for leading worship while Pastor Mike was on vacation.

Jacque Douglas, Patrick McTaggart, Amy and Mike Van Heyningen for decorating and preparing our building for Vacation Bible School.

Lois Morton and Kathy Anderson for inventing and preparing all the crafts for VBS.



7/01 David Murphy
7/06 Doug Morton
7/09 Blaise McKee
7/14 Betty Vance
7/17 Nancy Waggoner
7/18 Carol Bridge
7/20 Christine Summe
7/25 Max Harsh

<u>May Financials</u>		<u>April 2025</u>	<u>YTD Financials</u>
Income	13,836.00	Income	84,055.16
Expenses	20,949.31	Expenses	102,819.71
<u>Attendance</u>		<u>In-person</u>	<u>On-line</u>
May Average		Attendance 75	17
YTD Average		Attendance 69	21

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 24

9:00-11:30 VBS
Noon Teaching Tuesday
7:00 Elder Meeting

Wednesday, June 25

9:00-11:30 VBS

Thursday, June 26

9:00-11:30 VBS
4:30 Evangelism Meeting
6:00 pm Praise Team

Friday, June 27

9:00-11:30 VBS

Sunday, June 29

9:30 am Worship VBS Kids
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:45 am Sunday School

Monday, June 30

3:00 pm Wynnfield Crossing Bible Study

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 1

Noon Teaching Tuesday

Wednesday, July 2

5:30 pm Community Dinner

Thursday, July 3

6:00 pm Praise Team

Sunday, July 6

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:45 am Sunday School

Monday, July 7

3:00 pm Wynnfield Bible Study
4:30 Membership Team

Tuesday, July 8

Noon Teaching Tuesday