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**The Living Stones and Solid Rock
 Kick Off Events**



**Redneck
 Olympics**



The Living Stones had 'Redneck Olympics.' It was a night full of wheelbarrows, watermelons, toilet paper, Crisco, bubble wrap and face paint. The kids were divided into two team to compete for the trophy.



The Solid Rock kids competed in 'Medieval Mayhem.' Each team of 3 boys and 3 girls competed in a series of themed events like running the gauntlet, crossing the moat, facing a gladiator, or jousting. With around 90 kids competing and other 20-30 hanging out, it was a fun crazy night.

The wild and crazy games provide a perfect opportunity for our teenagers to invite their friends. The main goal of the activities is to create opportunities for building relationships, but, more importantly, to provide a platform for them to hear the saving gospel message.



Medieval Mayhem




TRUTH TRACKERS

We are so excited to be back in session with our youth program on Wednesday evenings! We have been abundantly blessed with youth again this year. It has been wonderful to see familiar faces and get to know the new ones.

We are loving Truth Trackers!
 The response we are getting from the leaders, kids, and parents has been overwhelmingly positive!

We challenged the leaders to go through the books and memorize the verses with the kids, and it seems like we are all enjoying the devotions just as much as the kids are. Most of them took on this challenge, and it has been great to have the kids hold us accountable for getting our weekly lessons done.

Prayer Requests:

- Health of our leaders and children.
- The Lord's leading of discussion in Small Group times.
- That we are clearly presenting the Gospel and showing the love of Jesus to every child we connect with.



newcomer's
CLASS

If you have begun attending FCC in the past year or so, Paul would love to get all of you together and talk about Faith Community Church.

What are we about? What is happening here?
 How do I get plugged in?

And if you have questions, he will be happy to try to answer them. This class will run 2 weeks:
 October 22 and 29.

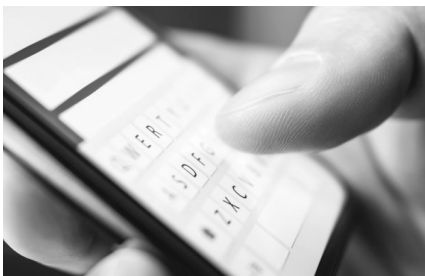
In the Multi-Purpose Room from 9:15 - 10:15.
 Hope you can make it out.

October is Adoption Awareness Month. The earliest recorded history of legal adoptions is in the code of Hammurabi in 1750 B.C. In Ancient Rome, adoption was a fairly common practice as people often took in abandoned children from the street. It wasn't until the Middle Ages when orphanages, as we know them, became mainstream. The importance of bloodlines and inheritance during this time period made adoptions unlikely and often not allowed. So, the church took on a greater role in caring for orphans. In 1909, Teddy Roosevelt endorsed the notion that orphans should be raised by families, and that is how the modern foster care system got started. Many have heard of the orphan trains that brought children west.

You might not know that there are 391,000 children in the US foster system. More than 5,000 in Nebraska alone. There are an estimated 153 million orphans around the world today. These children are the most vulnerable in our global society. Our Heavenly Father cares for each of these and encourages us to do the same. What we have received, we must give to others. God loves us, so we love. God gives us mercy, so we give mercy. God has adopted us as His own dear children. How can we do the same? James 2:16 challenges us. We say, "I pray you are warm and filled," but we do nothing to warm and fill them. Isaiah 1:17(ESV) says, "Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause." I pray you will take this to heart. Pray for the children, seek justice for them, do the good things you have prayed they receive from others.



Church Text Communication Update



We wanted to make you aware of a recent change in how our church will send text messages. Our heart is to stay connected and communicate effectively with our church family. While we intentionally limit the number of texts we send out, we also know it is a great option to have available

for church wide announcements (for events or cancellations).

This new system allows you to have the church text message number in your phone so you can be sure the messages are coming from us. The first message you receive will be an automated message. You don't need to do anything with that. The second message will include a link to a form for you to opt in to receiving text messages from this number associated with FCC. We would like you to click on the link and opt in (or select "yes") if you would like to receive text communication from the church. After October, **text messages will only be sent to those who have selected 'yes' on the form.**

Here is the number that has been given to us for our church texting, you may want to save this number in your phone so you know who the text is coming from **(877) 325-4489**. This number only allows the church to send text messages; it does NOT have the ability to receive messages. We hope this serves the church family as we seek to stay connected.



Thanks to Neil Tompkins for spraying all around our property for bug control! We are so grateful for your time and expertise you give to us.

October Service Staff

Infant/Toddler Nursery:

- 1 - Teri Schacht & Abby Ehlers
- 8 - Linda Green & Conner Banks
- 15 - Debby Thieszen & Weston Lofquist
- 22 - Coni Kersch & Reese Boettcher
- 29 - Anna Johnson & Kiarra Kennedy

PreK Junior Church:

- 1 - Emily Banks & Hollynn Konrad
- 8 - Christy Meyer & Teagan Lofquist
- 15 - Cheryl Bohlender & Lincoln Konrad
- 22 - Amy Halsey & Isaiah Wiekamp
- 29 - Cami Ballagh & Mia Lindsay

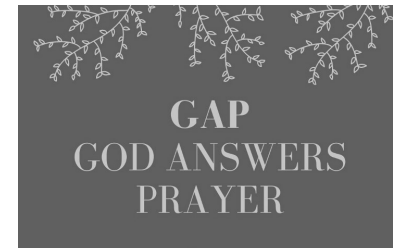
Ushers:

- 1 - Jim Fuchtman, Curt Sidak, Bob Willats, Terry Sorensen
- 8 - Joe Knopp, Cully Forker, Gary Caskey, Ryan Ballagh
- 15 - James Cook, Trent Shoemaker, Cody Boettcher, Mark Brookhouser
- 22 - Dave Brodersen, Rod Gartner, Nick Konrad, Tyler Dexter
- 29 - Bob Young, Rod Rowse, Dennis Schueth, Devyn Ballagh

Mark Your Calendar

October

- 1—Life Chain
- 3—40 Days to Be Still Bible Study (1:30 pm)
—GAP Ministry (7 pm)
- 4—Truth Trackers (7 pm)
—Living Stones (7 pm)
—Solid Rock (7:30 pm)
- 5—The Armor of God Bible Study (9 am)
—The Armor of God Bible Study (7 pm)
- 8—Widow Connection (After Church)
- 9—Elder Meeting (7 pm)
- 10—Mom's LINK (9:30 am)
—40 Days to Be Still Bible Study (1:30 pm)
—GAP Ministry (7 pm)
- 11—Truth Trackers (7 pm)
—Living Stones (7 pm)
—Solid Rock (7:30 pm)
- 12—The Armor of God Bible Study (9 am)
—The Armor of God Bible Study (7 pm)
- 17—40 Days to Be Still Bible Study (1:30 pm)
—GAP Ministry (7 pm)
- 18—FALL BREAK—No Wednesday Night Activities
- 19—The Armor of God Bible Study (9 am)
—The Armor of God Bible Study (7 pm)
- 23—Elder Meeting (7 pm)
- 24—Mom's LINK (9:30 am)
—40 Days to Be Still Bible Study (1:30 pm)
—GAP Ministry (7 pm)
- 25—Truth Trackers (7 pm)
—Living Stones (7 pm)
—Solid Rock (7:30 pm)
- 26—The Armor of God Bible Study (9 am)
—The Armor of God Bible Study (7 pm)
- 31—40 Days to Be Still Bible Study (1:30 pm)
—GAP Ministry (7 pm)



The GAP (God Answers Prayer) ministry is a life giving ministry at Faith Community. Come and be a part of the team that is making a difference in the Kingdom!

Tuesdays - 7-8 pm - Room 100



Moms LINK is a great place to connect as you navigate the journey of motherhood. Childcare is provided on site.

Tuesday, October 10 & 24
from 9:30 - 11:30 am

For more information, contact Alex Fenske (340-7374) or Emily Van Horn (340-3738).

Beginnings
Pregnancy Resource Center
ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER
September 17th - October 22nd
Just take a bottle, fill it with change, cash, or a check and bring it back!
Prefer to give online? Visit givetobeginnings.com OR scan the QR code.

A little change changes lives!



October 18—FALL BREAK
No Wednesday Night Activities



Sunday, October 8
Right After Church

There will be a light luncheon/snack time so please bring a snack to share. Contact Jan Buller (394-8791) for more information.

ELDER MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 & 23
7 PM