

A letter from the Pastor...

What Is a Disciple of Jesus? A disciple is a believer who is focused and passionate.

Sarah Ban Breathnach tells of a business trip her husband took to the beach, where she and her daughter enjoyed the mornings while he attended workshops. One afternoon it was announced that there would be elephant rides for the children in the hotel parking lot. Her daughter, Katie, was delirious with excitement. Sarah told her, "Life is always full of wonderful surprises if we're open to them. Some mornings you get up not knowing what will happen, and you get to ride an elephant that day!" When they got home, there was an invitation for Sarah to join a group of journalists on a trip to Ireland. She was tired of traveling, and not really a spontaneous person, so she told them she would probably not go. Her husband, overhearing her, said, "So, you're not going to ride the elephant?" She decided to go.

"I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fear" (Psalm 34:4).

Living passionately involves a lot of pressure and risk - What if you fall off the elephant? What if you can't afford it? What if ... A writer named Ambrose Redmoon wrote: **Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.** You might be afraid of all kinds of things, but if one of your kids were in danger, you'd be fearless. Also, isn't it more fun to live believing that God is bigger than whatever you're afraid of? We have to make a decision to stop letting fear win: stop holding on to our blanket of insecurity and anxiety. Show up with everything God has given you, and join the battle against whatever opposes the redeeming work of God in this world. Take yourself less seriously and God more seriously!

Sometimes, making a disciple of Jesus Christ that transforms the world is as simple as encouraging someone to ride the elephant!

Only By Grace,
Monty

Updates:

As you may have heard by now, Haley, has been offered a prestigious research position at McMurry for the summer, but we want her around our kids, and so she is fulfilling the role of our Youth Ministry Intern. Morgan Ramos is our interim Director of Youth Ministries. If you are interested in investing in the lives of our amazing youth, there are multiple opportunities each week. Our in-town mission trip is coming up: July 18th-22nd!

A Marriage LifeGroup is starting July 10th at 5:30pm at the Parsonage! All are welcome as we begin with a study by Jimmy Evans called *Marriage on the Rock*.



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Summer Schedule

Sunday	7:30a Prayer with the Pastor 8:30a Traditional Worship Service 9:45a Sunday School 10:50a Blended Worship Service
Tuesday	8:30a Prayer Group
Wednesday	5:30p Youth Group - FH
Thursday	9:00a Men's Coffee Group- FH
Friday	9:00a Ladies' Coffee Group- FH

Weekly Schedule

Memorials

Joye Comontofski - by Billy & Ann Hicks

Isabelle Mrazek - by Emily Shoemaker, Murray & Kathi Edwards,

Jo & Madrid Hazard - by Sharon Hazard

Honorariums

The Finance Committee, Kay Steen, Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, The Bridge Sunday School Class - by Anonymous

Sunday Attendance

June 4	135
June 11	125
June 18	121
June 25	146

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

06/25 - VBS special Presentation

07/01 - FHall reserved

07/03-7- High School camp at Glen Lake

07/10-14- Elementary one way 4th-6th Camp at Butman

07/16 - Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser
Youth Mission Trip

07/18-22 - Youth Mission Week

07/24-28 - Grace Camp at Butman

07/29 - FHall Reserved

08/05 - FHall Reserved

08/13 - Community Prayer Walk - More details to come

08/19 - FHall Reserved

BIRTHDAYS !!

7/3 Riley Rice	7/5 Carolyn Carpenter	7/6 Cade Dement Cole Dement
7/8 Joy Gillespie	7/12 Jennifer Dement	7/13 Cade Hefner
7/16 Darron Hefner	7/18 Kara Cotton	7/19 Letha Mauldin
7/21 Destinee Phillips	7/21 Amya Ramos	7/23 Zach Caffey
7/26 J.D. Broadus Rebecca Ellerbrook	7/29 Cindy Craig	7/30 Ralph Russell

Anniversaries

Bret & Barbara McCartney - 7/6

Mike & Karen Bell - 7/7

Bill & Patsy Walton - 7/11

Lou & Rebecca Ellerbrook - 7/15

Pete & Beverly Fischer - 7/15

Jason & Kristen Moran - 7/16

Jim & Debbie Paylor - 7/21

Roy & Becky Sivley - 7/21

DON'T GO TO CHURCH, BE THE CHURCH!

YOUTH MISSION WEEK - JULY 18-22 at Clyde FUMC



The youth will be doing a mission week here in Clyde July 18-22! Each work day will have a theme. The first day is "Love Missions." On this day the youth will prepare a meal and deliver it to some of our shut-ins. They will spend time visiting and connecting with the shut-ins as they enjoy a meal together! On the second day, "Community Missions," the youth will spend time working with Love and Care Ministries, cleaning and picking up trash, and spreading God's love in our community. On the third day, "Church Missions" the youth will focus their time on our beloved church. They will do some cleaning, repairs, and work in the community garden, along with various other tasks. As a reward for all their hard work, the youth will travel to the Fort Worth area to go to a trampoline park, the water gardens, and Splash Kingdom. This is an exciting way for the youth to gain a new sense of respect for the church and their community!

To fundraise for this week we will have a silent auction from June 11th to June 18th. Up for bid will be manual labor performed by our youth and a youth sponsor! Some ideas include mowing lawns, painting fences, walking dogs, gardening... There are many other things the youth are capable of doing, please suggest work, and we will make sure that "item" is up for bid. If you win their time and have a particular chore you need done, we can make those arrangements. The auction will end at noon on Sunday, June 18th. The winners will be announced the following Monday. Also on June 18th, Father's Day, the youth will be selling breakfast burritos during fellowship time!! So come hungry and support these missionaries as they work toward not only attending church, but being the church!



The Youth will hold another Breakfast Burrito Fundraiser on July 16th! This will take place during Fellowship Time beginning at 9:30 AM. All proceeds will go to support the Youth Mission Week. (July 18-22nd) Thank you for your support!

