

Ed's Bacon Bits

I've received a lot of positive feedback on the new video projection system recently installed in the sanctuary. As you can see, it has enabled us to post announcements, song lyrics, sermon notes and scripture, and there are many other uses that we plan to incorporate. Special thanks to Craig Hunt and Greg Ledbetter for the many hours spent installing the equipment. It's much appreciated! We are currently looking for people who might be interested in running the projector on Sunday mornings. The worship software that we are using is very easy to learn and operate – very “user-friendly” as they say. If you are interested in helping, please contact me or Craig Hunt.

In last month's article, I mentioned that we canvassed Oakland with information about our church. Our plan in the future is to do the same in every neighboring town. I want to personally invite everyone interested in helping to join our outreach team. We are having a team meeting in Room #4 on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m., to brainstorm even more ways to reach Oakland and the surrounding communities for Christ. Come with your ideas. I hope you'll join us as we work together to accomplish the Great Commission!

We're wrapping up our “Extreme Makeover” sermon series on Oct. 5, and it's my hope that if you've learned nothing else over the past several

weeks, you've learned that you don't need an extreme makeover to feel good about yourself. You just have to begin seeing yourself through God's eyes. Don't stop with yourself. Begin affirming your kids: Tell them, “You are completely forgiven and fully pleasing to God. You are deeply loved by God. You are totally accepted by God. You are a new creation, complete in Christ.” Tell them, and live it out as well. Affirm your Christian brothers and sisters with these truths. And remember, when we begin to see ourselves as God sees us, the world begins to see God through us.

In Christ's Mercies,

Ed

Kari's Comments

With the school year being back in session...so are the weekly youth ministry activities. There are many activities going on and many chances for students and adults to be involved.

Junior (6th-8th) and Senior High youth groups are meeting on Sunday nights for a study, “Living Your Life on Loan.” It is a great study about how to live our lives for God and not for ourselves. Students, join us from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a great time of study and fellowship.

JAM (Jesus and Me) has begun for our 1st through 5th graders after school on Tuesdays. Kids receive a snack, participate in a Bible story, play a game, and are challenged to do Scripture memory. They are learning about the Armor of God. So far, we have had two great weeks with 25 to

30 students attending each week.

5th Quarter is an outreach event that is taking place after the home football games. There will only be two more 5th Quarters (Oct. 10 and 24) at the Oakland Lake Park from immediately after the football game until 11 p.m. Come and join us after the football game for some free food and games.

On Oct. 19, immediately after 2nd Service, Jr./Sr. Highers will leave for The Great Pumpkin Patch in Arthur. Cost is \$5 and you will need money to eat lunch at there. Sign-up sheet is located outside Kari's office. Sign up by Oct. 12. Invite your friends.

“See You At The Pole” was held on Wednesday, Sept. 24. It was encouraging to see you students joining together to pray for your school, community, and country.

Adults, thank you for being there to pray and to support our students. It's so encouraging to see adults supporting our students as they strive to make a difference for the Kingdom of God among their fellow teenagers.

High Schoolers...Don't forget ICTC is Nov. 7-8. Forms and \$20 are due by Oct. 5.

“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”

1 Corinthians 15:58

Students, that is my prayer for you...may you stand firm for Him.

Grace and Peace,

Kari

Great Pumpkin Patch Outing – Oct. 19

On Oct. 19, Jr./Sr. Highers will meet after second service to go to the Great Pumpkin Patch for a fun afternoon. Cost is \$5, and you will need money to eat lunch there. A sign-up sheet is located outside Kari's office. You need to sign up by Oct. 12. Invite your friends!



ICTC '08 – Nov. 7-8

Attention High School students: If you are attending ICTC at Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield on Nov. 7-8, the \$20 deposit and forms are due by Sunday, Oct. 5. There are still a few spots remaining.

JAM Continues

The after-school program, JAM (Jesus and Me), for those in 1st through 5th grade, will continue to meet on Tuesdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m.