

Women's Bible Study- On Break

Sat, May 3rd @ 10:00

District Conference @ South Side Church

Sun, May 4th - after Service

Choir Practice

Add'l- 11th

Sun, May 4th

No Middle School Youth Group- moved to June 1st

Mon, May 5th @ 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Whiz Kids at Madison Elementary

Mon, May 5th @ 6:30 pm

Grief and Loss Support Group

Tue, May 6th @ 10:00 am

Veterans Coffee and Camaraderie

Sat, May 10th @ 8:00 am

Men's Group

Sun, May 11th - Mother's Day

Sun, May 11th @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

High School Youth Group Escape Room

Mon, May 12th @ 6:00 pm

Board Meeting- Open to Everyone

Mon, May 12th @ 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm

Cub Scouts

Tue, May 13th @ 10:00 am

Coffee, Cookies, and Conversations

Thur, May 15th @ 6:00 pm

Food and Fellowship Group

Sun, May 18th- during service

Senior Recognition Sunday

Sun, May 18th - during Service

Choir Sings

Sun, May 18th @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Middle School Escape Room

Tue, May 20th @ 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Serendipity Graduation

Wed, May 21st @ 5:30 pm

UWF's Salad Dinner

Thur, May 22nd @ 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Serendipity Graduation

Sun, May 25th- during Service

"Noisy Can" Offering

Sun, May 25th - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

High School Youth Group Last Meeting

Mon, May 26th- Memorial Day

Office Closed

Fri, May 30th- Serendipity Break Starts

Sun, June 1st @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Middle School Youth Group Last Meeting



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Join us for Worship

Sunday:

8:30 am In-person & Live Stream via Facebook

Faith Formation classes for PK thru 5th grade during service

Adult classes available after the service

Pastor Mike's Minute

Proverbs 1:7

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Do you have a "go-to" graduation gift that you like to give all the graduates? I know some people give towels, some people I know give kitchen utensils, of course some people give gift cards.

In the past I've given books because they seem to stay with us through the years. Maybe I thought the graduates would read them...eventually!

But what if we could give each student something more valuable, we might even say, priceless? I wonder what it would look like if this year in the card you record your most treasured wisdom. Share with the graduate all the things you wished you knew when you graduated. Does the thought of sharing your wisdom remind you of past mistakes, or great decisions? Probably both.

But I wonder what our graduate-selves would have thought if someone suggested they make sure to Fear the Lord? I think I can feel all the graduates rolling their eyes right about now. After all, at that age do we really fear anything?

This year I am suggesting that you share a little of your faith with the graduates in some intentional way. Maybe a note in a card, maybe a gift that shares The Good News, maybe a conversation that helps them understand just how important faith will be in their lives, especially when the tough times come.

Now that sounds like a precious gift! Have a great graduation season, and let's all be in prayer for our graduates!

Peace to All,
Mike

United Women of Faith

The United Women of Faith want to thank everyone for their participation in the Sugar Buzz. We raised \$286 for local missions! We will be having a potluck style salad dinner and social on Wednesday, May 21st starting at 5:30pm. Please bring a salad of any kind (pasta salad, fruit salad, lettuce salad, ext). It will be a great time of friends, fellowship, and food. All women are welcomed to join!

Summer Updates

Vacation Bible School

VBS is just around the corner on June 22, 23, 24 (Sun, Mon, Tues). Beth will be announcing volunteers needs this month! Please consider helping as we need many great volunteers to make this wonderful event possible.

Lunch in the Park

Please considering volunteering for our serving date, which is July 18th. We will be serving chicken nuggets. More details to come.

Graduates Recognition

Graduating Seniors will be recognized on Sunday, May 18th. If you have a senior who is graduating and you would like to have them included, please send Beth a senior picture and their plans for after graduation to bkcarver2@gmail.com.

Warrior Giving

NAMA has changed how they are doing Warrior Giving, and now each church will take one month where they focus on those supplies. Our focus will be paper products in October. We'll send out a reminder in the fall.

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Wesley Woods

Summer is fast approaching! Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat has great summer opportunities for all ages! Make sure to check them out and register for camp! Scholarships are available!



There is a Women's Retreat coming up this month on May 9th and May 10th. Come join others at Wesley Woods for a weekend away filled with solid teaching from God's word, rest from responsibility, and fun with your friends! You won't have to lift a finger! Delicious food, encouraging worship, and a dynamic speaker, who will leave you ready to return to your home, families and work feeling refreshed. For women ages 16 and older.



Campaign Update

Thanks to everyone who donated in the Catchup Campaign so far. We are continuing to make progress! We have \$120,772 out of our \$145,000 goal! We are getting close!

Food and Fellowship

All are invited to participate in a new group named Food and Fellowship. The group will meet once a month for a potluck-style dinner, where everyone can enjoy each other's company and strengthen their connections! This month's gathering is scheduled for Thursday, May 15th at 6:00pm. Please bring a potluck item to share.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Maribeth & Bill Wright- 1st
Laura & Greg Staples - 12th
Kathryn & Terry Endres- 18th
Beth & Donavon Greiner- 24th
Sandy & James Bahr- 29th

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| Rob Landstrum- 2nd | Gary Snider- 20th |
| Brandon Fick- 4th | Kathryn Endres- 22nd |
| Bill Wright- 5th | Nick Foster- 22nd |
| Lauren Bockholt- 10th | Sarah Fouts- 23rd |
| Carsen Tomlinson- 11th | Zach Spurr- 25th |
| Shirly Freese- 15th | Tom Hansen- 26th |