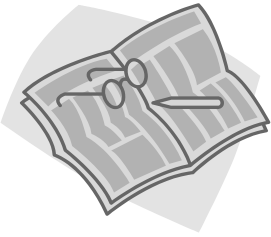


The Elkins Exchange

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If anyone would like to receive the newsletter via email please send a note to Ruth at:
firstchurchofchristelkins@frontier.com

Please keep the church updated with address and phone number changes! Can give to Ruth Morgan or email.

Please give any news, pictures, happenings, etc. that you would like to see in the newsletter to Ruth Morgan by the third Sunday of the month.

VBS Highlights 2017



Students = 42
Adults = 33
Offering for Mountain Mission School = \$1475



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A Big THANK YOU
To everyone who helped out this year!
Patsy & Beth



Mission of the Month

Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch opened in 1977 as a result of the vision and efforts of Mr. Don McCain and Mr. Stan Way. Land for the Clarence, MO site was provided by the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown. By 1983, there were three homes on the original nine acres ministering to children in need. **The purpose of Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch is to provide Christian homes for abused/neglected and other children and to meet the spiritual, emotional, educational, social and physical needs of each child.** The ministry of Shiloh now includes a total of seven



such homes for children, two relief homes, plus an onsite school at the Kahoka, MO site. All of this has been provided through the generous giving of people who want to help abused/neglected kids have the hope of a better life. Shiloh operates without any governmental funding depending, instead, on the generous support of people who volunteer their support. We will help support this mission with our donations on the third Sunday in July.

Facts and Figures for June

AM Service 73
PM Service
Weekly Budget need: \$3449

From the Preacher's Desk

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is worthy of respect, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if something is excellent or praiseworthy, think on these things.” – Philippians 4:8 NET

“You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:14-16 NET

I think we have a lack of nice Christians today.

I don't think that being nice saves us by any means, but I think it shows what kind of relationship we have with God through His Son Jesus. I think it shows what unity we have with His Spirit. And I've actually not got anyone in mind when I write this today. Well... maybe anyone but me.

I think in today's world the struggle to be Christ-like is increasingly difficult. We live in a country that is at war with itself and a world that is in constant turmoil. Often the church finds itself fighting for biblical values, and not even to force them upon others, but simply for the right to keep them for ourselves. We know that we are at war with the devil. I think sometimes it's easy to forget that we are not at war with the people Jesus died for. They are the victims of the devil's plots and schemes. They deserve our compassion and our kindness. And I think that often we are so desperate to “win the war” against a non-Christian world

that we lose the battles in our own lives. We sacrifice Christ-like character.

Often when I watch the news I get upset. I see that the world is falling further and further from the Bible, and I get mad at the people that I think are behind this. But I know that what God feels is sorrow for His people. This doesn't mean He doesn't get angry over sin. “‘Vengeance is mine,’ says the Lord.” God flooded the earth. Jesus cleared the temple of moneychangers with scourges. But... this same God sent this same Jesus to die for everyone because He loved us all so much.

And I think that I need to be more loving. I am called to be Christ-like. Yes, Christ-like absolutely means taking a stand for biblical truth and righteousness. There are certainly many Christians out there who need to take a greater stand for holiness. But there are also a lot of Christians that need to do a better job displaying the love of God.

Can we be both? Can we be holy and loving? I think that those are the best two words to describe God. Together, they describe why God sent Jesus to die for us. And they should be two words that best describe us as Christians as well.



The guild will be sponsoring an all church potluck picnic at the Elkins city park, the Sycamore Street Pavilion, on **July 11th at 6 pm**. Everyone bring their favorite dish and their own tableware.

Calendar of Events

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> *Bryan Wilson
<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> *Aaron Coop 	<i>5</i> *Ed & Nancy Weese	<i>6</i> Board Mtg 7pm	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> *Mike Herron *Mark & Ruth Morgan
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> *Julie Vanpelt	<i>11</i> Guild picnic 6pm	<i>12</i> *Larry Bradberry	<i>13</i> *Kevin Reed	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i> Mission Sunday *Heather Weese *Brian Moudry	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> *Makenlea Herron	<i>19</i> *Eric Hensil *Lionel & Sandra Lilly	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> *Ann Weese
<i>23</i> *Shirley Jarrett	<i>24</i> *Taya Thompson	<i>25</i> Elders Mtg 7pm	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i> *Zachary Manley	<i>31</i> *Olivia Moudry *Kenzie Phillips *Tommy & Valerie Phillips					

Church Flowers given this month

Thank you to Sandra Lilly for the new seasonal silk flower arrangements for the pulpit. We still encourage donations in memory or special occasions. Please make your own arrangements with florist and let Mary Ann Kyle know.

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By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35

Preaching Minister Jason Brandon
Bible Classes Sunday 9:30 am
Worship Service Sunday 10:30 am
Choir Practice Sunday 5:00 pm
Youth Meetings. Sunday 6:00 pm
Evening Service. Sunday 6:00 pm
Kids Own Worship. Summer break
Small Groups Summer break



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Scripture Readings for July

		1 st	Luke 6:43-49 Phil. 4:8-13 Ps 121 2 Kings 22, 23	2 nd	Luke 7:1-10 Phil. 4: 14-23 Ps 122 2 Kings 24, 25
4 th	Luke 7:11-17 Col. 1: 1-14 Ps 123, 124 1 Chron 1, 2	5 th	Luke 7:18-35 Col. 1: 15-29 Ps 125 1 Chron 3, 4	6 th	Luke 7:36-50 Col. 2:1-7 Ps 126 1 Chron 5, 6
7 th	Luke 8:1-15 Col. 2:8-15 Ps 127 1 Chron 7-9	8 th	Luke 8: 16-25 Col. 2: 16-23 Ps 128 1 Chron 10,11	9 th	Luke 8:26-39 Col. 3: 1-14 Ps 129 1 Chron 12-14
14 th	Luke 9:28-36 1Thess 1 Ps 135 1 Chron 23-25	15 th	Luke 9:37-50 1Thess 2: 1-9 Ps 136 1 Chron 26-28	16 th	Luke 9:51-62 1Thess2:10-20 Ps 137 1 Chron 29
18 th	Luke 10:1-16 1Thess 3: 1-6 Ps 138 2 Chron 1, 2	19 th	Luke 10:17-24 1Thess 3:7-13 Ps 139 2 Chron. 3--5	20 th	Luke 10:25-37 1Thess 4:1-10 Ps 140 2 Chron 6, 7
21 st	Luke 10:38-42 1Thess4:11-18 Ps 141 2 Chron 8, 9	22 nd	Luke 11:1-13 1Thess5: 1-11 Ps 142 2 Chron 10-12	23 rd	Luke 11: 14-28 1Thess5:12-28 Ps 143 2 Chron 13-16
25 th	Luke 11:29-36 2Thess 1: 1-7 Ps 144 2 Chron 17-19	26 th	Luke 11:37-54 2Thess 1:8-12 Ps 145 2 Chron 20,21	27 th	Luke 12:1-12 2Thess 2:1-12 Ps 146 2 Chron 22-24
28 th	Luke 12:13-21 2Thes2:13-1 7 Ps 147 2 Chron 25-27	29 th	Luke 12:22-34 2Thess 3:1-5 Ps 148 2 Chron 28 29	30 th	Luke 12:35-48 2Thess 3:6-13 Ps 149 2 Chron 30-33