

Safe Families *for* Children

Safe Families creates an extended family - you can help

Safe Families for Children is an alternative to foster care. In foster care, children are placed into homes through the courts and foster families receive compensation for their care.

Through SFFC, host families receive no compensation for caring for children, and parents voluntarily place their children with them.

This temporary care for children in need gives parents time to establish stability in their homes. Host families care for children whose families are in crisis.

The goal of the SFFC ministry is to offer support in a time of need and reunite children with their families in a stronger home environment.

We will be hosting a volunteer information meeting on Sunday night, August 12, at 6:00, in the Fellowship Hall. Representatives from SFFC will be on hand to answer our questions and let us know how we can partner with them in this important ministry.

Please RSVP to the church office by August 5 if you plan to attend. Childcare will be provided so that couples may attend together.



Baptismal Service - July 29

Pastor Steve has scheduled a baptismal service for July 29, at 5:00, at the Cooper's on Pine Lake. If you would like to be baptized or have questions concerning baptism, please contact one of our pastors before July 22. If you have children who are asking questions about baptism, please request our parent's resource concerning baptism from Pastor Steve.

Don't forget to pick up your July issue of *Tabletalk* in the foyer.

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A New Sign for LPMC



After more than two years of planning and design work by our Outreach Committee, our new sign is in place and it looks fantastic. Special thanks to Mark Blake for his leadership through the whole process, to Bob and Mauhrair Walker for the design work, to Donny Fuller, Mark Blake, Joe James, Bob Walker, Jon Rinkel, Rod Kitchen, Colten Kitchen, and others who took out the old sign and constructed the new one. Thanks as well to

the local tradesmen who did brick work and lighting for our sign, and to Landmark Sign Group for their work on the lettering and logo. And thanks to all of you for your generosity to our church by providing the necessary funds for the project. Initial response to the new sign has been overwhelmingly positive. We've even been contacted by another Missionary Church who is planning to construct a new sign themselves using our design idea! We are counting on this new sign providing us many years of service, inviting our community to our congregation.



LPMC Annual Church Picnic

The LPMC picnic is hitting the road! Please join us at beautiful Luhr County Park on Saturday, July 14, at noon. Pastor Steve will be on the grill with burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish or two to share. There will be something for everyone to do. Enjoy the Nature Center, fishing, (bring your own gear), walking trail, dog park, playgrounds, and some good old-fashioned picnic games! Mark your calendar and don't miss out on a great afternoon with your brothers and sisters from LPMC. Don't forget to sign up in the foyer!



LPMC Teacher Appreciation

On Saturday, July 28, the Discipleship Committee is hosting a teacher appreciation and training luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. This event is for all past and current LPMC Sunday school and Wednesday night teachers, as well as for those who may be interested in serving as teachers in our church. We will begin at noon with lunch and then spend some time exploring curriculum, our Bible memory program, classroom issues, as well as answering any questions you may have. Please RSVP by July 22 to Pastor Steve if you are able to attend.

In their (futile) search for a perfect church, a lot of people never get to pause and enjoy a good one.

JOSH HOWERTON

Chmil Family Send Off



The Chmil family will be leaving for France at the end of August to begin language training for their missionary service in Togo. The Chmils have been an integral part of our ministry here at LPMC and we are excited to partner with them as they fulfill the calling God has placed on their hearts. On August 12 we will be hosting a send off for them here at LPMC. On that Sunday morning we will have a single worship service at 9:00. At the end of the service we will spend time praying for the Chmils. Following the service, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall where everyone will have the opportunity to spend some time saying goodbye to them. Our hospitality committee will provide continental style breakfast items for us to enjoy. Feel free to bring a card or note of encouragement for Steve and Bethany and their children.

(Please note, we will not have Sunday school or our second service on this Sunday.)

The "Hannah Fund"



Hannah Fuller is serving the Chmil family as a nanny for their children while they attend language school in France and while they set up their home in Togo. The Chmil family is covering Hannah's transportation costs as well as room and board while she is with them, but their missions budget does not provide for any remuneration for Hannah while she is with them. We would like to bless Hannah while she serves the Chmil family. Our church board has authorized the establishment of the "Hannah Fund". Beginning this month, you can designate offerings to the "Hannah Fund" through your weekly giving. For the duration of Hannah's service with the Chmil family, we will send whatever funds are collected for Hannah directly to her each month. In addition, on Sunday, August 12, we will receive a door offering for Hannah immediately following the morning service. We are confident that you will give generously to this new fund.

Sisters in the Lord

Ladies, come join Janet, Maxine, and Daisy for afternoon tea in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, July 24, from 1:00 to 2:00. This will be a time for sharing, devotions, and prayer. This is a group for all women to meet together for fellowship - a time to share and encourage each other - followed by a short devotional and prayer. We will meet together again in August, purposing to follow the Women's Ministry goals to equip, serve, and share.

Kesling Park
5:15pm
Shelter #4

Ladies' join us for a walk around Kesling track. We'll meet 5:15 at shelter #4. Walk at your own pace or sit and enjoy conversation under the pavilion. We'll end together at the pavilion for a time of fellowship. Feel free to bring a bite to eat. Children are always welcome! For more information contact Chris Allen at 219-575-9737

***This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends & family for fun, exercise, & fellowship.**

SUMMER YOUTH STUDY
-THE BLAZING CENTER

WHAT DO YOU REVOLVE AROUND?
Discover surprising insights about the reality of sin, how your love for God is really revealed, and how only joy in Him will sustain you through times of suffering.

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENING AT THE PARSONAGE FROM 6:00 - 7:00 FOR THIS TEN WEEK STUDY TOGETHER.

All middle and high school youth are invited and encouraged to attend.
SEE PASTOR STEVE OR KATIE FOR MORE INFORMATION