

Wednesday Menus for the Month of August:

Dinner begins at 5:50 pm.

All meals include tea and coffee.

\$7—11 & Up, \$4—Children, 5-10, \$7—Take Out
\$25 max. for immediate family.

"To-Go" Plates will be prepared by the Kitchen

Personnel after the serving line closes. We cannot
guarantee "to-go" orders until all of our dine-in family
members are served. As available, additional take out
plates may be purchased at the regular price.

Meal dates are to be determined!

FYI

- **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, August 6, at 7:30am in Fellowship Hall.
- **CHURCH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, August 9, at 7:00pm
- **DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER:** Monday, August 21, at 9am.
- **BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH AND FAMILY COOK-OUT:** Wednesday, August 30, from 5:00-8:00pm.

TEAM MEETINGS IN AUGUST:

- **Building & Grounds:** Wednesday, August 2, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Wednesday, August 9, at 6:00pm
- **Mission Team:** Wednesday, August 16, at 6:00pm
- **Deacons' Meeting:** Wednesday, August 23, at 6:00pm

Please Note: All events,
dates, and times are
subject to change.



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If God Be For Us

"He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." (2 Kings 6:16)

The challenges we face in this life have very real spiritual consequences. We may be so overwhelmed by grief, depression, anxiety, or fear to see that, but the way we respond to challenges can very easily pull our eyes away from the Lord. Our God is sufficient to meet every single need, no matter what challenges confront us. And yet, when trouble comes, we feel outnumbered. The prophet Elisha understood this, though so many of us miss it. At one point when the nation of Israel was at war with a neighboring kingdom, the invading army surrounded the city Elisha and his servant occupied. The servant awoke one morning to see an army besieging them. Elisha simply told him not to be afraid. Those who were with them were more than those who were against them. The Lord opened the young man's eyes, and he beheld an angelic army of horses and chariots of fire standing against the invaders. The chances are slim you'll ever get the blessing of that perspective, but even if you never see chariots of fire surrounding you, you have God's promise that nothing can separate you from the love of Christ. When we have Jesus with us, it does not matter who is against us. We are continuing to explore God's message to us on Sunday morning that this world is not our home. Let us keep our eyes on Jesus and toward eternity, and we will find that God Himself outnumbers every force that gathers against us. I look forward to worshipping and serving Jesus with you this month.

Your Pastor,

Michael Wren



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**BACK -TO-SCHOOL
FAMILY PICNIC AND
SPLASH DAY!**

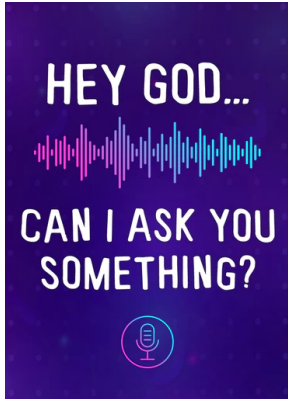
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5:00-8:00pm**



**COMING IN
SEPTEMBER**

**PROMOTION SUNDAY
September 3rd**

Children's Ministries



SummerSessions continue during the month of August on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm for kids ages 3-5th grade. Our unit is called, "Hey, God...Can I Ask You Something?" We are studying some of the prayers recorded in the Bible to see just how eager God is to listen to us, speak with us, and answer our prayers.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC AND SPLASH DAY!
MPact families will join with Engage Youth families for a Splash Day and Picnic on Wednesday, August 30th.



MPact families are welcome to come at 5:00pm as we kick-off the afternoon with a huge water slide and inflatable Slip-n-Slide. Engage families will join us for a picnic dinner at 6:00pm. Hotdogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks and paper goods are provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Your family won't want to miss this evening of fun and fellowship!



All are invited to attend Promotion Sunday taking place Sunday, September 3rd, during the Sunday School hour. Children will meet at 9:45am in their current class, then meet in the sanctuary at 10:00am for the Presentation of Bibles and Promotion. After Promotion, we will dismiss the children and youth to their classes for the new school year.

Student Ministries



Engage will continue to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of August.

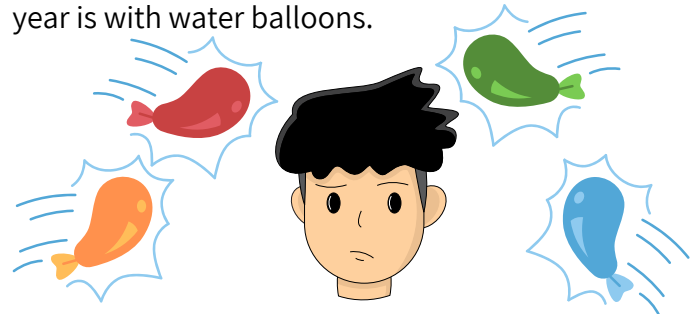
We have organized games, worship and prayer time, and Bible lessons. During the Bible lesson portion, students have the option of working from three different modules: memory verses, books of the Bible, and our biblical foundation.



reCHARGE, a monthly gathering for High School students will meet this month on Sunday, August 13th in the Youth House following the Morning Worship Service. Lunch will be provided.

CAPTURE THE FLAG (WATER BALLOON EDITION)

On Wednesday, August 30th Engage Student and their families will be joining the MPact families for a picnic dinner. Following the dinner, Engage Students will not only have fun on the inflatable water slide and slip-n-slide, but we will also have our 4th Annual Capture the Flag event, because we know that the best way to start off the new school-year is with water balloons.



Women's Ministry

THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, Thursday morning Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the month of August in room 102. We are studying "Biography of God" by Skip Heitzig.



WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night women's Bible study group is beginning a new study, Mama Bear Apologetics: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies. Even if you're not a "mama bear" or don't have children in your home, this study is open to all women who would like to influence the children in your lives with the Gospel of Christ. We will meet each Wednesday at 6:30pm.

Discipleship Ministry

CHURCH LIBRARY

The library has a new section dedicated to Discipleship. This section contains materials for Personal Discipleship, Doctrine, and Evangelism. Stop by and see what might be useful to you in your walk with Christ. Donations of books and study guides in this category are welcomed. They will be reviewed for their useability. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Cross at (706)836-9226 or email at crossdaniel4@comcast.net.

Men's Ministry

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST
Sunday, August 6th at 7:30AM

Senior Adult Ministry

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Will return in the month of September.



Missions Ministry

August for OCC shoeboxes means Back-to-School supplies!



Through the month of August, OCC is collecting school supplies, and while all supplies are welcome, there is a special need for notebooks and markers. Please continue praying that the gospel message will transform the lives of the children and their families who come in contact with these boxes. While the items inside the box are a special treat, it's the message of Jesus Christ that changes lives. Thank you for your donations!

Sincerely,
Barbara Smith

International Missions Uighurs of Northwest China

Please pray for the Uighur people who live in the area of Xinjiang in Northwest China. They are under much surveillance and live in fear. Pray that they will find refuge in the God of all comfort.

Music Ministry



HBC ADULT CHOIR

The adult choir is now rehearsing a special choir song for our Homecoming Service on September 24th. We will meet at 9:00am in the Sanctuary each Sunday morning during August and September. If you would like to join the Adult Choir for this special service, please see Amanda Brookins for more information. We hope to see you there!