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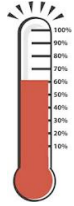
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From the Pastor's Desk

Life & Death

Community Church,

I think we all have been around people who respond to difficult situations in extraordinary ways and wonder if we would be as gracious, humble or strong in the same situation. I had that opportunity last weekend. I re-connected with a high school classmate at our class reunion. She was diagnosed with a terminal illness and given 2 years to live...that was 3 years ago. We had a great conversation about her life in the last year. She wakes up every morning profoundly thankful for the day and looks to make the most of every minute of each day. She said she has not found an effective way to communicate the transformation that has occurred since she started living on these bonus days.

While there is plenty that is sad about her situation, she seems to be handling it well and caused me stop and self-reflect. How would I do if put in that situation? How should I be "redeeming" my days, even in the absence of a terminal diagnosis? What does God ask us to do with our days here on earth? How/what should I be thinking about life and death?

I am not going to share my answers – but I will invite you to ask some of the same questions of yourself. After you have thought about it for a bit, read the following verses and give it some more thought.

Philippians 1:18b – 30

Philippians 4:4-14, 19-20

Romans 8:18-39

Romans 5:1-10

Romans 14:5-15:7

Colossians 3:12-17

I hope you can find an hour in a quiet spot, on a sunny day, to contemplate these verses. Spend



some time talking to God through His Word and through prayer and silence. Hopefully you will never find yourself in the position of my friend. But I do hope you will be able to press into God and live out His plan for your life in the absence of a very difficult situation and a short timeline!

May God meet you in your pursuit of Him, To the glory of God,

Pastor Wade



Financial Information

January-June 2017

Total Giving:

\$70,000 (total General offerings) vs.
\$66,000 (total Budget is 11,000/month)

Pledge Giving:

\$54,200 (total given by those making pledges)
vs. **\$49,200** (total pledged YTD, \$8,200 per month)

Budget vs. Actual Expenses:

January 1st cash balance \$12,300
YTD general offerings \$70,000
YTD total expenses \$63,600
June 30 cash balance \$18,700

Account	Budget	Actual
Payroll	\$45,211.50	\$42,800.00
Missions	\$6,176.50	\$6,100.00
Plant & maintenance	\$6,270.00	\$7,000.00
office	\$3,025.00	\$2,800.00
discipleship	\$1,507.50	\$1,300.00
Property Ins	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
Miscellaneous	\$250.00	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$1,000.00	\$600.00
Outreach	\$300.00	-\$600.00
Worship	\$575.00	\$675.00
TOTAL	\$65,615.50	\$61,975.00

Current Maintenance account:

\$6,800.00

Current Emergency Fund:

\$7,200.00

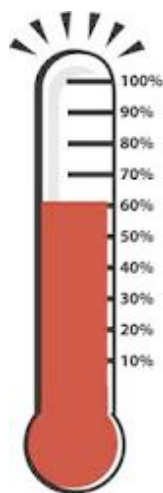
Current Building account:

\$25,300.00

This is a summary to keep you informed. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, contact Corey Olson or Wade Hetrick

Furnace Fund Progress

TOTAL NEEDED: \$15,000
MAINTENANCE: \$7,000
RAISED TO-DATE: \$2,000
STILL NEEDED: \$6,000





Saturday, August 5

Men join us for a golf outing! Sherwood Forest Golf Course; Tee time is 9 a.m. This is a Three Club Best Ball event. Option to stay for lunch. Contact Greg Maxey 920-205-349 for more information. Invite others and sign up on the bulletin board at church.



Women's Events!

Ladies In Faith Together will meet Monday August 14th at 5:30pm at the church. We will have a time of Communion, prayer and devotion.

Women's Tea which will be held Monday **September 11th from 5:30 - 7:30pm**. Bobbie and Lee Murray will be our speakers showing their slides of their trip to the Holy Lands. Watch for more information and a sign up sheet. Please mark that date on your calendar.

We Need You, Ladies!

The Women's Ministry has 2 exciting volunteer opportunities we'd like you to consider. Please respond to Betsy at brozelle@new.rr.com or 920-540-4109 if you're interested or would like more information.

1. **Neighborhood Exchange Committee (need at least 5 volunteers):** see the article
2. **Women's Retreat Planning Committee** (chair or member): help plan the 2018 Community Church of Appleton Women's Retreat

ALL CHURCH POTLUCK!



Sunday, August 13th at church.

ATTENTION EVERYONE!!

Neighborhood Swap

Saturday, September 30, 2017

12:30-3:00

(doors open at noon; "shopping" begins at 12:30)

HOW DOES IT WORK? Anyone can bring up to 25 clean, gently-used items to church on **Thursday, Sept. 28 from 9:00-11:00 am or Friday, Sept. 29 from 5:00-8:00 pm**. Items will be assigned points that can be spent toward merchandise on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 12:30-3:00 pm (doors open at noon). Families who don't bring items will still be given 5 points toward merchandise.

Acceptable items include: any size/season clothing (ideally on hangers) for males or females; shoes/boots; jewelry/accessories; books; toys/games; home décor; kitchenware

NO FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, or ANY ITEM THAT IS TOO HEAVY FOR A CHILD TO CARRY

All "unsold" merchandise will be donated to a Christian charity.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? Sign up on bulletin board for one of the spots below and/or donate shopping bags and hangers (give to Betsy Rozelle)

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

- Create and/or order indoor and outdoor signage
- Provide refreshments for event
- Help with set-up on Friday, September 29 from 5:00-9:00 pm (come for one hour or more)
- Help day of by greeting shoppers and helping to bag merchandise

Questions? Contact Betsy Rozelle at 920-540-4109 or brozelle@new.rr.com