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Quiet Time

Summer in Wisconsin can be a crazy time. There are so many opportunities for activities, projects and gatherings. While that is not all bad, it can tempt us to leave our daily quiet time with God by the wayside as we pursue other options.

As fall arrives and you have an opportunity to reorganize your schedule, I encourage you to re-evaluate your quiet time. We need quiet times because we need God. He is the one who makes sense of life for us. J.I. Packer writes, "The world becomes a strange, mad, painful place

and life in it a disappointing and unpleasant business, for those who do not know God. Disregard the study of God and you sentence yourself to stumble through life blindfolded, as it were, with no sense of direction and no understanding of what surrounds you. This way you can waste your life and lose your soul."

Take the blindfold off and dig into the Word. One of the gospels will soon lead you to the example of Christ as He spent his daily time with His heavenly Father. An Epistle will reveal the words of Paul encouraging you to search the word, to train your mind on the things of God or to pray without ceasing.

If you are not sure where to start, commit to setting 10 minutes aside each morning to open the book of



Colossians. Begin by asking God to meet with you. Read a paragraph or 2 from the first chapter (pay special attention to 1:15-23) and then spend a few minutes inviting God into your day. Soon you will find the time going by too fast and your conversations becoming more meaningful.

If you have drifted away from the discipline of a quiet time, I encourage you to start up again today. God is waiting for your invitation!

To the Glory of God,

Pastor Wade



Financial Information

January - July 2018

Total Giving:

\$86,000 (total General offerings) vs.
\$80,500 (total Budget is 11,500/month)

Pledge Giving:

\$71,000 (total given by those making pledges)
vs. **\$63,000** (total pledged YTD, \$9,000 per month)

Budget vs. Actual Expenses:

January 1st cash balance **\$13,400**
YTD general offerings **\$86,000**
YTD total expenses **\$75,000**
July 31 cash balance **\$24,400**

Account	Budget	Actual
Payroll	\$53,572.17	\$51,500.00
Missions	\$10,827.83	\$10,600.00
Plant & maintenance	\$7,723.33	\$6,700.00
office	\$3,616.67	\$3,200.00
discipleship	\$1,117.08	\$100.00
Property Ins	\$1,545.83	\$1,800.00
Miscellaneous	\$291.67	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$1,166.67	\$500.00
Outreach	\$350.00	\$10.00
Worship	\$1,394.17	\$650.00
TOTAL	\$81,605.42	\$75,060.00

Current Maintenance account:

\$0

Current Emergency Fund:

\$7,300.00

Current Building account:

\$26,000.00

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



Women's Events!

Second Saturday

Women's Fellowship

Every Second Saturday from 9-11 am at Community Church will be a time for women's (aged 12-120!) fellowship. It will be a casual time to come together for coffee and a continental breakfast, a devotional, and an optional activity ... but mostly a time to get to know each other better. Guests are more than welcome! Sign up is on the bulletin board, or contact Brenda at (920) 731-5523. Mark your calendars, ladies, for the Second Saturday of each month.

Saturday, September 8, 2018

9:00-11:00 AM FREE!

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF APPLETON

FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, DEVOTIONAL, OPTIONAL CRAFT/SERVICE ACTIVITY

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



With Back to School in full swing – now is a perfect time to pick up inexpensive fillers for the Operation Christmas Child

Shoeboxes.

November may seem a LONG way away – however it will be here before you know it! Shoeboxes can be costly to fill – if you pick up small items for a \$1 or \$2 as you see them filling that shoebox is so much easier.

Schedule –

Saturday October 13th - Ladies

2nd Saturday – assemble Cardboard Shoeboxes

Sunday October 14th on – Shoeboxes will be available for pick up at church

Saturday November 10th - Ladies

2nd Saturday Group — Ladies will fill shoeboxes with any misc contents donated by folks not able to fill complete boxes.

Sunday November 18th – All Filled Shoe boxes and misc. contents must be turned in by the end of TECH Time.

Maxeys will deliver them to the Collection Point after TECH Time.

Do Not Include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

We provided Leo & Anna with the funds we collected for their citizenship process. Here is the letter of thanks we as a church received from their family:

08/05/2018

Dear Pastor Wade, Elders, and Community Church of Appleton:

In the name of my family, we will like to express our more sincerity gratefulness for your generous contribution to the project of our trip to Honduras to adjust our immigration status in the United States.

Once again thank you for all your support, love and prayers.

For the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also overflows with many thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:12).

Sincerely in Christ,

Leonardo Garcia
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Sebastian Garcia