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## It's Time for **CHANGE**: Here Are the Details

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By the time you read this, you will have most likely heard that we are once again adjusting our Sunday morning worship schedule. With the fall of new positive Coronavirus cases and pervasive vaccination of people in the community, we feel that now is the time to make this change. I am sure that you have many questions about these changes. I hope that I will be able to address as many of your questions as possible here.

### **WHEN WILL THE NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE BEGIN?**

For a host of reasons, we have decided to start our new Sunday morning schedule as soon as possible—June 6th. I believe that you have been ready for this change for some time now.

### **WHAT IS THE NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE?**

- 9:00 AM **Sunday School** (Preschool-Adult)  
10:30 AM **Morning Worship Service**  
**Kids Time** (Preschool-5th Grade)

There may be some questions about the start time for Sunday school. Let me try to explain.

Our primary objective in Sunday school is the teaching of God's Word in such a way that the lives of individuals in the class are changed. In order to have a quality lesson with discussion, a teacher needs at least 45-60 minutes of teaching time. If you add in time for fellowship and prayer requests before the lesson and an opportunity to use the facilities after the lesson and before worship, we need to schedule at least 90 minutes to fit it all in. In the past, the time for the lesson often had to be cut short. We don't want that to be an issue anymore.

### **WHAT CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED AT 9:00?**

For now, there will be no change in the number of adult classes being taught. This will change in the coming weeks, but we do not have all the details worked out for that. Russell Jones' and Karen Kreeger's classes will continue to meet in the same locations. Ron Simpson's class will begin meeting in the auditorium at 9:00 AM.

The **big change** is that **we will be offering classes for children from Preschool through 5th Grade**. We want to invite all the parents of this age group to bring your kids and join one of the adult Sunday school classes. We have regretted not being able to offer these classes for the past

# Making the Most of Your SUMMER!

David McEuen

Pastor of Family and Worship

Summer has arrived! School is out, vacations are planned, and a much needed break is in sight. I'm excited for the possibilities summer holds and I hope that you are too! As you go about your summer, I want to challenge you and your family to do a few things:

1. **Keep Family Devotion time a priority** –

Volume Two of the Family Devos launched May 23. Have you picked up your copy yet? These devos are designed to help your family focus

on Jesus together during the week. These moments are just as precious as vacation and have eternal value. Don't neglect your opportunity to develop this habit this summer.

2. **Do something together as a family often** –

Read a book to your little ones, do a puzzle, go on a hike, go to a playground/park, play basketball, whatever you choose, do it all together. Summer is a prime time to invest in the lives of your kids both spiritually and relationally.

3. **Guard your family time** – This may sound odd but it's essential. Unless you guard the time you set aside with your kids, something will ALWAYS come up. You guard your

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# Holding on to Chimney Corner SCRIPTURES

Ron Fields

Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

Doesn't it say in the Bible "God helps those who help themselves"? "Preacher, would you tell my wife where in the Bible it says wives are to submit to their husbands?"

The first question fits into the category of "chimney corner scriptures" just as many other

sayings that develop over time. They may sound good and with continual repetition take on the assumption of being actual Scripture, but they are not.

The second question is one that needs to be looked at in context.

People are fond of taking a verse out of context and using it to benefit themselves.

An overall knowledge of the Bible and use of a concordance or other helps would show both to be false. Yet even believers of many years often fail to develop further understanding of just what the Bible says or where to find it.

This is amazing when we consider what the Bible says about itself.

1 Peter 1:21 tells us the origin of scripture. Hebrews 4:12 tells us the power of scripture. John 6:63 tells us the importance of scripture.

In view of these verses alone how appropriate it is to read the Bible, to memorize and meditate upon its meaning.

# ENCOURAGEMENT

## When You Need It

**John O'Connor**

Pastor of Community Engagement

In the past 6 months, I have taken up more interest in my health. I am not what you would call in shape, well technically round is a shape. I am also past the years of just jumping into a quick workout and getting back into shape in a few weeks. I am trying to watch what I eat, working out a bit, and getting enough sleep.

Matt Landis asked me if I wanted to start working out with him, and in my ignorance I said yes. If you don't know Matt Landis, think of Captain America or Superman. After our first workout, I realized that my years of ignoring my health had finally caught up with me.



So much hurt on me, I didn't know what part of my body to focus on first. I just laid in my living room floor and called for Laura to put me out of my misery. Our second workout was a little better. When we were bench pressing, I starting to feel my arms get weaker, Matt noticed too and started to encourage me. Through that encouragement, I suddenly found energy and drive to finish my set.

In Romans 1:11-12, Paul wrote, "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."



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family time by identifying what is of greatest value in the moment and saying no to the things which take away from it. God's call for you during family time is to be with your family and just as God loves families, the Enemy hates them. He will use whatever means he can to disrupt God's call for you to be an effective parent, even with "minor interruptions."

Psalm 90:12 says, "Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts." Summer is just beginning but will be over before you know it. Let's number our days carefully so that we might be wise with our time.

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Paul knew how important spiritual encouragement was. Paul wanted to be there with them, and not just for his own comfort, but because it would be good for the Romans to be with him. It is good for us to be together, and worship together. But more than that, we need to be encouraging one another in this marathon of life, not tearing one another down.

Through Matt's simple words of encouragement, I found the focus and energy to accomplish the task set before me. We need to be that for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Who are you going to encourage today?

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UPCOMING *Mark Your Calendars* **EVENTS** 

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- June 6      **New Worship Schedule Begins**  
                 9:00—Sunday School  
                 10:30—Worship / Kids Time
  
  - June 6      Business Meeting—5 PM
  
  - June 6      **Missionary Candra Barnett—6 PM**
  
  - June 20     Father’s Day
  
  - June 21     Student Float Trip
  
  - July 6-8     **SOAR**
  
  - July 11      **Chef’s Auction**
  
  - July 18-22   **Vacation Bible School**
  
  - August 2-6   **OBE—Church Camp**
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15 months, but are looking forward to starting them up again! As for our students (6th-12th Grades), Pastor David will continue to lead this Sunday school class.

### **ARE THERE OTHER CHANGES HAPPENING?**

Since the lifting of the Mask Mandate by the Rogers City Council, we will also follow suit. The wearing of masks will now be optional for our services. Please, stay home if you are sick.

Besides the lifting of the mask mandate, we are returning to keeping worship attendance on the clipboards at each aisle. I’m looking forward to being able to receive your prayer requests on a weekly basis!

Lastly, we will return to having an altar call at the end of the message each Sunday morning. I believe it is important to give you the opportunity to respond to God’s Word. While not necessary, there is something special about approaching God in prayer while on your knees in the altar.



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