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We're PRAYING for Your Spiritual Growth

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Over these past few months, we have been studying about classical, Christian disciplines. As we have studied these disciplines, we have encouraged you to practice these things utilizing the *Recharge* books. I have been pleased to discover that many of you are using this resource!

This summer, we will not be providing this resource each week. The next *Recharge* book will come out at the beginning of the fall semester.

I know that many of you have had routines in place for your spiritual growth for many years now, but for some, using the *Recharge* books may have been the first time you've developed a daily habit of being in the Word of God. So **what will you do for the next 9 weeks?**

For those who have completed the "Next Steps" Survey, we have already given you a personalized list of resources to help you grow. If you haven't done that, it's not too late!

You may already have something planned out for your personal, spiritual growth. If so,

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New Opportunities— PRAYERS Needed

Ron Fields

Pastor of Senior Adults and Care Ministries

I love good music. I love to sing. In the shower of course! I love to sing in church, blending my voice with those around me. But put me on the spot, in front of others, and I immediately feel like I am judged and coming up short!

Recently a pastor friend invited me to take over his spot at a local nursing home where residents were brought out into the dining area for a religious service. I went to his final day to see what was expected of me. He led a few songs, read scripture, and preached for about 30-40 minutes. I agreed to do so with some personal reservations.

I wasn't sure I could lead those dear folks in singing. But I began my first service by choosing a couple of well known Christmas carols and then



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Would You Partner with Us in PRAYER?

David McEuen

Pastor of Family and Worship

Summer is going fast! Are you having fun yet? If not, here are a few things coming your way to wash away the summer blues.

SOAR 2021 is here! Temple students are headed to Dallas, TX July 6 to worship the Lord alongside students from all across the BMAA. This year's theme, "Pause" will call teenagers to pause and worship God, recognize why He deserves to be worshiped

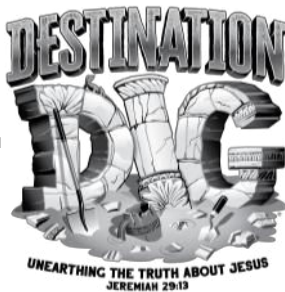
SOAR
STUDENT CONFERENCE

and discover how our worship should make a kingdom impact in our daily lives. We will return late Thursday evening, July 8.

Chef's Auction & SOAR Testimony is July 11.

This is a major fundraiser for the student ministry and a great time of fellowship together. Students will be sharing what God taught them through SOAR and serving during the course of the auction. Be sure to take part in this and consider how you might contribute with food, donations/bids, or both.

Destination Dig Vacation Bible School starts July 18 and goes through July 22. This is a great opportunity to minister to kids inside and outside the church, but we need your help!



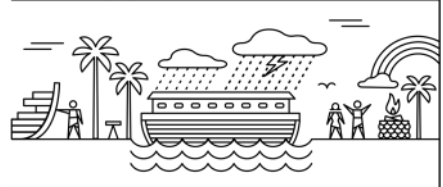
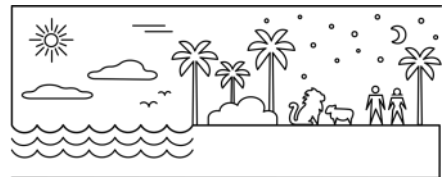
Here are some ways you can help:

- Sign up to serve as a volunteer! Sign up forms are available at the Welcome Center
- Invite your friends to send their children to VBS.
- Register your children in advance by filling out a physical registration card or scanning the QR code on the Welcome Center to register online.



Ozark Baptist Encampment

aka "Church Camp" is just a few short weeks away, August 2-6. This year's theme is "Covered" focusing on God's grace displayed in Genesis 1-11. I'm excited to join everyone at Camp Siloam this year and I hope you are too. Mark your calendar and sign up!



COVERED

"BLESSSED ARE THOSE WHOSE SINS ARE COVERED." ROMANS 4:7

Each of these events offer unique opportunities to encounter Jesus—for some, it's a time to refresh in God's presence, for others, a time to meet Him for the very first time. It's incredibly exciting but fruitless without God's help. So would you join us in praying for these events?

Would you pray that God would reveal Himself to students and children and draw them to faith and obedience in Him? Even if you may not be able to be in the room with us, this is perhaps the most important thing you can do for us. And as we join together in prayer, I trust we will see God do great things.

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that's awesome! If not, I would like to share an option with you.

I believe that if a person wants to grow in their spiritual maturity, it is important that they are readers! Spiritual growth is dependent upon a steady diet of God's Word, but reading other works written by Christian authors can also be an integral part of that growth process.

Several months ago, I asked our church staff and their spouses to provide me with a list of books that have impacted their lives over the

years. The list you see below is an abbreviated version of that list. Some of these are easily available through www.ChristianBook.com or www.Amazon.com; however, some are not.

If you are having trouble finding one of them, please let me know and I will help you locate a copy.

If you want a full version of the list, you can get one in the church office.

Our students are always encouraged to have a "Summer Reading List." I want to encourage you to have one too!

SUMMER READING OPTIONS

Apologetics

[Evidence that Demands a Verdict](#) by Josh McDowell
[The Case for Christ](#) by Lee Strobel

Bible Study Methods

[How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth](#) and [How to Read the Bible Book by Book](#) by Fee and Stuart
[Living by the Book](#) by Hendricks and Hendricks

Christian Classics

[The Calvary Road](#) by Roy Hession
[Absolute Surrender](#) by Andrew Murray
[Pursuit of Holiness](#) by Jerry Bridges
[A Tale of Three Kings](#) by Gene Edwards

Christian Doctrine

[Growing Deep in the Christian Life](#) by Charles Swindoll
[Kingdom Living – Here and Now](#) by John MacArthur
[Jesus, Continued](#) by JD Greer
[The Underestimated Gospel](#) by Together for the Gospel
[The Names of God](#) by Ken Hemphill

Christianity in the Real World

[Faith Like Flamingos](#) by Katie Horner
[Living on the Ragged Edge](#) by Charles Swindoll
[Career Crossover](#) by Tom Harper
[Relationships: A Mess Worth Making](#) by Land and Tripp

Devotionals

[My Utmost for His Highest](#) by Oswald Chambers
[New Morning Mercies](#) by Paul David Tripp
[At the Feet of Jesus](#) by Joanna Weaver

Grief

[Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy](#) by Mark Vroegop
[A Sacred Sorrow](#) by Michael Card

Making Disciples

[Disciples Are Made Not Born](#) by Walter Henryrichsen
[The Lost Art of Disciple Making](#) by Leroy Eims

Marriage & Parenting

[Rock-Solid Kids](#) by Larry Fowler
[Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining...](#) by Scott Turansky
[Pray Big for Your Child](#) by Will Davis
[Getting Ready for Marriage](#) by Jim Burns

Prayer

[Praying the Bible](#) by Donald S. Whitney
[Fervent](#) by Priscilla Shirer

Spiritual Disciplines

[A Long Obedience in the Same Direction](#) by E. Peterson
[Celebration of Discipline](#) by Richard J. Foster

Spiritual Growth

[Mere Christianity](#) by CS Lewis
[The Land Between](#) by Jeff Manion
[You Can Change](#) by Tim Chester
[Uninvited](#) by Lysa Terkeurst
[Found: God's Will](#) by John MacArthur
[Balancing the Christian Life](#) by Charles Ryrie
[The Hand of God](#) by Alistair Begg
[Growing Down](#) by Michael Kelley
[Between Heaven and the Real World](#) by S.C. Chapman

Mark Your Calendars
UPCOMING EVENTS



- July 6-8** **SOAR**
- July 11** **Chef's Auction—5 PM**
- July 18-22** **Vacation Bible School**
- Aug 2-4** **BMA of America**
Waxahachie, Texas
- Aug 2-6** **OBE Church Camp**
Camp Siloam—Siloam Springs
- Aug 15** **Annual Business Meeting &**
Camp Testimony Service—4 PM
- Aug 16** **Rogers ISD Fall Semester Begins**
- Aug 29** **5th Sunday Fellowship Meal**

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preached on the angelic announcement of the birth of Christ. I thought it went well.

The next week I chose a couple more old hymns and was doing quite well I thought. Then midway of the second hymn the activities director slipped up beside me and whispered, "no singing!"

Of course she said it was because of Covid restrictions but all my insecurities rose to the surface. Now I am back to just preaching the Word! Will you pray for me at 11:30 each Wednesday morning?



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