



e-News

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers for Kim Belfield who is in the hospital.

Prayers for healing for Korakahn Phimmasene after his recent surgery.

A memorial service for Ruth Oyer will be held here at First Pres. on Monday, July 26th at 6 p.m.

Church Picnic!

August 29th
11am to 2pm -
beginning with a short outdoor
service at 11am

Lunch served 12:30pm

At the Bird Haven Greenhouse Park and
Pavilion - 225 N Gougar Rd, Joliet, IL

VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT TO HAPPEN

We also would like to gauge interest via sign up

To show interest or sign up as a volunteer
please visit our website, or the sign up sheet in
Hoffman hall

THIS WEEK'S BLOG, GENESIS—7/22-7/28

7/22 Ch.13:1-18—Abram Returns

7/23 Ch.13:10-18—Lot's Backsliding

7/26 Ch.14:1-16—Abram Delivers Lot

7/27 Ch.14:17-24—God at El Elyon

7/28 Ch.15:7-21—Israel's Captivity Predicted

We have **1 worship service** with traditional and contemporary songs in the service. Look for it online,(YouTube (firstpresjoliet), facebook, our website).

There is one service at 9 a.m. Sunday morning. With Fellowship Coffee hour after service in Hoffman Hall.

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Stewardship Report

2021-2022 Budget	\$734,307
Year to Date Income	\$221,015
Year to Date Expenses	\$159,908

Income includes \$34,681 of Employee Retention Credit
Per Capita: \$38.47

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online to use a credit card
You can give by mail, by online giving through our website
using the "Give" tab, and through electronic giving.

Thank you for your generosity.

We still have many books from Pastor Craig's library!

These books will be in Hoffman Hall. You can
come check them out anytime during office
hours or search them on Sunday morning.

This is a great opportunity!

THE PASTOR'S CORNER... Bo Mircea, Pastor

As many of you know, this coming Monday, I am leaving to visit my parents in Romania. I would ask your prayers for a safe trip. While Romania is on Covid Level 1 Alert (the lowest level), I do ask for your prayers along the way.

During this time, Pastor Carrie will continue to serve our congregation, just as she's doing at this time. In August, the Summer Choir will join us in worship on Sunday morning. Pastor Carrie, Pastor Mark Morrison, and other church leaders will lead our morning worship, while Ellen Kientop (our front office media/communication guru) will edit and post the Online Services. I know I will be tuning in from Romania, not to check how everything is going, but to be part of our communal worship.

We are looking with great enthusiasm to September, and we are praying that we can have a big family reunion with Back to Church Sunday on September 12. Now we are looking and planning for what church could look like this coming fall. Stayed tuned for that.

Last week, we familiarized ourselves with the darkness of the pit, the place where dreams come to die. Joseph the dreamer, encounters so much opposition and bitterness, and while it seemed that his life would soon come to an end, Joseph put God's love into action. Sometimes, the solution, the path we are given is not the ideal one, and yet as we see in Joseph's life we know that God is still very present even in that imperfect resolution. The lesson of the pit, from last week's sermon, reminds us that God sees in us so much more than we will ever see. Even when it seems that your dreams will come to an end, God still believes in the dreams that sparked our desire to be followers of the Dream Giver.

This Sunday, July 25th, I will be preaching about Joseph - Part two - When people look at you.

This week we will look at the second part of Joseph's life, the part where he comes into a place of power, a place of influence. It is here in this place of power that we look at Joseph to see what the dream looks like in real life. As we uncover the story, we will not be disappointed. I would encourage you to read the whole story starting with Genesis chapter 37 and get familiar with Joseph. I am looking with great excitement to discover with you on Sunday, the teenager turned prince over Egypt and learn from him.

See you Sunday,
Pastor Bo

All of our virtual Worship Services are available on our YouTube page and website.

TAILGATE DINNERS ARE BACK!

The next Tailgate Dinner is 7/21! Grab a good dinner and join us at 6pm in the lot!

Men's Bible Study

Each Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in room 210.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Reminder: If you are experiencing emotional hardship (depression, grieving etc.) you can reach out to our Stephen Ministry to receive help from a trained team. Everything is confidential. These are hard times but you are not alone, please contact the office to be put in touch with Stephen Ministry.

My family and I would like to thank our wonderful church family for the outpouring of love, kindness, comfort and support from the many cards, calls, visits and hugs these past months after the passing of my mom, Donna, in May. To say she is greatly missed is an understatement, but we are drawn closer now and taking one day at a time. Each expression and action of sympathy we received will always be treasured.

May God bless each of you. Kris Hayden

SAVE THE DATE

Back to Church Sunday!

First Pres will be welcoming everyone back on September 12th!

Keep an eye out for more information!