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CALLING ALL MOMS OF KIDS AGE 12 AND YOUNGER

Please come to Pastor Carrie's house on Monday, August 8, from 5:30 - 7:30. No pressure, no agenda, just conversation, food, and laughter (hopefully lots!)

Text Carrie at 815-919-8714 to let her you know you will be there and get the details!

Free Pancake Breakfast

This Saturday, August 6th at 8:30 am will be the monthly Free Pancake Breakfast hosted by our dedicated Night Deacons.

The Free Pancake Breakfast is every month on the first Saturday.
All are welcome!

PRAISE YOGA - NEW TUESDAY TIME

Praise Yoga will now be **meeting at 6:30pm** on Tuesdays, instead of at 7 pm. Thursday sessions will continue at 8:30 am

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Continued prayers of healing and good results for Davida Ringhofer.

PHILIPPIANS PRAYER GROUP

Our next meeting will be August 19th at 9:30 am. No pressure, no obligation, just community and prayer. This is a great time to join us if you haven't already.
All are welcome!

CALL FOR BELL RINGERS

Our Glory Ringers are looking for a few new members to join their ministry. If you are interested or have any questions please reach out.

SUMMER CHOIR

Summer Choir is starting this Sunday! If you're interested in this ministry just come in a little early at 9:30 Sunday morning.

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Stewardship Report

2022-2023 Budget	\$772,600
Year to Date Income	\$196,414
Year to Date Expenses	\$215,527

Per Capita: \$40.00

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Hi!

Now that it is August, I can almost hear the ramp up to the busier pace of fall. I keep reminding myself to slow down - there is time enough and right now, summer is still with us. I hope you all have had a few of those precious slow summer days. Even as I remind myself of the beauty of a summer that is still with us, I can't help but look forward to September. For me, September is a lot like going into a whole new year, but the weather is nicer, I'm not exhausted from the pace of the holiday season, and there are still so many fun things to do!

I'm hosting moms of kids under age 12 at my house on Monday at 5:30. Please text me at 815-919-8714 if you can make it. It's just for a few hours, a chance to take a great big breath before school starts again. I remember those days. I miss those days. But I like these days too.

A great big THANK YOU to the women who were able to gather at the Oasis (women's ministry) on Sunday to talk and vision cast. The sixteen of us came up with years and years and years worth of really great ideas! Be on the lookout for a calendar of upcoming women's events. The committee and I are super excited about this ministry and appreciated the enthusiasm the ladies brought with them to the gathering!

Speaking of women, this Sunday we are going to be reading about Lydia and a conversation she and some other women had with Paul. Last Sunday, we took a big picture look at our faith and its impact on the culture around us. This Sunday, we will narrow that scope and think about how important relationships with others are. God made us to be in relationship with one another, and with the "other" that we talked about last Sunday.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in worship or at another event at church.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Carrie

SAVE THE DATE

Back to Church Celebration Picnic and Fair

Sunday September 18th

Keep an eye out for more information!

A Note from Pastor Bo

Hi y'all,

It is indeed August, a new month, a new week and a lot of things that are happening at 1st Pres.

Here's what's going on:

- This Saturday is the **Pancake Breakfast at 8:30 am**. As always please come out, be our guest, and enjoy some awesome pancakes (the secret ingredient is love) and even better company. This is a great opportunity for us as a church to reach out and serve those around us in our community.
- This Sunday is **Communion Sunday** a time when we all are invited to come to the table and remember Christ's sacrifice. I invite you to join with the rest of the congregation and celebrate Christ as our Savior.
- The Choir is starting their **Summer Performance Series** this week. If you thought about checking it out you can do so this Sunday at 9:30, to quickly learn/run through a song that will be part of the worship service on Sunday. I am sure Ken Meyers will be very happy to see you there.
- Continue to **pray for our church and our Session** as there is a lot of work to be done in this season.
- Do you Remember **Midweek @ First Pres?** Well it is time to get familiar with that term again, since we are looking at Sept 21st as a kick off day for it. For the kids we are looking and planning a Music Experience time, where they can learn some good tunes but also get familiar with using some instruments (that's about all I can share for now, details will follow soon). Then after dinner they can enjoy a time designed just for them with high energy games, crafts, and a lesson to help them grow in their faith. For the Adults, not just parents of children and youth, but all the adults, we are planning on sharing fellowship around the table and then a time of spiritual growth. Again more details to follow as we finalize the plans for MIDWEEK.

I want to leave this thought with you for the day: The amazing thing about the Jerusalem church was their passion and love for the message of Jesus. Those were not only evident, but were contagious. I know the word contagious has a bad meaning for us these days, but in the context of God's kingdom when love, hope, and grace is the driving force behind all we do. The word contagious becomes essential in the life of a church. If those things are the essence of us, what can we do as a church in our call to follow Jesus? I pray that the answer is 'a lot'.

Blessings,
Pastor Bo M.