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Donations Needed for Upgrades

The Elders and Deacons are asking for donations to refurbish the Little House **Parsonage**. If you would like to donate funds for this purpose, you can drop your checks into the collection box with the memo marked building fund. The project has already started to get rid of the moisture causing mold in the house. Thanks in advance for your help.

WCS Meeting

Our next WCS meeting will be June 14th. Hostesses for this meeting are: Kay Hickman & Connie Towers. Devotions will be given by Jan Hauenstein.

Father/Son Banquet

The Father/Son Banquet will be **June 18 @ 6 p.m.** Men invite the men in your families, friends neighbors.

Women, there is a **signup sheet for food items needed**. If you can help, sign the sheet on the desk in the foyer as to what you are able to bring.

We will also need helpers to cook on that day.

Vacation Bible School

This year our vacation Bible School will start on June 6 and run through June 10 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with our closing program being on Sunday, June 12th. So mark your calendars. The theme this year is **MONUMENTAL**-helpers again this year. We will be doing the stations like we did last year. To get your kids signed up see Jeremy Jones or Connie Allomong for VBS Cards. We still can use some help so if you would like to help see Connie Allomong. There is a signup sheet for snacks needed for the week on the desk in the foyer.

Fellowship Pot Luck Meal

There will be a Fellowship Meal after our worship service on June 26th. Invite your family and friends to join us. Bring a favorite dish of food to share with the group.

Challenge to Serve

- Jeremy Jones

For the past few months we have been walking side by side with Hebrews 11 and the book of Genesis. We have looked at what “faith” is, and how that faith puts into action the “understanding” of who God is, and what He has asked us, to do as His followers.

Faith, as the writer of Hebrews has defined it, and we have used it these past few months, is *“the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”* (**Hebrews 11:1, KJV**) So, faith is “evidence” and with the “evidence” we are called to move in action according to **James 2:14 - 26**. But, I think that is where we have gotten stuck. We have faith, but do we have works?

James states in verses **15 – 16**, of the same chapter, that *“If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?”* then we are not completing the puzzle. *“Faith without works is dead”* (**James 2:17**)

So, I would challenge us as individuals to get our family together and go beyond our Christian cliches and put our faith into action. For the month of June, I challenge us to do the following: Prayerfully, pick 2 individuals or families who you know are caring a burden. Then find 1 ways you can tangibly meet their needs (more than a phone call, text or card). I would encourage us to do this for the entire month.

When we look to Scripture, we see this is how the early church did things. **Acts 4:32 – 35** gives us this model *“Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.”*

The point is not to go and sell everything, but that needs are seen and meet. What kind of witness would the church have if we came back to this?

If you take this challenge, write the 2 names and the ways that God lays on your heart to help in the blanks below. Then put this on your fridge or somewhere you will see it. As you physically meet the needs, don't forget to pray for the family or individual.

John 13:35 *"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* And as an old Christian song says "love is a verb." Will you take the challenge?

Name: _____

Tangible need I can meet: _____

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