



Focus

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A Message from Pastor Roger

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Fall Book Study

Coming in mid-September will be an opportunity for us to share in the study of a book that I believe will be a great aid to the spiritual life and understanding of all participants. Some years ago I was introduced to the writings of James Bryan Smith, who authored a series of books on spiritual formation, which I then shared with my elders as a weekly study. I can safely say that all of us were encouraged in our spiritual journey as we engaged in not only reading the books but also in following the suggestions for strengthening our walk with Christ and our relationships with one another.

In our weekday study at Dale Heights, likely at noon on Wednesdays, we'll begin with the first of the author's three-book series. After we study these nine chapters together, possibly over three months, we'll decide whether to continue with the next book(s) in the series. The first in the three is foundational, titled "The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows." The second is "The Good and Beautiful Life," and the third is "The Good and Beautiful Community." I believe those of us who share in this study will not only grow in our understanding of the nature of God, but will have a stronger desire to know God better and to love and serve him with greater joy and enthusiasm.

One of the reasons I enjoy Smith's writing is its direct simplicity and refreshing perspective and insights into Scripture and the traditional disciplines of the Christian life. With each chapter, Smith suggests practical exercises such as adequate sleep, counting our blessings, and learning to slow down! He also has excellent explanations and directions for prayer and meditation on classical Scriptural favorites, such as Psalm 23 and the Gospel of John.

Over the next several weeks, you'll have the opportunity to express your interest in this study, and we'll be able to decide the exact time and format of the study. We'll then order the books and have them available for your purchase and reading. Unfortunately, the only edition is clothbound and not the less expensive paperback, but our Session members have indicated that we'll be able to help defray the cost through our education budget.

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I look forward to this opportunity to study with you, and certainly hope many of you can participate. Please tell me about your interest and also whether a certain day or time of day would make your participation feasible. We'll do all we can to offer the study on the day and time most convenient for the most people. We also need to discuss whether to make this a "bring your own lunch" event or try to provide a low-cost sack lunch. It should also be an opportunity for you to invite non-Dale Heights friends to this time of study and fellowship, which could become an entry point for their fuller participation in the life of the church.

Yours in his love and service,

—*Pastor Roger*



August 7	Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Kate Dooley	Ushers: Roy Lembcke, Gale Oakes, Wendy Weber
August 14	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Sandy Weigt	Ushers: Bonnie Savonne, Otty Schaefer
August 21	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Mike Holland	Ushers: Janice Krall, Rick Shannon, Vreni Straubhaar
August 28	Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist: Otty Schaefer	Ushers: Mike Holland, Elizabeth Ndafooka, Nathan Tripp

August New Beginnings

The August New Beginnings Lunch will be Tuesday, August 16 at 11:30 at Garden Terrace Bistro, Oakwood Village Tabor Oaks, 6175 Mineral Point Rd. See Kate Dooley for directions.

Please call or e-mail Mary Towne at 692-3885 or marytowne45@gmail.com for reservations.

Music News

We are coming down to the last few weeks of summer, and there's a lot to look forward to! On August 14th, our Dale Heights Bell Choir will be performing and you definitely won't want to miss hearing the results of their hard work. August 21st brings Maggie's family back for their annual musical contributions as well.

When summer winds down, it's time for choir! The Dale Heights choir is always accepting new singers, so if you're interested in joining, let Maggie know! The first rehearsal will be September 1 at 7:30pm, and the choir will return to the loft on Sunday, September 11.



August Birthdays

- August 3 Grant Lembcke
- August 6 Cecilia Martinez
- August 8 Lenore Mercer
- August 11 Bill Holman
- August 19 Janice Krall
- August 23 Sam Roecker
- August 27 Frank Rodriguez
Jane Williams

August Anniversaries

- August 11 Gale Oakes & Dale Buske
- August 18 Janet & Tom Jones
- August 31 Vicki & Gerry Klump

Sound System Update

Watch for changes in the sanctuary coming soon...the Sah-lang congregation is installing an updated sound system very soon!

Thank you, Sah-lang!

Property & Finance Highlights

July 12, 2016

- Memorial Gardens: For summer work days, 10 yards of double-ground oak bark mulch will be ordered for spreading to control weeds near the building, under trees, and on the Peace Pole garden. Recommended that the front entrance gardens opposite the Peace Pole garden be rejuvenated over the course of the next year. Bulbs for the Peace Pole garden will be selected and ordered soon.
- Maintenance and cleaning: volunteers will fill in as necessary for Rick after his upcoming surgery on July 21.
- Church School fund: the committee recommended that MOM's school supply drive receive this money.
- Sound system: the Sah-lang congregations' preliminary proposal to update the system was reviewed.
- Other business: a new mailbox will be purchased to replace the current one which is leaking. The water softener in the basement will be cleaned to see if that will improve its functioning.
- Financial status reports: Month and year-to-date reports were reviewed. Mid-year giving statements will be prepared and mailed out soon.
- Next meeting: Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 7:00pm.

Session Highlights

July 18, 2016

- We celebrated with Pastor Roger his being here two years. We also celebrated with him that he has met a new life partner.
- Pastor Roger will begin a Wednesday noon book study. Details found on page 1 of this newsletter.
- Gerry Klump was approved to join the Personnel Committee.
- The Nominating Committee will begin their search for new Session members soon.
- Former member Muriel Lawrence has passed away.
- The next Session meeting will be August 22 with the possibility of rescheduling to August 15.

Outreach & Mission

August *Outreach* News

Looking ahead...

- We are always looking for more hands and hearts to help host The Road Home at St. Luke's in Middleton on Friday, November 25.
- Keep an eye out for Dale Heights' own "Little Free Library" coming our way soon, courtesy of Gerry Klump. More information to come!
- Please continue to collect your pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Collection boxes can be found in the concourse.
- Outreach Committee held its latest meeting on July 31st—keep an eye out for future potlucks and Outreach opportunities!

Pres House News...

- 5pm worship services are held at Pres House each Sunday evening during the summer. What a great way to end a Sunday Sabbath!
- Dale Heights will serve dinner on **October 30th** and **March 5th**! We look forward to gathering and serving the Pres House students with fellowship together. Come join us!

Thank you for all you do!

—Pastor Roger Roberts (*ex officio*), Kate Dooley, Barb Fleishman (*chairperson*), Jamie Klump, Melanie Klump, Ruby Meyer, Gale Oakes, and Wendy Weber

Home Communion

Communion is served in the sanctuary on the first Sunday of the month. Those who are homebound and wish to have Communion brought to them either Communion Sunday afternoon or the Wednesday following Communion Sunday should call the church office by the Thursday before.

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Sunday Schedule

9:00-10:00am

Adult Christian Education

10:00am

Worship

11:00am

Fellowship

Dale Heights

Mission Statement:

Our open-minded congregation affirms and celebrates God's gifts of love and grace. We seek to share God's love by inviting others to join us in following Jesus and by serving those in need in our community and world.

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