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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

I am finally back from Sabbatical, what a blessing you gave to my family and I. I just wanted to say thank you for that gift and let you all know that we have always felt so well cared for by this congregation. It truly is a blessing to serve the Lord with you all in this wonderful place! I know some of you have been asking what we did and so I thought I would share a bit of what this time looked like for us.

The first month of sabbatical was really focused on connecting with family and building and strengthening those relationships. We spent a ton of time out at High Falls skiing, swimming, and just relaxing as a family and making memories. We also took a trip out to Oregon to visit my brother and his family. We had a wonderful time and I am sure the girls will remember this season and the connections we continued to forge.

The second month was much quieter, still a lot of family time, but as the weather got cooler we stayed home much more. I was reading some books to further my personal relationship with Jesus and just spending more time in quiet. It was a very refreshing time. There was also a trip to Memphis for me to connect with a number of leaders in our denomination on how the EPC is reaching the world with the Gospel.

The final month had a bit of a curveball thrown at it, our bathroom shower started leaking and one thing led to another and we ended up doing a large bathroom remodel in our house that took a few weeks of long days working in the house. I simultaneously was thankful that I was on Sabbatical and longed for it to be during a different time. Ultimately it was a blessing, there is no way I could have put the hours into that remodel that I was able to if I wasn't on Sabbatical and the manual labor had a fun completion aspect to it that pastoral ministry often doesn't have (there's always more that could be done in pastoral ministry).

Sprinkled throughout this season Erin and I were able to get away and have some nice dates together. God used that time to help reveal some pride issues in my own life and mentality that I now get to put into practice. The conviction of the Lord is always a good thing and we always have more ways to be growing in Him.

Thank you once again and we are excited to be back!

Pastor David

Pastor David's Office Hours:

Monday 9 - 12 & 1 - 4 pm | Tues. & Wed. 1-5 pm | Thurs. 9 am - 12 pm | ***Pastor David's Phone:*** 906-290-3510



December



Walking Through The Storm

“When you walk through the storm, hold your head up high and don't be afraid of the dark. At the end of the storm, there is a golden sky” Josh Groban sings a beautiful version of this song which really touches me.

Like many others with chronic medical conditions, I am currently in the middle of an ongoing storm of doctor appointments and medical treatments for a vision problem. While my issues are concerning to me, they pale in comparison to what many others are going through. When we or our loved ones get a new diagnosis of a serious or possibly life-threatening problem, our lives are turned upside down. From my experiences, I find it is more difficult to deal with my fears and concerns when loved ones are the ones suffering. I do my best to help and encourage them as they walk down the scary path before them. Like most large families, we have shared many joys and troubles. Sadly, we have lost some family members, but with advancing medical care, prayer and close family members to help, most of us have recovered and continue our life journeys. We have

life journeys. We have been repeatedly blessed with the comfort and consolation of being held in the loving arms of Jesus.

Even in the more difficult times, I am never alone as the Holy Spirit is always with me reminding me of God's love and provision. We all know people going through different life struggles. You can be an encourager and support them with your concern and love. I pray that they will be comforted and lifted up on their journeys. I am inspired by these lyrics, “Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart and you'll never walk alone. You will never walk alone.”

-Pip the church mouse

Bible Verses For Christmas

John 3:16

Zechariah 9:9

Isaiah 7:14

Luke 1:26-35

Matthew 1:18-25

Isaiah 9:6-7

When I'm In Rome 2024 Christmas Musical

WHERE: FAITH EPC 806 FRITZIE AVE-
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WHEN: DEC 22, 10AM

COME SEE THE EXCITING STORY OF
A SHEPHERD LONGING FOR A
DIFFERENT LIFE!

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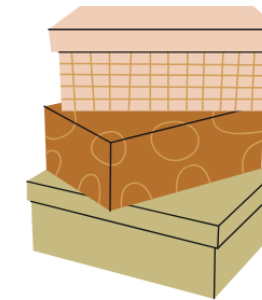


When I'm In Rome-2024 Christmas Program

The Christmas program this year is about a young shepherd boy who isn't happy with his lot in life and feels like if he just lived in Rome-a large city with plenty of opportunity-everything would be better. He really does have a hard life, living in the wild without a place to call home, dealing with lice, predators and loneliness on a daily basis. By the end of the program he gets to see Christ and worship him and comes to the realization that he doesn't need anything else to be happy. Christ is enough.

While the program is cute and superficial-unrelatable to most of us in the United States who have always had a place to lay our heads, I ask that we dig a little deeper

and ask ourselves what our “Rome” is. What is the thing that we feel like, “If I just had _____ I would be happy.” What do we feel like we're missing. It might be an addiction that we want to fall into. It might be a new house, health, clothes, less stress or friends that we feel like if we just had-we would be happy. I would ask that we take this Christmas Season and give that “thing” to God and let Him remind us that He is enough. We don't need the right house, gifts, people, or job to be fulfilled. Actually, we can only ever really be fulfilled when we are in a relationship with Christ. This Christmas season I'm going to make it a practice that whenever I see a nativity I will say to myself “You are enough God”-feel free to join me in doing that if you'd like! I also hope you're able to make it to the Christmas Program put on by the kids of the church. It will be December 22nd at 10am!
-Erin



Shoebox News

Thanks to everyone who helped with filling boxes and paying for shipping. We sent 65 boxes for children around the world. We won't know till spring what countries our boxes go to, but when I find out I will share that info Shipping was \$10 a box. So we will send \$650 to Samaritans Purse! You provided lots of wonderful items for these children and along with the boxes they receive the Good News of Jesus and offered a 12 week study course.

Thanks again and we're looking forward to doing boxes again next year. So, watch for fun things on sale! Barb and MaryBeth



Young Explorers Bake Sale

We'd love to do your holiday baking this year! Every year we do a bake sale to help fund our projects and trips. This coming summer we will be volunteering at Camp Daniel for a week.

We will be making assorted cookie boxes for you to enjoy a variety of treats without even turning your oven on!

- Date: Dec 22
- Time: After church
- Location: Fellowship Hall
- Cost: \$10/box

DECEMBER 2024



COUNTING

Dec 1st	Brenda W & Lyle Cherry
Dec 8th	Lynn B & Derrick M
Dec 15th	Jim P & Randy C
Dec 22nd	Lyle C & Derrick M
Dec 24th	TBD
Dec 29th	Brenda W & Howie E

COMMUNION

Dec 1st	Brenda W & Lyle C
Dec 8th	David G & Derrick M
Dec 15th	Jim P & Randy C
Dec 22nd	Lyle C & Derrick M
Dec 24th	TBD
Dec 29th	Brenda W & Howie E

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec 1st	Mary P
Dec 8th	Randy C
Dec 15th	Mark A
Dec 22nd	Kitt C
Dec 24th	Pastor David
Dec 29th	Jim P

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Cherry	3 rd
Ron Kouski	4 th
Mike Yoder	5 th
Scott Young	7 th
Stephen Tadisch	10 th
Breanna Bevier	11 th
Cameron Arpke	13 th
Tycen Malke	17 th
Gail Lesperance	18 th
Rick Berger	19 th
Greg Cleereman	19 th
Kitt Cleereman	20 th
Larry Piasini	23 rd
Stewart Swanson	23 rd
Diane Franzen	30 th
Brenda White	31 st
Cameron Arpke	31 st

Rick & Kathy Marcy	20 th
Bill & Rita Cherry	22 nd
Richard & Sue Wieting	25 th

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, or got it wrong, please call the church office so that we (hopefully) don't make the same mistake in the future!

**OUR ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE JAN 19TH
PLEASE HAVE REPORTS TO GAIL BY JAN 5TH**



