



**Abiding Faith Lutheran** is a gathering of people growing in generosity, discipleship, and outreach.

## WORSHIP

Do you carry around guilt and shame? American's leading Psychology Professor believes that guilt & shame are good for you – they motivate you to better behavior.

- Do you enjoy feeling guilty?
- Do you relish recalling your shame?
- Would you like people to use your past against you every day?

We all feel guilt and shame daily, but we need better solutions than being shamed & guilted into good behavior. We need our shame and guilt removed... and only God can do that. Today we join Isaiah in the throneroom of God to confess our guilt and shame, and be purified. We join the angels in Heaven singing praises to our Triune God for not guiltning or shaming us, but purifying us!

## CONNECT

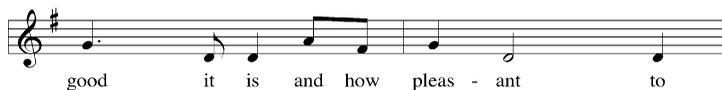
<b>Worship Options</b>	Live @ 9:15 or 10:30   Touchless   Socially-distant   Sanitized Stream @ 10:30 on YouTube or Facebook Live
<b>Sunday School</b>	Classes for all ages resume Sunday August 8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Small Groups</b>	Groups for Men, Women, and Teens resume in August
<b>Daily Devotions</b>	2 minutes   1 psalm   comfort for today
<b>Social</b>	YouTube, Facebook or Instagram
<b>Web</b>	<a href="http://abiding-faith.org">abiding-faith.org</a>

## CONTACT

Thank you for joining us today!  
It was my pleasure to serve you with God's Word.  
Please contact me on my cell at 615.692.4343 or [Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com](mailto:Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com) if I serve you in any way.  
May God bless your week!



# HYMN: #773 IN UNITY AND PEACE



## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS<sup>1</sup>

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Holy and Merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.**

God our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given us his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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<sup>1</sup> We begin with God's promise: wherever two or three are gathered in His Name, He is with us! God's people live in daily repentance – confessing our sins, and receiving God's forgiveness. United by the promise of Jesus (John 20:23), we hear the Good News – our sins are forgiven!



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



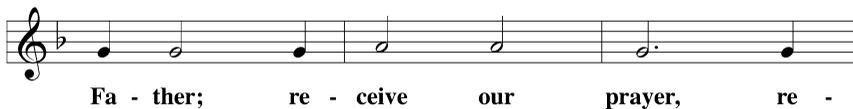
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



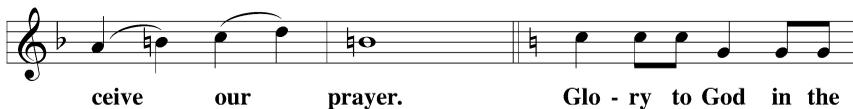
world; have mer - cy on us.



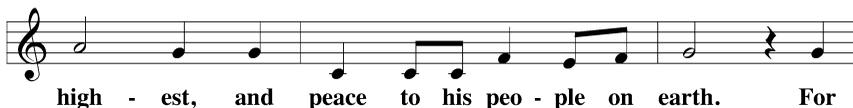
You are seated at the right hand of the



Fa-ther; receive our prayer, re-



ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God in the



high-est, and peace to his people on earth. For



you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the



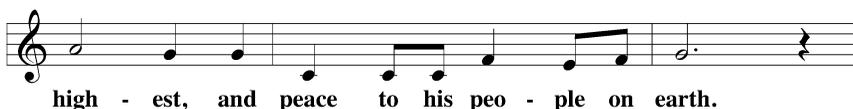
Lord, you alone are the Most High,



Je-sus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the



glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo-ry to God in the



high-est, and peace to his people on earth.



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God!

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ; in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## ISAIAH 6

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup> “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

## PSALM 150

Verses are sung responsively. Refrain sung in unison after musical introduction to the refrain.



Praise God in his sanctuary;\*  
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;\*  
praise him for his surpassing greatness. *Refrain*

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,\*  
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,\*  
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,\*  
praise him with resounding cymbals. *Refrain*

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.\*  
Praise the LORD.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\* and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen. *Refrain*

## ROMANS 8

<sup>14</sup> because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.*

## JOHN 3

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." <sup>3</sup> In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." <sup>4</sup> "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"

<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. <sup>7</sup> You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup> "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. <sup>12</sup> I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

## ATHANASIAN CREED

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

**Now this is the true Christian faith:**

**We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,  
Without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

**For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,  
but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,  
equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

**yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,  
just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,  
but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty; yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

**For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**

**The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.**

**The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.**

**The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, But all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that, in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshipped as one God, and one God worshipped as three persons. Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

## HYMN: #195 HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a -  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al -

might - y! Ear - ly in the morn - ing our  
dore thee, Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -  
hide thee, Though the eye of sin - ful man thy  
might - y! All thy works shall praise thy name in

song shall rise to thee; Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and  
glo - ry may not see, On - ly thou art  
earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
Who was and is and ev - er - more shall be.  
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## SERMON: ISAIAH 6

*Purified of Guilt & Shame*

## CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a  
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## FRIENDSHIP REGISTER AND OFFERING

- **Text2Give** Text the amount to 615-490-0996
- **PayPal** Visit [abiding-faith.org/give](http://abiding-faith.org/give)
- **Swipe Debit/Credit Card** Login to iPad near Coffee with PIN 1041
- **EFT** Set up recurring withdrawals from your bank. Contact Ted Ewald, Treasurer

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## LORD'S SUPPER

We prepare to receive a heavenly meal called the **Lord's Supper**. Depending on your preparation (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), this Meal can either bring forgiveness or judgment to you. We invite members of Abiding Faith or other WELS and ELS congregations to eat and drink. Other guests are asked to speak with Pastor Schleis before eating/drinking so you can be properly prepared. Thanks.

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them up to the Lord.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

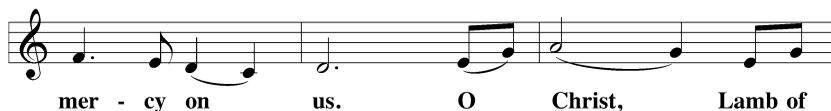
**Amen.**



O Christ, Lamb of



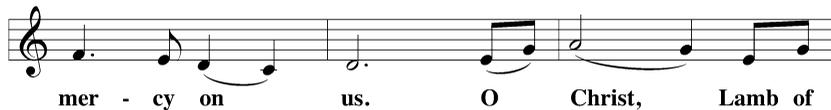
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

## DISTRIBUTION

## LORD'S BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

## SONG OF SIMEON



In peace, Lord, you let your



ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my



eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for



ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the



glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



# OPPORTUNITIES

**BUILD FAITH TODAY:** Would you like to join our church family? Pastor Schleis teaches a Faithbuilders class that builds faith through the basic teachings of the Bible. We meet for class around your schedule – evenings, weekends, daytime, etc.

Interested? Text Pastor Schleis @ 615.692.4343 or email [Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com](mailto:Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com)

**LIVESTREAM:** Thanks for your comments and encouragements on our new Livestream setup. It's been a great blessing to offer worship to our brothers and sisters and guests through Facebook and YouTube Live @ 10:30a.

If you are willing to serve on our Livestream team that controls our Mevo camcorder via tablet, please contact Pastor Schleis.

**MINISTRY SUPPORT UPDATE:** Thank you for your generous support of our ministry. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure allow us to fulfill God's mission and vision for us.

**Honor the LORD with all your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing and your vats will brim over with new wine.** Proverbs 3:9-10

Needed	Received	Difference	Weekly Need	Building Ministry Fund

**PARISH NURSE:** Carrie Feil, our Parish Nurse, would love to help you for free with any of your health related needs.

- Registered Nurse since 2001.
- Mom to Aaron and Alex, wife to Andy
- Experience with many different healthcare settings

The Parish Nurse program is a FREE resource to all members of Abiding Faith. She serves as a health educator, health counselor, and community liaison. Please feel free to call or email Carrie with



# Doors of Hope

## Empowering women to break the cycle of addiction, homelessness, and incarceration

Can you help provide a meal to women looking to break the cycle of addiction, homelessness, and incarceration?

Signup Sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Kim Irwin for more information.

Shop and Bake: able to shop for all supplies to bake dinner. Prepare 3 lg pans of lasagna (each pan to feed 10-12), 3 bags of salad, 3 loaves of bread and option for dessert.

Deliver: able to deliver dinner to Doors of Hope office located at 428 E Bell Rd in Murfreesboro between 4p-5p on specified date.

Monetary Donation: to pay for supplies to make dinners.

Date	Money	Shop & Bake	Deliver
June 21	X		
July 19	X	Nicolosi	
Aug 16	X		

# SUMMER EVENTS FOR TEENS

## Camp South

Enjoy God's beautiful creation, develop Christian friendships with 400+ like-minded youth, and grow in your relationship with God at Camp South. Plan on spending a great week this summer with friends, faith, food, and fellowship.

- **What** – Tough Muddler, Zip Line, Inflatables, Group Competitions, Low Ropes Course, Pools, Game Rooms, Bible Studies, 400+ like-minded youth, Basketball/Tennis/Volleyball Courts, Cosmic Bowling, #BlobLife
- **Where** - Georgia FFA/FCCLA Camp in Covington, GA
- **When** – July 26-30
- **How much** - \$295/youth
- **Who** - those entering 4th - 9th grades (as for Fall 2021)



**CAMP SOUTH**  
SOUL SURVIVOR

## Amazing Race – Teen Challenge

All high school teens are invited to an unforgettable teen rally with scavenger hunt through Disney's Magic Kingdom, inspiring keynotes, fun at an amazing resort, and a great chance to grow with people at the same point in life's journey.

- **What** – Scavenger Hunt, Teen Rally, Disney's Magic Kingdom, 200+ Christian teens, Bible studies, inspiring keynote presentations, Fireworks show,
- **Where** – Tropical Palms Resort (Kissimmee, FL)
- **When** – June 22-25
- **How much** - \$395/youth
- **Who** - High school teens (9th-12th grades as of Spring 2020 & 9th grade in Fall of 2021)



**AMAZING RACE**  
TEEN CHALLENGE

## Next Steps

1. Visit [www.southatlanticyouth.com](http://www.southatlanticyouth.com) for hype, recap videos, and more info.
2. Talk with Pastor Schleis with your interest. Let's carpool.



## COMMUNITY BBQ

Dress casual, bring a lawn chair, and enjoy this FREE outdoor BBQ.

Sunday June 13th  
1030a - 1:30p

Volleyball  
Pulled Pork  
Bounce House  
Obstacle Course  
Dunk Tank  
Soccer  
Cornhole & More

Outdoor worship @ 1030a, meal and fun to follow

Abiding Faith Family - I am excited to announce an outdoor worship service and BBQ on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30a to 1:30p. We'll gather under the tents in the parking lot for worship and then enjoy free food, fun, and fellowship. I can't wait to have our church family gather again in one service and also invite our friends and neighbors to join us.

### Help Needed

**CANVASS** – We'll be canvassing the week before (June 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>) inviting our community to join us for this event. Your prayers and help stuffing invitations is needed!

**PREP** – Come @ 9:15am to help setup our facility for Community BBQ – moving tables/chairs outside for meal, preparing drinks, preparing games, filling dunk tank, etc.

**FOOD** – Please bring chips (individual bags) and/or dessert for distribution at the meal. We'll provide the hot dogs, pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans, and drinks.

**IDEAS** – We want to make this a great community event. What ideas do you have to improve? Share with Pastor ASAP.

**PARKING** – If you are able, please park across the street on 6/13 to make room. Thanks. A chauffeur will be available on Sunday morning from 10:15am – 10:30am for transport.

# 2021: EXPANSION

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## MORE PEOPLE

We've added 12 new brothers and sisters to our church family already in 2021, with more to come.



## MORE STAFF

We need additional staff to serve our growing church family and community.

## MORE ROOM

We need to expand our worship space so everyone can gather safely together.



## BUILDING MINISTRY

We have created a Building Ministry Fund for our expansion.

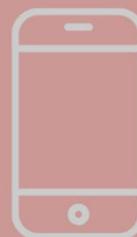
READ MORE @ [BIT.LY/EXPANSION 2021](https://bit.ly/expansion2021)

# BUILDING FUND GIVING OPTIONS

**PayPal**

Visit  
[abiding-faith.org/give](https://abiding-faith.org/give)  
and specify donation  
for Building Ministry  
Fund

Text amount to  
615.490.0996 and  
specify donation for  
Building Ministry  
Fund



Specify amount in  
your weekly  
envelope for  
Building Ministry  
Fund

**All donations will be  
matched up to 15K.**



Church family, please join us for an important building ministry meeting on **Sunday, May 30th @ 1130**

Our Church Council will be sharing what we've learned meeting with different builders, our current expansion plan, and projected costs & concerns.

We'll like to receive input and ideas from our church family on our Phase 3 Building Project.

We hope to receive congregational approval at this meeting to authorize schematic budget/design and needed permits to learn total construction costs.

Our plan remains to build this expansion only with cash in hand.

We are grateful for donations received and pray that this meeting will share what we've learned, receive input from membership, and work together with a plan for our next step.

We hope all of our membership can participate in this important meeting to be held in the Sanctuary.

Additional seating available in the Fellowship Hall.



The past year has been very challenging for families in our community. Let's love our neighbor with our gifts of food and our service this Summer with a Food Drive.

Please bring your donations of perishable and non-perishable items for Nourish Food Bank in Smyrna. We'll collect donations over the Summer and then bring to Nourish on **Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, from 9-11a** to stock shelves, carry items to cars, and let their light shine.

**For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... Jesus in Matthew 25**

Here are their current needs:

- Canned Meats
- Breakfast Items
- Soup/Broth
- Dried Rice/Beans
- Hygiene Items
- Feminine Items
- Instant Potatoes
- Cream of Mushroom
- Gravy Mix
- Sweet Potatoes
- Canned Pineapple
- Sugar/Flour/Oil
- Fried Onions
- Cranberry Sauce

# May is MENTAL HEALTH MONTH



In addition to private, pastoral counseling, our congregation has partnered with Christian Family Solutions to provide confidential, Christian counseling using secure, online video technology with men and women of our fellowship.

For mental health month, CFS has provided some free resources to help.

We'll be sharing one new resource per week.

More are available online on our Facebook page.



#StockYourToolbox

## WEEKLY PLAN *for self-care*

WEEK OF: \_\_\_\_\_

SPIRITUAL \_\_\_\_\_  
PHYSICAL \_\_\_\_\_  
EMOTIONAL \_\_\_\_\_  
MENTAL \_\_\_\_\_  
SOCIAL \_\_\_\_\_

*Verse of the week*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Goal for the week*

\_\_\_\_\_

*I'm proud of...*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Next week I will...*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Brain Dump*

\_\_\_\_\_

*I'm thankful for...*

01. \_\_\_\_\_  
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02. \_\_\_\_\_  
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03. \_\_\_\_\_  
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*My priorities.*

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VOLLEYBALL. BBQ. FUN.

# *Community Night*

Sat July 31 | 5p | Outdoors

Let's get together and celebrate outdoors this Summer!  
Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun.

We'll enjoy:

- Volleyball
- BBQ
- Basketball
- Horsehoes
- Games
- S'mores
- And more!

Can you help, please?

1. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck. We'll provide chips and pulled pork.
2. Setup @ 4p for volleyball, tables/chairs, and soccer.
3. Food served inside, we'll eat and play outside!

# FREE STUFF

Who likes free stuff? You do!!!



Visit the table under the picture board today for:

- **Faith Resources** like daily devotionals, prayers, WELS Forward in Christ, our national church body's monthly magazine, and more.
- **Coffee Mugs and Pens** to share with your family and friends. One guy joined our church after drinking coffee out of a free mug for about a year. A gentle reminder we are here to serve ☺ when your coffee is finished, of course.
- **Church Library** with a bunch of different resources. Take what you want, and return when you are done. Donations welcome, if you have resources you'd like to share.

# COUNSELING

In addition to private, pastoral counseling, our congregation has partnered with Christian Family Solutions to provide confidential, Christian counseling using secure, online video technology with men and women of our fellowship.



Visit [www.christianfamilysolutions.org](http://www.christianfamilysolutions.org) to learn more regarding the providers and options. We currently have multiple members using this service at discounted rates through the congregation.

Contact Pastor Schleis for more details.

# BARNABAS MINISTRY

Would you like prayer? Support?

Our Barnabas Ministry wants to encourage, support, and pray for you... in good times and bad.

IT is our privilege to love and serve as a church family. Please let us help bring hope by contacting Hope Gray, Barnabas Ministry Coordinator, @ [davehope.gray@gmail.com](mailto:davehope.gray@gmail.com) to receive prayer and encouragement for yourself or someone else.

Thanks!



# READY TO SERVE

How can I serve you and your family?

- **Daily Devotions** of 2 minutes of Christ's comfort in on our Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube channel.
- **Counseling and Encouragement** with Pastor Schleis. Call or text 615.692.4343 to set something up through video chat or in person.
- **Care** offered with donations of toilet paper, personal items, assistance to grocery store, etc through the volunteerism of our church family. Text Pastor Schleis @ 615.692.4343 with your needs and we'll respond as fast as we can.
- **Prayer** offered through our prayer chain. Email Pastor Schleis @ [Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com](mailto:Keith.a.Schleis@gmail.com) your prayer request and our Prayer Team will lift you up in prayer.





I can't wait to resume Adult Sunday School with you on Sunday, August 8th. It's been 15 months since we last had Adult Sunday School on Sunday mornings. March 2020 seems like a long time ago. August 2021 is coming soon. What would you like to study?

When we ended in March 2020, we were working through a series called **Stories They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School**. Of all the series and topics I've taught over the years, this series had the highest attendance, participation, and interest. This chronological series studied little-known stories in the Old Testament (specifically in 1+2 Kings and 1+2 Chronicles) which have direct impact on today's life. There is nothing new under the sun, so Solomon said, and the themes of sinful rebellion and divine rescue played out through stories like Obscene Grandma Ma'akah, Jeroboam's Genocide, and Sheba's Head Over the Wall.

I've heard many requests for this series **Stories They Didn't Teach You in Sunday School** to resume in August. I've also heard many requests for a new series on simple outreach and evangelism training. Since March 2020, there are increased fears, anxieties, and concerns about life and death. We've seen an explosion of membership and interest - both in person and online - from people needing God now who didn't before. Our national church body the WELS has released an excellent practical series called **Everyone Outreach** which lovingly responds to our national anxiety about death and dying with Christ's love and compassion.

If you've enjoyed the recent take-home Sunday School lessons using Pastor Rosenau's simple approach to outreach - love people, visit with them, and invite them to church... that's it - this is more of the same.

It's my privilege to study God's Word with you. I'd like to hear from you. Which would you prefer to study... or perhaps you have a different idea?

Please share your ideas in our online survey on our Facebook page. Thanks!