

The Shoreline

A Monthly Newsletter of

LifeWater
community church



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Thursday: Office closed
Friday: 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

(*If no one is in the office during office hours,
Pastor Doug is at an appointment with
someone off-site.)

Sunday Services:
Worship Service: 10 a.m.—Sanctuary

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
*Helping each 'family' find
and fully follow Christ*

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Pastor's Point:

July 2015

“Wake Up Sleeper”

Several years ago when I was working for Lifeline Youth and Family Services, we had a program for kids in the public schools were struggling with their behavior. I remember one time when an instructor, who was a friend of mine, was teaching a class and suddenly realized he had fallen asleep. He had been up late all that week and had gotten very little sleep. So while he was teaching his class he was sitting down with his eyes closed, and suddenly he opened his eyes. The lone student he had that day was just looking at him. He looked up at the clock and realized that he had lost about 20 minutes due to his little “nap.” Without missing a beat he jumped to his feet and started teaching again. Later he would say how embarrassed he was and that he wondered what the student must have thought.

Sometimes we are like that spiritually. We are busy with our schedules, the kids or grandkids, pressures of work, and sometimes we say, “I just need a break.” It's interesting to note that the first thing we usually “cut out” in order to get a break is something that affects our spiritual life — it's either going to be church, or our 5 minutes of Bible reading per day, or 5 minutes of prayer per day, or it's helping someone in or outside of the church. This escalates the busier we get, and before long we have gotten away from our spiritual disciplines and have fallen asleep spiritually.

Paul said in Romans 13:10b-12: “Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.” This very day let us wake up from our sleep and put on the armor of light. Get back to our 5-5-5! Get back to church! Get back to the spiritual disciplines that made us alive! Let's wake up today because, just as my friend experienced, people are watching us.

For His Kingdom,

Pastor Doug

Missionary Church National SHIFT Conference

Fort Wayne is pleased to welcome back the **Missionary Church National Conference** to the Grand Wayne Convention Center July 13-16, 2015. This event includes the National Leadership Ministry conference and special events which will be open to the public.

SHIFT begins with the Missionary Church General Conference events on Monday, July 13, and Tuesday, July 14. These two days are designed for pastors, lay delegates and visitors from the Missionary Church.

The SHIFT National Leadership Ministry Conference takes place on Wednesday, July 15, and Thursday, July 16. SHIFT's many events are designed for and available to the entire Christian community in the region.

If you are not attending the conference but want to purchase tickets to one of the special events, please visit the Missionary Church website at <http://www.mcusa.org/> and then click on the SHIFT information to purchase special event tickets. Tickets are available for the *World Partners 125-year celebration* at the Memorial Coliseum, *Tim Hawkins* live comedy concert and an evening worship with *Joni Eareckson Tada* at the Grand Wayne Convention Center.

Freedom in Christ

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."

Galatians 5:1

**August 2015
NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION
DEADLINE: July 20th**

Please send newsletter submissions to Judi Lehman at jlehman@lifewatercc.org or place in the marked tray in the church office.

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- Joining the Team
- Connecting

UPCOMING SERMON MESSAGES:



We continue our series, “Warning Signs,” as we study the book of II Peter. Peter shares his final thoughts and ideas with the church in preparation for his earthly departure. Peter sees that the world is changing, so he shares some warning signs and how to prepare for them. Don’t miss this exciting and thought-provoking summer series!

- July 5:** “Warning Signs: You’re Going the Wrong Way” - II Peter 2:12-22
- July 12:** “Warning Signs: Slow! Impatience Ahead” - II Peter 3:1-13
- July 19:** “Warning Signs: No U-Turn from Disobedience” - II Peter 3:14-18
- July 26:** Church Picnic and Baptism Service

In August, we will begin a new series, “Not a Fan.” Join us for this six-week series as we are going to do something we have never done before at LifeWater — we are showing a video series and having discussion groups on Sunday mornings. I believe it will have a major impact on your spiritual life. Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus issued a compelling and challenging invitation to follow Him. He’s not interested in mere fans. He does not want enthusiastic admirers. He wants Completely Committed Followers. Through this unconventional cinematic journey of a series of six mini-movies, you will be challenged not to be just a believer of Jesus, but a follower. Don’t miss this exciting new series and approach at LWCC. Please remember that visitors are always welcome.



To listen to the current *and* previous sermon series, go to the LifeWater website at www.lifewatercc.org and click on the *Services* link. Then click on the date of the sermon you wish to hear.

Recording Sound Techs Needed

We have an immediate need for Recording Sound Techs. We will train those interested, so no experience is necessary. This position is being created to assist in the production of quality recordings for our website.

You will learn to record the Sunday morning worship and sermon live, edit it as needed, and save it on a PC in MP3 format. Again, no experience is required, just a desire to serve and a good pair of ears.

Please see Mike Nealley or Doug Bowman if you are interested. We are looking for at least three people to take turns on Sunday mornings in this position. If you are interested, a list of the detailed duties of this position will be provided for your review.

Remember in Prayer:

Health Issues:

- ◇ **Rosie Mann:** Cancer chemo treatments. Pray also that she will regain her strength.
- ◇ **Cristal Reader and family:** Continued prayers as the mother (Cindy) and step-mother (Julie) of Cristal's husband, Jason, both deal with cancer. Cristal is helping to care for Cindy. Please pray for God's strength and guidance for her.
- ◇ **Stacy Thompson:** Multiple Sclerosis
- ◇ **Tim and Tracy White:** medical challenges
- ◇ **Michelle, Ally, and Alex Voorhees:** Lyme Disease
- ◇ **Jerry Brown, father of Rich Brown:** recently had a stroke. Pray also for Rich's mom, Becky.



Other:

- ◇ **Our missionaries:** Dr. Katherine Welch, serving in Thailand. Pray for Rich and Judy Witmer who are retiring from the mission field and transitioning back to the U.S. Please also remember retired minister Reynold Jean Baptiste still serving in Haiti.
- ◇ **Kids who will attend the 5-Day Club (VBS), July 6-10**

The elders will pray for the Sunday service **every Sunday morning at 9 a.m.** in the Youth Room. Anyone is welcome to join this special prayer time.

The **first Monday** of every month we have a prayer meeting in the Café from 7 – 8 p.m. to pray for special needs of the church. July's prayer meeting date is: **July 6th**

For the Record:

MAY

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Total giving:	\$ 16,422	\$19,098
Weekly average:	\$ 4,106	\$ 4,774
Weekly budget:	\$ 2,827	
Year-to-date giving:	\$ 52,867	\$64,333
Year-to-date budget:	\$ 62,185	
Average attendance per service:	87	89



- July 1 Deb Bowman
- July 5 Micah Gerber
- July 8 Andrea Frantz
- July 10 Jordyn Roembke
- July 20 Darrell Phillips
- July 23 Lori Eberle
- July 23 Patti Quintano
- July 24 Kristi Jacobs
- July 28 Irma Phillips

Learning to Listen to God in Prayer

by Stephen Lane

I read an article by Stacy Padrick the other day in *Disciple! Monthly* from the Navigators and have adapted it here for us to learn about this very important aspect of prayer. ... enjoy putting this into practice and hearing God's voice speak to you.

Prayer is communion with God—and that requires that we listen to what's on God's heart in addition to expressing what's on our own. That isn't something that comes naturally to most of us. How can we cultivate our listening skills so that we can hear His voice?

God longs to be heard and waits for our ears to be open and attentive. He desires to communicate with His people, even more than we desire to communicate with Him! How can we, in our world of incessant noise and activity, incorporate listening to God into our daily lives? It requires effort, active listening, focused attention, and confident expectation that God will speak.

Throughout the Psalms, David models someone who waits on God in this way: "My soul waits in silence for God only" (Ps 62:1 NASB); "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?" (Ps 42:2). Listening prayer is being with God, empty-handed, waiting attentively for whatever He wants to say. It is the discipline of being still and knowing that He is God (Ps 46:10).

How can we begin? As you consider these suggestions, ask God to show you additional ways to incorporate this discipline into your life. Maybe you want to share it with us at LifeWater?

Meditate on Scripture: After studying Scripture, choose one verse, phrase, or word upon which to meditate. Ponder it and slowly repeat it. Ask the Lord what He wants to say to you (Psalm 119:78). Choose a verse such as, "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want" (Psalm 23:1). Sometimes such a familiar verse loses its meaning. Meditating on it and asking questions reveals what we may be overlooking.

Sing and pray the Psalms: "Sing praise to the Lord" (Psalm 68:32). After reading a psalm, begin to sing it to a tune you know or create as you go along.

Journal in prayer: Write your prayers to God and wait for His response. Writing helps us stay focused and probe our thoughts and heart more deeply. Write something you want to tell God (a statement or a question about something happening in your life). Then listen and ask the Holy Spirit to provide wisdom and understanding to what you are praying out of His Word.

Listen to God speak through His creation: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands" (Psalm 19:1). When you sit on a beach remember that His love for you is constant. As you run your fingers through the sand, remember David's words, "How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand" (Psalm 139:17 & 18).

Be still before Him: "The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him. It is good that he waits silently . . . Let him sit alone and be silent" (Lamentations 3:25,26,29 NASB). In this posture of stillness, we can more keenly hear Him speak. We honor God by expressing our willingness to be still in His presence.

Developing a discipline takes perseverance. As we sit in silence, we will itch and squirm, our backs will ache, and our stomachs will grumble. But as we sit with Him in faith and obedience, He will honor our desire to know and hear Him.

Stephen

Charis Corner: Stories of Grace in a Broken World

by Kari Mahara

JACK:

The alarm blares at 6:30 a.m. It's Monday morning...again. The day flies by, full of meetings, phone calls, clients. Emergencies crop up like storm clouds during this muggy month of June. I find myself yanked around, finding missing files and on hold while my fingers scurry across the keyboard. Before I know it, five o'clock rolls around, and I try to untangle the mess that fills my email and spills across my desk. I head home, help with dinner, get the kids to bed, and procrastinate going to sleep. I lose myself in television shows and Bleacher Report on my phone, avoiding the dread seeping in.

Tomorrow morning, I'll start it all again, and when I think about that, I wonder again what I'm doing. What's the point? I hate the stress, the tedious demand of work and kids. There's no relief, no break. And the truth is, everyone I know is doing the exact same thing.

We look forward to the weekend, to vacation, to holidays. We put our eyes—our focus—on tomorrow, yearning for rest and peace, but it's only temporary. Monday always comes, bringing back these same emotions and fear—that this is all there is.

Rudy and I had the opportunity to take our family on a Caribbean cruise with my father-in-law's family. This experience was mind-blowing. Out there in the middle of the ocean, we're not worried about Monday or work. There's no Internet, no cell service. You're on a boat in the middle of the ocean with only God to trust, which for me was terrifying, as I have a phobia of drowning. There were waves, lots of them. So much so I had trouble climbing the ladder to my bed.

But the beauty was captivating. The stars filled the sky, constellations painting pictures and weaving stories. The white sand beach and vivid blue waters reminded us there is a whole other world out there. And as we pushed our kids in the stroller along the streets of Grand Cayman, we realized our lives weren't so terrible.

But then Monday morning came again.

So what's the solution? We all know the "right" answer. But what does it mean practically in our day-to-day life?

Every single day, God is working. Do you know what He's doing? Have you even asked? We focus so closely on ourselves, we miss the exquisite workings of God in our lives, in our world. That 5-5-5 time isn't another demand on your time, it's a lifeline to all the strength, purpose, and peace we need to make it in this world. So when trouble comes, we can still praise Him, love Him, and trust He works all things for our good (Romans 8:28).

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit."



Deep End Ministries: Life Groups
Becky Lane, Deaconess

This past year, we have been through five series of sermons/studies which have helped us to become more complete followers of Christ. At the end of our last series, we were asked to write out our strategy for the summer that would

- help us grow spiritually
- surrender to and obey Jesus completely
- continue to reach out to our Person of Interest
- help promote a healthy family feel at church
- and use our gifts, talents, and passion to serve the church.

As our summer is well underway, it is time to review the strategy that you have written out and evaluate how you are doing. (I know that **I** need to be reminded of my goals so that I don't forget and let the summer pass without putting into practice what I sensed the Lord telling me to do.)

Life Groups will start up again the week of September 13, and there will be a time for each of us to join a group on that day after the service.

There will be a Life Group Coaches' meeting on Sunday, August 9 following the morning service.



The Zone is LifeWater's youth group for middle school and high school students. Note the dates, times, and places they will meet during July.

- July 1: Lake Day — Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. Cost is free.
- July 8: Tin Caps game — Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10.
- July 15: No youth group meeting
- July 22: Bonfire — Meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. We will then go to Nick and Jenna's house and return to the church by 9:00 p.m.
- July 29: No youth group meeting



Pastor Doug "auctioning" off Megan Brown

Our "Rent-a-Kid" Youth Group Auction was held on June 14 following the morning service. Thank you to **Dick and Michelle Moore** and **Steve and Carole Brace** who "rented" two of our youth group girls to help them raise money for attending CDYC in June. Dick and Michelle had the highest bid for Megan Brown, and Steve and Carole bid the highest for Casey Chapman. The two girls helped with assigned tasks at the Moores and the Braces.



Pastor Doug "auctioning" off Casey Chapman

Children's Ministry and Kids Crossing Daycare Update

*Tracey Brown, Director of
Children's Ministries*

VBS will be held the week of July 6-10 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. All LWCC, Kids Crossing, and Liberty Hills children, ages 5-12, are invited to attend. Bring a friend!

Coming soon ... a Wednesday evening kids program! Look for the details in the August newsletter! We will also be looking for adult helpers, so if you are interested, please see Dick Moore or Tracey Brown.

The Kids Crossing kids are enjoying their summer, and they love the summer staff! July is going to be a lot of fun with VBS, water play, and more!! Please keep praying for the staff and volunteers, that we will be an example of the love of Christ in our daily interactions with these kids and families. Please also be in prayer for VBS. The young people from CEF do a great job working with the kids and present the salvation message daily. Pray that the kids enjoy VBS and that the Lord will use this time to draw every child who participates closer to Himself.



A big THANK YOU to all of the men who helped clean up the basement after the recent rains! Their quick response and serving hearts are so appreciated by all of us at Kids Crossing. The basement is a critical play space when it rains and we cannot go outside. Thanks to their efforts, we had a dry place for the kids to run in no time!

24/7 Life Ministries

Carol Nealley, Deaconess



Men's Ministry Golf Outing: The men will have a golf outing the third Monday of each month at the Donald Ross Golf Course, 7102 S. Calhoun Street. The next outing will be July 20 with devotions at 5:30 p.m. and tee time at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested, please see Jeremy Gordley or contact him at 435-9227 for details.

Men's Softball: LifeWater has joined the Fort Wayne church softball league that plays on Tuesday nights. Men, if you are interested, please see Pastor Doug. All games will be played at Memorial Park. Dates and times are listed below for July:

July 7: 6:00 p.m. **July 14:** 7:05 p.m. **July 21:** 9:15 p.m. **July 28:** 8:10 p.m.

Make-a-Wish Garage Sale Project: Thank you to all who contributed to this project to help a woman in our community in need of stocking up her kitchen. We have only a few more items to collect.

Baptism Service and Church Picnic: This year, we will hold our annual baptism service at LifeWater on July 26, beginning at 10:00 a.m. It will be a service of praise, testimonies, and fellowship. If anyone is interested in being baptized, please talk to Pastor Doug. We will have an outdoor picnic potluck. The meat will be provided by the church, and there will be a sign up sheet available for those who want to help with the potluck. More details will be forthcoming in the Sunday bulletins during July.



24/7 Life Ministries (continued)

Carol Nealley, Deaconess

LADIES' CRAFT FELLOWSHIP at LifeWater Community Church

**Sunday, July 12th at 1:00p.m.
in the Cafe**

Ladies, please join Karen Smith for our July craft class. We will be making mosaic candle holders based on the foundation stones of the New Jerusalem. They will be used as table decorations at the Baptism Service / Church Picnic at LWCC on July 26. Bring a friend or your Person of Interest. If you can, please purchase your pot and base, available for less than \$2 at Menards or Lowes. Karen will supply the glass and grout. Please sign up at the information table so that she can prepare enough supplies. Don't eat a big lunch - snacks will be available. Any questions, please call or text Karen at 260-610-1033. E-mail ksmith@kch.com.





Missions and Outreach: *Annette Pugh, Deaconess*

Thailand: *Dr. Katherine Welch*

www.gorelentless.org

Please continue to pray for Dr. Katherine and her work in Thailand with those who are involved in human trafficking.

CRU: *Ashley Evans*

www.gorelentless.org

We recently received a report from Ashley about her work with CRU on the campus of IU in Bloomington:

- *In February, we reached out to the campus and asked for their Perspectives. We set up booths around campus and asked students what they value the most in life. We also challenged our students to film themselves talking about how Christ has changed their perspective. You can find those videos (including mine) on You Tube (search Indiana University Cru and click on the playlist labeled "Perspectives Week.") Forty-nine students bravely shared their testimony on social media that week!*
- *I, along with eight other staff, prepared for a summer mission trip to one of our partnership locations, Germany. We left on June 8th for five weeks with 18 college students. Pray for us as we spend time in Berlin, our partnership city, and then spend the rest of the time in Munich attempting to set up a new ministry location on a campus there.*

[Ashley's full report is posted on the mission's bulletin board]

Bulgaria: *Rich and Judy Witmer*

Rich and Judy departed from Bulgaria on June 14. They plan to settle into their house in Wakarusa, IN after some remodeling is completed. Their employment with World Partners continues until August 31. Pray that God will supply their financial support until that time. Below is their last update from June 16th:

Last moments are important. As we visited with people for what may be the last time, personally we sensed to a greater degree some of the impact that we have had on the Bulgarian people over the past eleven years. These were precious and significant moments. Most of our close friends and neighbors were fighting tears, trying to relish a little more time with us. We were able to spend some time with two Bulgarian and two American families in Sofia prior to departure with whom we had become acquainted at the beginning of our time in Bulgaria. In retrospect, we recognized that this helped to provide closure as we talked of how God has orchestrated our paths and outreach.

Through your prayers we were equipped with strength and stamina these last few weeks to deal with the seemingly ever-lengthening to-do list and short nights. Our flights were on schedule and all our luggage arrived with us Sunday night, June 14. We're tired and adjusting to jet lag.

This weekend we will attend Rich's 50th high school class reunion in Brown City, MI and begin our visits to churches and supporters. In the meantime, many decisions are required of us as we adjust to permanently living in the USA again.

*Gratefully,
Rich and Judy Witmer*

Shepherd's Closet: *Susan Welch*

Shepherd's Closet currently has a need for the following items: *disposable razors (men's/women's), deodorant (men's/women's), adult toothbrushes and toothpaste, children's training toothbrushes and toothpaste, kids' shampoo and bodywash, band aids, small bottles of vinegar, general household cleaners, and body and/or hand lotion.*

Please check the bulletin board near the café each week for a current list of items urgently needed. We ask that you bring your items to the Café and put them in the tote labeled Shepherd's Closet. Thank you for all of your contributions to help the less fortunate in our community! They are greatly appreciated.

Missions and Outreach Ministries (continued)

Operation Christmas Child (a ministry of Samaritan's Purse):

by Rich Quintano



Gosh, I love hearing how a shoe box changed a person's life! Samaritan's Purse has been posting a new story every Monday for the last several weeks. We watched Yuliya's story in church a few weeks ago--amazing how much impact a stuffed animal, toothpaste, an etch-a-sketch and a prayer letter can have! As I mentioned that Sunday, I met and worked with Yuliya at the Denver Processing Center last year. She is such a warm-hearted servant for Christ! Yuliya made a tube of bubble gum toothpaste last two years while sharing it with the other kids at the orphanage she grew up in!

Please go to this web address and click on any story of interest:

<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-stories-index/>

What is the mission of Operation Christmas Child? The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. While you are always welcome to purchase an item in any category for July, we will continue to focus on the "**Something to Love**" category; teddy bear, beanie baby, doll, etc.

Remember the OCC theme question/answer?

Q: Why are we doing OCC? A: Changing lives in the name of Jesus!

When you are out shopping always look at the clearance sections and keep an eye out for a great sale. If you see something, say something! Send me an email (rich@raquintano.com) and I will send out an OCC Flash Alert. If you like to bargain with people, ask for a store manager, tell them about OCC, and ask if they would let you know when they are going to put appropriate items on clearance. They might even offer some items as a donation. And when you visit your dentist please ask if they have some items they would like to contribute. Give them a chance to change lives too!

For more information about OCC visit: <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

In the name of Jesus, whom we love and serve,

Rich

Missions and Outreach Ministries (continued)

World Partners

Dear Friend of World Partners,

This is a very special year for World Partners. One hundred and twenty-five years ago, Eusebius Hershey first began serving in Liberia for the organization that would later become World Partners. You have been a faithful supporter of World Partners, its staff and its projects, so we would like to extend a special invitation to you to attend a celebration banquet on July 12 at the Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. The evening will begin with a fellowship hour at 5:00 p.m. followed by dinner and a program at 6:00 p.m. You can register for the banquet and purchase tickets online at the World Partners website www.wpartners.org. All the World Partners staff who are in the United States will be at the banquet as well as five of our national partners. I hope you will be able to join us.

For all of you who have prayed for World Partners during the past months, we are very grateful. These are challenging times as we adjust ministries to deal with issues like political uncertainty, terrorism and Ebola. We are very thankful for those who have interceded for us.

In spite of the difficulties, we are seeing God moving in increasingly more exciting ways. Recently, training sessions occurred in Ethiopia which involved leaders from eleven different Middle Eastern countries. Those at the session saw seventeen people baptized and others are awaiting baptism. Recent contacts in Vietnam and the Philippines are resulting in disciple makers who will be added to our leadership networks.

We are seeing our missionary family grow as four new missionaries have been approved for affiliate status and five career missionaries have either been deployed or are raising support.

These are exciting days for World Partners. Thank you for your involvement with us. We are grateful to the host of people like you whose financial gifts make our work possible.

Sincerely,

David Mann, Director
World Partners

July 2015 Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>July OCC item: "Something to Love"</p> 			<p>1</p> <p>6:00 p.m. —Youth Group to the Lake (meet at the church)</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!</p>  <p>TBD—Worship Band practice (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8:45 a.m. —Life Group: Deb Price/Carole Brace (Café)</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Prayer Meeting (Youth Room)</p> <p>10:00 a.m.—Morning service / Senior Sunday (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>6 7 8 9 10</p> <p>5-Day Club (VBS) - at LWCC from 1:00-2:00 p.m.</p>					<p>11</p> <p>TBD—Worship Band practice (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:45 a.m. —Life Group: Deb Price/Carole Brace (Café)</p> <p>9:00 a.m.—Prayer Meeting (Youth Room)</p> <p>10:00 a.m.—Morning service (Sanctuary)</p> <p>1:00 p.m. — Ladies' Craft Class (Café)</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:05 p.m.—Men's softball game at Memorial Park</p>	<p>15</p> <p>NO YOUTH GROUP</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>TBD—Worship Band practice (Sanctuary)</p>
<p>Missionary Church National "SHIFT" Conference at The Grand Wayne Center (see Page 2 for more info)</p>						
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LOOKING AHEAD:

Aug. 3 All-Church Prayer Mtg., 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 12 Youth Group Mtg., 7:00 p.m., "New Beginnings"	Sept. 12 Fall Festival, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at LWCC
Aug. 5 Youth Group: Movie Night, 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 19 Youth Group Kick Off / Burger Bash, 7:00 p.m.	Sept. 14 All-Church Prayer Mtg., 7:00 p.m.
Aug. 11 Church Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m.	Aug. 26 Youth Group Mtg., 7:00 p.m., "Friends"	Sept. 15 Church Board Mtg., 7:00 p.m.