Gospel July Grapevine 2021

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

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Sunday Worship Service: 10am | Life Application Classes: 9am | Music Rehearsals: 8:15am

Then What Do We Do?

The Equipping Sessions are set to begin in mid-July. Dates and time will be announced soon. Hopefully everyone can attend as we work together to get better at fulfilling the Great Commission, growing the Kingdom, and growing Shepherds Heart. But once the sessions are complete, then what do we do?

An outcome of the equipping session will be, I pray, more visitors coming to Shepherd's Heart, through both Individual invitations and community events. And we'll need to provide reasons for them to keep coming. The last segment of the equipping sessions will address ways to enhance hospitality, fellowship, and discipleship. Getting better at these and showing our love and support will help us not only encourage visitors to return, but more importantly, keep them in the Kingdom doing God's work. So what would that look like?

Hospitality & Fellowship

- Modeling Biblical Hospitality like Abraham in Gen 18: 1-15
- Practice hospitality with each other and see strangers as potential friends
- Become more comfortable and bold to invite visitors to lunch and our homes
- Learn more about what first-time visitors like and do not like

Discipleship

- Visitors should see we have resources to help them feel included and grow as Christians
- This would include programs like new member orientation and discipleship growth paths
- Clear invitations to participate in our ministries and fellowship activities

OK, so now I will do a little more advertising. These sessions will be:

- Low tech: handouts and flip charts
- Focused on ways to improve our witness and invitation skills
- Providing take-away that fit each of our abilities to fulfill the Great Commission
- Designed so that it is completely up to each of us what to do after the sessions

There will NOT be:

- role playing or in-class practice, but encouraged to do afterward
- pressured participation in sharing, but better if everyone contributes ideas
- public commitments unless you dare!

What we do - individually and as a church - over the next few years will determine our longevity. So I urge you to attend and leave you with this to ponder:

"If not us, who? If not now, when?"

Come to the sessions and I will tell you who this "call to action" is credited to!

Jeff Tuholski Leadership Team Chair



Prayer Meetings Each Sunday, 6-6:30pm

In-person & online. No matter where you are, go with us to conversation with God. Take this quiet half-hour to be communal in prayer, meditation, & reflection.

Annual Conference 2021 Worship Service streamed at Shepherd's Heart Sunday, July 4th, 10am



SB CUBS Game Wed., July 14th, 7pm

Only 30 tickets available so sign up soon!

Parking & Concessions not included but the game is free. Air-conditioned suite + outside seats are avialable for us courtesy of Ron H.

& Hoosier Tire.

Those who sign up will be entered into a drawing for a free Parking Pass. C'mon out!

RESTOCK THE SANCTUARY

We need YOUR help to dust and polish all the pews and alter rails, then put all the pens, envelopes, hymnals, and bibles back in the pews. All hands will be helpful! Thanks!

Wed., July 7th, 6:30pm



A woman's only son is killed by an opiate-addicted driver. Her grief turns to rage when the court system fails her and, desperately seeking justice, she pursues him. Their confrontation reveals more than they ever could have imagined.

Sat., July 24th, 7pm

Music & Worship Ministry Team

The Music & Worship Ministry Team would like to thank all those who came out to our Movie Night in June. Our next Movie Night will be Saturday, July 24th at 7:00pm. We will be showing the film: Healing River. "A woman seeks justice after her son is killed by a drug-addicted driver." We hope to see you there!

At last! We now have a Livestream station set up just outside the sound booth. We are looking for volunteers to operate it. If you are interested in filling that role on a rotation or just want to check it out to see what it's all about, please let us know and we will be happy to give you a demonstration!

God Bless, Scott Hipsher – Team Leader Jenn Adams, Donna Hipsher, Steve Frick

Story Behind the Hymn...

We are continuing to share the stories behind some of the most popular hymns and worship songs we often sing on Sunday mornings. As we begin the month of July celebrating our freedom and independence in this country, let's take a look at a hymn of peace and unity that focuses beyond our borders . . .

"This is My Song" – Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness (by Dr. Hawn of Discipleship Ministries and Pastor Teri Ditslear of The Times)

Lloyd Stone (1912–1993) was born in Coalinga, California. He attended the University of Southern California where he majored in music. He wrote the poem "This is My Song" around the time of his graduation from USC in 1933. In 1934, the words were put to the tune of Finlandia ("Be Still My Soul").

Georgia Elma Harkness (1891–1974) was born in Harkness, New York – a town named after her grandfather. She became a high school teacher after graduating from Cornell University. She later completed her master's degree in both religious education and philosophy through Boston University. Harkness became a well-known American Methodist theologian and philosopher. She was the first ordained minister of the Methodist Church. Sometime between 1937–1939 Harkness wrote two additional stanzas to Lloyd Stone's "This is My Song" at a request to make it more "distinctly religious". The last stanza ties to the Lord's Prayer and ends with personal dedication. The song has since been

STAY CONNECTED!

Weekly uploads to YouTube:

Sundays - 10am Worship Service Livetream Mondays - Church Check-in Video Wednesdays - Midweek Meditation Video Fridays - Friday Devotional Video

Also posted on Facebook, Email

published in 26 hymnals.

This hymn represents how many of us feel about our country, our love and respect for her, while also acknowledging the love of country around the world for other peoples. As we approach Independence Day in America, let's praise God for the freedom we enjoy in this country, for opportunities to flourish, and for the security of our land. May we be more aware of just how blessed we are as a nation, more grateful for our blessings, and more eager to share them with others.

This is my song,
O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.
But other hearts in other lands are beating;
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, And sunlight beams on clover-leaf and pine. But other lands have sunlight too and clover, And skies are everywhere as blue as mine. Oh, hear my song, O God of all the nations, A song of peace for their land and for mine.

May truth and freedom come to every nation;
May peace abound where strife has raged so long;
That each may seek to love and build together,
A world united, righting every wrong;
A world united in its love for freedom,
Proclaiming peace together in one song.

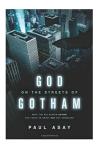
This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms, Thy kingdom come, on earth, thy will be done; Let Christ be lifted up 'til all shall serve him, And hearts united, learn to live as one: O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations, Myself I give thee -- let thy will be done.

Christian Education Ministry Team

Life Application Classes for children are now staffed with Cheryl Frick teaching pre-school, Denise elementary, and Jeff the youth. Thank you to these volunteers.

During the winter we opened the adult Life Application Classes to elective topics, rather than age groupings. At this point there seems to be interest in going back to our

original classes. It seems that we have bonded, like small groups, and want to continue that familiar interaction. Be One of Us class has started a new Max Lucado book, "Outlive Your Life". The Young Adult class is studying "God in



the Streets of Gotham,"
by Paul Asay, and Willing
Workers class is starting a
new uniform lesson study
named "We Worship God."
However, we are skipping
the first unit, which is A
Guide for Worship Leaders.



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Join us Sundays at 9am for some great Biblical studies.

I have been asking specific individuals if they would be willing to do a Midweek Meditation. Please don't be bashful. A simple story with a lesson in it would work. It does not have to be perfect! Jenn is a great editor! Let me know if you are willing to help.

There are a few books on a table in the hallway for you to purchase if you have interest in them. Make any donation you wish to take a book home with you.

Thanks, Marcia Troup, Team leader Denise Tuholski and Sally Whitmer

Shepherding Team

The deacons would like to thank everyone that helped with the love offering so that a new roof could be put on our church member's home. Together we raised \$1325!

We are here for you. Please feel free to call on any one of the deacons for prayer, assitance, or other needs. We are ready and willing to serve.

Cindy Carlisle, Team Leader Jack Cary, Jeff Tuholski, & Denise Tuholski

101 THINGS GOD CAN'T DO (40-47):

40. GOD CAN'T LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS.

John 14:18 - "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you."

41. GOD CAN'T FORGET THOSE WHO SERVE HIM.

Hebrews 6:10 - "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name, in that ye have miistered to the saints, and do minister."

42. GOD CAN'T BE DIVIDED. John 10:30 - "I and my Father are one."

43. GOD CAN'T REMEMBER SINS HE'S FORGOTTEN.

Isaiah 43:25 - "I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for Mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

44. GOD CAN'T ENDURE A PROUD LOOK.

Psalm 101:5 - "...him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer."

45. GOD'S MERCY CAN'T END.

Psalm 107:1 - "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever."

46. GOD'S NAME CAN'T BE TAKEN IN VAIN.

Exodus 20:7 - "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

47. GOD CAN'T ALLOW ANYTHING TO SEPARATE YOU FROM HIS LOVE.

Romans 8:38-39 - "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Fellowship & Hospitality Ministry Team

June 19th we had 18 people come out and enjoy the bon fire – this time we enjoyed Soup from Melba & Vern, and Jenn A. served ice cream snacks. We also had a few games of Corn Hole played. We had to close a little early as a thunderstorm was on its way. But I believe everyone had a good time.

July 14th is our outing to the South Bend Cubs game. There is a sign up sheet by the offering box please sign up. I will hand out the tickets on Sunday the 11th. We also have a few parking passes that I will do a drawing and hand out on the 11th as well.

Hope to see everyone there.

Cindy Carlisle, Team Leader Cheryl Frick

Paper & Hygiene Products



Missions & Evangelism Ministry Team

Paper & Hygiene Products Pantry

On June 9 we passed out 35 bags of pantry products to our local neighbors. Thank you to all who volunteer each month to hand out bags, and to our Prayer warriors who pray on site for the many needs of our community! Our next Pantry date is July 14th, and if you're wanting to help with supply, we will need some additional Toilet Paper this month!! Thank you church for your continued support for this ministry!

Mission of the Month

Our mission for July & August is Faith Mission of Elkhart. Faith Mission provides a hot meal and services like shelter, job training, and the means to end homelessness in Elkhart. To donate to Faith Mission mark your giving envelope to Faith Mission.

Thank you for helping us Witness & Serve!!

Denise Tuholski, Team Leader Marcia Troup, Brent Freel

Everence

I want to let you know about Everence's Medicare Mondays. Their next Medicare Monday webinar will be July 12 at 6:30 p.m.

For those of you not familiar with Medicare, when someone turns 65 or gets close to turning 65 they are inundated with information about Medicare Advantage plans and Medicare supplement plans. It can be very confusing. Having a trusted source of information about these plans is very helpful. These webinars are places of information without being a pushy sales pitch. It's also great information for younger people whose parents are turning 65. We've had several children tell us it was very helpful for them as they helped their parents navigate these plans.

As you, or your parents, approach retirement age, you may have some questions about moving to Medicare and Social Security. During Everence's Medicare Mondays, they discuss the important details you or your parents need to know

- Enrollment details and deadlines.
- Social Security when do I start?
 - Prescription drug coverage.
- Plans that supplement Medicare.

Upcoming dates:

- July 12
- August 9
- September 13
- October 11

This Medicare Monday webinar will cover information on Part D and how to sign up for Part D online.

- November 8
- December 13

You can find more information about Medicare Mondays at everence.com/medicare-mondays.

These webinars are free as part of our relationship with Everence.

Marcia Troup Stewardship Advocate



We've been collecting recyclable items for some time but individual members have been graciously responsible for disposing of what we collect. No more! Now we can break down our recycling for collection right at the church. Please rinse containers & break down your boxes. Below are the accepted and non-accepted items for OUR services:

Acceptable Items For Recycling

Corrugated Cardboard
Boxboard, Cereal Boxes, Paper Towel Rolls
Paper Bags
Mixed Office Paper & File Folders
Newspapers, Advertising Inserts
Magazines, Junk Mail, Telephone Books
Soft Cover Books
Hard Cover Books With Cover Removed
Aluminum Cans, Foil & Pie Tins
Tin, Steel & Bi-Metal Cans
Plastics #1 - #7
Glass Jars and Bottles (Colored & Clear)



HELPFUL HINTS TO AVOID IMPROPER RECYCLING

NEVER BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES.

Recyclables should be placed in your cart LOOSE, DRY and relatively CLEAN.

WISHCYCLING IS COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

Tossing items into the recycling without checking whether they are recyclable causes significant issues at our plant. In many cases, these unacceptable items will be hauled to the landfill regardless.

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

RECYCLING ARROWS DO NOT ALWAYS MEAN RECYCLABLE.

Recycling arrows refer to the type of plastic an item is made from, not whether or not it is recyclable at our plant.

HINT: Typically only #1, #2 and #5 plastics are recycled.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED July 1st-2nd, and 5th-10th

If you need office assistance or access to the church, please contact Sue Freel or someone from the Pastoral Relations Ministry Team. If you have a prayer request please contact one of our deacons - Cindy Carlisle, Jeff Tuholski, Denise Tuholski, or Jack Cary. They will pray with you and get you on the prayer chain.

Search Committee

Our committee conducted two initial interviews this month. Keep praying! For the pastors out there in their searches, for the Lord's leading in our own, and the conversations between us and candidates. The Lord has provided so much for this church, we know He will provide us this new leadership when we (and the new pastor) are ready. Take care and do not be discouraged!

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

Trust in the Lord!

Jenn Adams, Committee Chair Sue Freel, Steve Frick, Donna Hipsher, Jeff Tuholski

How to Stay Motivated

article from Christy Wright at DaveRamsey.com



There's a saying in the running community: "A marathon begins at mile 20." Now, you don't have to be a math genius to understand that we're not talking about actual mileage here. What this means is that the real work of a marathon starts when things get tough. Sure, everyone is excited at the starting line—but how in the world do you stay motivated when the muscle

cramps set in and you feel like your body is about to collapse?

Whether you're working toward a fitness goal, or you're writing a book, or you're launching a business, we all need help staying motivated when we're working on our long-term goals and dreams. These 10 tips will help you keep going when you feel like quitting.

1. Remember why you started in the first place.

There was a reason that you set that goal or made that plan to begin with. What was it? Why was it important? Sometimes, just remembering your why can reset your focus and give you the boost you need to get back on track. If it was a priority to you then, it's probably still important now.

2. Connect with people who will encourage you.

Pick a friend who's a natural encourager and give them a call or set up a time to hang out. When you talk to friends about your goals and projects, several things happen:

Usually, you'll get energy simply from having the conversation.

That friend can encourage you to keep going. You might learn something new from your friend that you can apply to the thing you're working on. Along with talking to friends, you might want to join a group that's focused on the same things you are. Let's say you're getting your photography business off the ground. Find a local group of photographers to meet with. It doesn't have to be formal—in fact, just getting together to share a meal and hang out can end up giving you tons of motivation!

3. Get into a state of flow.

This one is especially important if you're working to create something—like a business plan, a song or a blog post. If you're having trouble staying motivated, make sure you're actually focusing on what you want to accomplish. Too often, we try to multitask when we're "working" on something else. We juggle several things at once, or we check our phone every five minutes, or we allow our kids to interrupt us with things that can wait.

But getting in the zone—what experts describe as "flow"—is a motivating experience because it's actually really enjoyable. When you're totally focused on

something like writing or painting or analyzing data, you'll get a lot more done and feel motivated to keep working.

4. Take a break and do something fun.

Sometimes taking a mini break to do something creative, interesting or different can be just what you need to have energy to finish the job you're working on. When I'm experiencing writer's block, I'll step away from the computer to take a walk outside, work on a house project, or paint my nails.

Also—this might sound simple—but a good song can change my mood and give me energy in an instant. If you need a little extra push to do that workout, clean the house, or just tackle that project, put on some of your favorite jams first.

5. Listen to a podcast.

Podcasts are a great way to boost motivation. You can listen to an expert talk about the subject you're working on and learn practical tips from them. Also, podcasts can be a daily or weekly reminder to stay engaged with a topic you love. I listen to podcasts in the morning when I'm getting ready for work—I love getting two things done at once and starting my day out feeling motivated!

6. Read Scripture and pray.

I was feeling overwhelmed and discouraged recently, and I instinctively went straight to my Bible for comfort. You just can't go wrong here. Scripture is full of encouragement, truth and wisdom about every aspect of life.

Also, when you're discouraged or feeling like a failure, God wants to hear about it. Go to Him in prayer. He's not waiting for you to clean up your act before you pray—He wants to connect with you just as you are.

7. Evaluate your habits.

Motivation is a long-term game (remember, you're running a marathon, not a sprint). The most important decisions you make are the habits you form, because that's what you're doing every single day. And when you form habits that are aligned with your goals, you'll see how motivating it is to make daily progress!

For example, if you want to lose weight but you start every day with a sugary bowl of cereal, you've got a mismatch between your goal and your daily habits. What if you decided to have a veggie omelet instead? Making small tweaks will help you gain momentum, which fuels motivation.

8. Celebrate what you've already accomplished.

It's easy to feel discouraged and unmotivated when you look ahead to all the work you have yet to accomplish. So take a few minutes to reflect on what you've already done. Celebrating your progress will remind you that you have what it takes, and you'll feel confident about moving forward.

9. Set deadlines for yourself.

The best type of motivation is intrinsic—meaning that it comes from inside you. But it also helps to have some external motivations. And I don't know about you, but I find deadlines incredibly motivating! At work, we almost always have deadlines for our projects, but it gets tricky when you're doing your own thing. Take your personal goals and projects just as seriously as you do your work and learn to manage your time.

Whether you're building a website or learning to play an instrument, set a deadline for yourself of where you want to be in a few weeks or months, or by the end of the year. Tell a few friends about it so you've got some accountability, and then work backwards from that date to set smaller benchmarks along the way.

10. Dream about the outcome of your goal.

When I'm in the middle of a long race, fighting muscle cramps and feeling completely exhausted, one of the ways I stay motivated is to picture myself crossing the finish line. I know this might sound cheesy, but it really works! I imagine the sense of accomplishment and relief I'll feel when I turn that last corner, see my friends and family cheering, and finish strong.

What's the outcome of your goal? Whatever it is, visualize it. Maybe you're saving up money for a down payment on a house. Get a picture of a dream home and put it on your bathroom mirror. Or maybe you want to write a book. Get a notebook from the dollar store, put a working title on it, and keep it on your nightstand (if you keep at it, one day it will be an actual book!).

I love this quote from Zig Ziglar: "People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing—that's why we recommend it daily." We constantly need fresh motivation to keep chasing down our goals.



July's Worship Service Ministry Volunteers ~

Children's Life Application Class Teacher Schedule

Elementary (K-5th grade) - Denise Tuholski

Attendance Schedule - Sally Whitmer Life Application Class Nursery Schedule - N/A at this time



7/4	Cindy C.
7/11	Martha Lou
7/18	Donna
7/25	Cindy C

Projector

7/4	Jenn
7/11	Marcia
7/18	Cindy C.
7/25	Ienn

Sound

7/4	Ron W.
7/11	Ron W.
7/18	Ron H.
7/25	Ron W.

Chorister

7/4	x Annual Conference
7/11	Jack
7/18	Steve
7/25	Steve

Praise Team

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7/4	x Annual Conference
7/11	Hymn-sing, Jack
7/18	Marcia, Jeff, Darrel
7/25	Steve, Marcia, Darrel

Praise Prayer

7/4	x Annual Conference
7/11	Jack
7/18	Jeff
7/25	Marcia

Worship Leader

7/4	x Annual Conference
7/11	Brent F.
7/18	Fred
7/25	Scott

Greeter - Door A

7/4	Jeff
7/11	Cheryl F.
7/18	Denise
7/25	Jeff

Greeter - Door B

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7/4	Scott
7/11	Sally
7/18	Jeff
7/25	Sue

Welcome Center

7/4	Ed
7/11	Denise
7/18	Sue
7/25	Sally

Stewardship

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7/4	Fred & Sally - Marcia
7/11	Ron & Donna - Cindy C.
7/18	Ron & Donna - Mike
7/25	Steve & Cheryl - Martha Lou

Nursery

7/4	Cindy W
7/11	Sally
7/18	Pat
7/25	Chervl F

Bible Fun Day

7/4	Denise
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7/18	Jeff
7/25	-



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Cindy Carlisle	Rick Hipsher	Pam Hipsher	Chuck Davies	Vern Beckman	Melba Beckman	Chris Stachowski