

“I Didn’t Know That God Loves Everyone”

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A group of around 125 of us went to Rogers, Arkansas to attend Green Valley Bible Camp this past week. This second week of June is one of the main highlights of every year and we had a wonderful time examining twenty-six various identities in Christ, as well as seeing seven precious souls make the decision to put on the Lord in baptism (Galatians 3:27). God and His angels rejoiced greatly over many faithful actions made in Rogers, Arkansas last week (Luke 15:7, 10).

Along with Michael Middleton, I was a counselor in cabin #3. Each night before bed we would have discussions with our campers over our theme of identifying with Christ. On Wednesday night we were going over the lessons that we had learned that day and one particular camper said something that was both surprising and insightful. When I asked him if he had learned anything new, he replied, “Well, I guess I never really knew everything about God’s love. I didn’t know that God loves everyone.” The statement was surprising because this young man has been raised in the church by two faithful parents. The statement was insightful because it taught me that we shouldn’t always assume that everyone raised in the church “gets it” when it comes to the basic characteristics of God.

Just in case you are unaware of the span of God’s love, let me share with you some words from God’s beautiful Word. The Father loves us all so much that He has given us His Son to die for us (John 3:16). Christ died for us, even while we were ungodly and still sinners (Romans 5:6-8). Jesus’ time on the cross was one righteous man suffering for the unrighteous (I Peter 3:18). God loves the world so much that He doesn’t wish for anyone to perish, but wants all to come to repentance (II Peter 3:9). He desires for all of mankind to come to salvation and the knowledge of the truth (I Timothy 2:4).

Each of these passages unequivocally teaches us that God loves every single soul with great immensity. Maybe, like my camper, you were unaware of God’s love. That’s okay. We are all learning and growing in our knowledge of the Lord. Maybe you would like to learn more about God and His Word. If so, please feel free to contact me at pnpng32@gmail.com. I would love to talk to you about God and His amazing love!

Luke Yates



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, John Burlingame, Joyce Clarkson, Angela Collett, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tim Dawkins, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Pete Griffin, Faye Haight, Mae Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Angela King, Chester Lyons, Bob Murray, Rita Murray, Gary Nielen, Pat Risley, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Ruth Ann Wilson.


- Bette Sinden is in rehab in Mercy Hospital at Carthage.
- Lenora Hyder will have surgery tomorrow in St. Louis.
- Gary Neilan will have surgery soon.


Sympathy: We offer our condolences to the families of Velda Wood, mother of Mary Jane Flint, Pete Conrow, father of Julia Fehring, and Guy Lewis, father of Teresa Freund, who all passed away recently. Also, Joe McLain's mother in law recently passed away. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Welcome! Ashlea Norman, who is a Christian and has worshiped with us for more than a year, has expressed her desire to be a part of the Hillcrest family. Her address is: 3517 Ten Pin Lane, Joplin, MO 64801, and phone number: 417-499-9180. Be sure to give Ashlea a big welcome!

Church Family, Thank you for all the generous gifts! We were overwhelmed by your love and kindness, and appreciated everyone who came to the wedding shower to celebrate with us. It was awesome!
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Whitney Rose and Tyler Phillips will be married this Saturday, June 23 at the Mammoth Springs church of Christ, at 2 pm. Everyone is invited.

 **Remember to read your *One Word* devotionals** on "fathers" and your Bible this week.

This Sunday's Sermons:

 AM: *Finish the Way Your Started*
 (Gal. 3:1-10, Danny Boggs)
 PM: *One Word: Fathers*
 (Luke Yates)

PRAYER LEADERS	
Sunday, June 24 •AM Opening: Tony Flint •AM Closing: Luke Yates •PM Opening: Elijah Boggs •PM Closing: Pete Babb	Wednesday, June 27 •Opening: Trace Wilson •Closing: Aaron Wilson

Every "One" Counts: Thank you to all who have contributed an extra dollar in the offering this past week. Please let Luke know if you have any people who could use some financial help.



VBS Shirts are in! Be sure to stop by the Welcome Desk to pick up your shirt. We suggest a \$5 donation per shirt to help cover costs.

Men's BBQ Night is tonight at Woody's Smokehouse. We will leave the Hillcrest parking lot at 6 pm.

Summer Cookout! Everyone is invited to a summer cookout at the home of Kent and Jennifer Daniels on Friday, June 29. Jennifer's hostess group will be in charge of setting up and cleaning up, but everyone will need to bring a food item. Be looking for a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board!

Help Needed for Horizons Camp at FHU: One of our projects will be assembling blessing bags for the homeless. We want to bless these folks with some essentials that they may need, while showing them that God loves them, that we love them, and that they are being thought of and prayed for. In order to do this, we will need a LOT of supplies! Here is a list of the items we'll need to complete our blessing bags for the homeless. Please bring these items to Angela King by Wednesday, June 27. We will need all of these items in large quantities:

- granola bars/protein bars
- gum/mints
- bottled water
- ramen noodles
- travel-sized wipes
- travel-sized tissues
- new socks
- hand warmers
- nail files
- combs
- lip balm/chapstick
- band aids

Please check the ladies' corner for dishes that may belong to you. In a couple of weeks, they will find a new home if not picked up.

RECORDS	06-10-18	06-04-17
Bible Study	139	139
AM Worship	215	199
PM Worship	112	105
Wednesday	132	132
Contribution	\$8,774.13	\$11,171.37
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67

RECORDS	06-17-18	06-04-17
Bible Study	150	139
AM Worship	194	199
PM Worship	131	105
Wednesday	88	132
Contribution	\$9,896.41	\$11,171.37
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67