



heartland connection

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Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that it is August. This summer has flown by at an incredible speed and I have so much that I had hoped to get done this summer. I hope you have had an opportunity to spend some time relaxing and enjoying family and friends.

Many people are closing down the summer and its activities and preparing for the fall. We are buying school supplies, clothes, books and sports equipment getting ready for school that starts this month. We are attempting to fit in that last vacation or trip to relatives while there is still time.

I don't like hot weather. My lawn is barely surviving, my garden has mostly burned up except for the squash (does anything kill squash?), and the utilities bills are high.

I really really don't like hot weather. Heat makes me become a hermit as I sit in the AC as long as possible and only get out long enough to dash to the car and then have wait for it to cool off. I'm in a constant state of sweat even though I try to move slowly, keep hydrated and keep the thermostat low.

For some strange reason, I found myself thinking, as long as it is hot, let's set a record. I was naturally disappointed when our streak of 10 days in a row ended. I'm still rooting for us to break the 50 days of over 100 degrees.



What does this have to do with anything? Well, two thoughts come to mind.

One, we all tend to look for the places that are comfortable. We find people like us in places that we enjoy doing the things we like. But the Christian life is really one that should be lived on the edge. We ought to find ourselves being uncomfortable as we are in the world. The recent decisions in New York to allow for same-sex marriage made me really uncomfortable. The pictures made me sick. The world is not our home.



Two, as I was talking with a friend, we were reminded that in the judgment to come, things are going to really heat up. Rev. 16:8 *And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it was given to it to scorch men with fire. 9 And men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed the name of God who has the power over these plagues; and they did not repent, so as to give Him glory."*

Jesus told the parable of Lazarus and the rich man. When they both died, the rich man found himself in hell in torment. Luke 16:24 *"And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in this flame.'* You think it is hot now, just wait!

The point is this: Contrary to the popular book, Love Wins, there is in fact a hell. Scripture makes it abundantly clear that there will be a place of eternal torment for all of those not saved through Christ. We have been given the incredible privilege and awesome responsibility of taking the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world around us. We start in our own homes, our own town, and then move progressively outward until the entire world knows. People who don't trust in Christ will spend eternity in a hell of fire and torment being scorched and burned. Do we really understand that? Do we see the importance of being

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faithful witnesses for Christ? Is it worth it to get a little uncomfortable when we see the eternal importance of the shared gospel?

I don't do a very good job of being an evangelist. Maybe you find yourself in that same category. Let's commit anew to look for those opportunities to share Christ with all of those around us. Maybe God will use you as the tool to draw that person to Himself and to spare that person from the hell to come. One of the great assurances is that as we share the gospel, we know it is God who does the work of saving, not us. As Bill Bright once said, "Share the good news of Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leave the results to God." Put yourself in that uncomfortable spot of being a faithful witness for Jesus.

This month also gives us an opportunity to think ahead for the fall and the new school year and make some plans for involvement at Heartland. New Sunday School classes will be starting this month. New small groups will be starting. So pray and ask God where He would have you be involved. Even in these "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer", don't give up. Keep on in the faith and the disciplines that will draw you ever closer to our God.

And every time you get hit by that blast of heat, let it be a reminder of the glorious gospel message and keep looking for opportunities to share.

Have a great month.

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus.

I love you all!



SUNDAY SCHOOL—OPEN HOUSE

August 14th, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School Begins August 21st
9:00 am for Children and 9:15 am for Adults



Women's Bible Studies for Fall

JEREMIAH - Come join us starting Sept. 7th on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 in the church library as we do an inductive study of Jeremiah. **Janet Malcom** will be our teacher. We will also have Precept workbooks. We want to remind everyone that even though the precept method can seem overwhelming, we do not want this to hinder your desire to study God's Word. We feel the workbook is the best choice we have for a deeper study of Jeremiah and is well done.

The personal study part will not be mandatory for your attendance but encouraged for your own personal benefit and spiritual growth. Workbooks will be \$20. Childcare will be available for a minimal cost. To make reservations for a book and/or childcare, please email Vicki Granberry at covmom@gmail.com. Any questions? Contact Vicki at the same email or call 683-0336.

Francis Schaeffer boldly identified Jeremiah as a prophet for post-Christian times. "Jeremiah provides us with an extended study of an era like our own, where men have turned away from God and society has become post-Christian." Phil Ryken, during his study of Jeremiah with his church body said, "We were often amazed at its relevance for life in these postmodern times. The barbaric relativism Jeremiah witnessed in ancient Israel has come to America!"

We hope you will consider this opportunity for studying God's Word together!

Kathy Morris will also be leading a small group study on Wednesday mornings starting in September. Details will be forthcoming regarding the topic and details of this study. If you would like to visit with Kathy Morris regarding this study, please contact her at 733-8340 or [moris.6@sbcglobal.net](mailto:morris.6@sbcglobal.net).

LOVE EACH OTHER!

(From Pastor Rick)

*"A new commandment I give to you,
that you love one another, even as I have loved
you, that you also love one another.*

*By this all men will know that you
are My disciples, if you have love for one an-
other."*

(John 13:34-35 NAU)

How many of us have grown up in churches hearing sermons on the topic of love from passages like the one mentioned above or from other passages such as 1 Corinthians 13? *"Love One Another!"* Love is an important part of what the church is about. As a matter of fact we read in John 13:34 & 35 that love is a visible demonstration that we are Jesus' disciples.

But how are we as Christians to express this love? The answer is, in every aspect of our lives. We are not to think of our own interests, but the interests of others (Phil. 2). Even Jesus did not come to be served, but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many (Mark 10).

Often when we think of love we think of how we ought to love our family or we use this command to instruct our children to love their siblings, or remind ourselves that we are to love that difficult person at the office, but how many times do we think of loving others on Sunday morning? Let me explain.

It is so easy to come to church on Sunday morning, participate in the worship service and then gather after the service to visit with friends or "catch people" that we need to talk to about "church business". But in the midst of this Sunday activity we can be guilty of failing to love others; specifically those who are either visitors or new to the church.

If you thought long & hard enough, you may recall a time when you visited a church for the first time and everything was new to you. You knew how to get in the front door but little else. You did not know where the classrooms were, where the sanctuary was located, or even where the restrooms were when suddenly your child informed you frantically that they "needed to go!"

In fact, not only were the surroundings new, but so was the way this church did things. You may recall wondering where the bulletins were located or if the church even had bulletins. You may have been



anxious about what type of music would be sung in the worship service or if this church was so bold as to point out visitors during the worship service. You may have wondered if your little ones were allowed to stay in the service with you.

Not only were the surroundings different and the way of doing things uncertain, but the people were new to you as well. You wanted to talk to people, but you did not really know anyone and you felt a little like a fish out of water.

So what does all this have to do with love? Well don't you remember how much better you felt as a visitor when someone took the time to slow down and notice you and your situation? They came over and greeted you with a friendly smile. When they found out that you were new to the church they not only took the time to get to know you better, but they also began to introduce you to other folks. They made sure you knew where things were located. Such acts of kindness are tangible expressions of love; Christians not caring for their own interests, but caring to minister to you and meet your needs!

Such love is even more evident when one reaches out to those who have visited the church for a while. People who fall into this category are a little more familiar with the surroundings of the church because they have been attending for a while and they may even feel comfortable with the way the church operates. However, the people around them may still be new; especially in a larger church like ours. In the weeks and months after a person starts attending; there is a continued opportunity to minister to people by introducing yourselves. You never know how the Lord may use that greeting to build lasting relationships!

However, greeting people who have attended for some time can be very awkward. You might feel

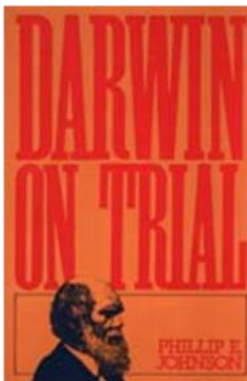
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Heartland Booktable Focus

On July 9th and 10th we had the Heartland Creation Conference with Dr. Sarfati. Currently we do not have any books by Jonathan Sarfati on the Heartland Booktable (it's a vertical booktable, as Pastor George says). However, we do have two excellent books on the topic, which we would like to call to your attention. The first one is *By Design or by Chance?*, by Denyse O'Leary. Her book presents the "big picture" very, very well, in my opinion, and is well organized, well written, and easy to read. She asks the right questions, and attempts to give both sides of each issue she considers. Her presentation gives the sense of being fair and balanced. She frequently summarizes, and liberally quotes from authorities in their respective fields. O'Leary is not a scientist but rather a journalist. This may be thought a disadvantage, but she has done a truly commendable job of investigating the issues, interviewing many people and tracking down source material, and investing a great deal of time and effort. Before the book was published she even visited Wichita and asked questions of some here about creation and evolution issues. Phillip Johnson (see below) endorses the book, referring to it as "a magnificent introduction to the people and issues involved in the greatest intellectual controversy of our time." If you have never read a book on this subject, this is the one to read. And even if you have read a great deal, this is still a highly recommended book. By the way, Denyse maintains a blog that you may find of interest: <http://post-darwinist.blogspot.com>



The second book is *Darwin on Trial*, by Phillip Johnson. Johnson served as a law clerk for Chief Justice Earl Warren after completing his law degree at the University of Chicago. For most of his career he taught law at the UC Berkeley law school. As an aside, Morten Vigilius, of our congregation, who is a graduate of UC Berkeley Law, remembers Johnson from his law school days. Somewhat late in life, Johnson became a Christian, after receiving tenure at UC Law. Near the end of Johnson's law career, he became convinced that Darwin's theory of evolution was not supported by the evidence, and was recognized as such by the best informed scientists. He began writing what was later published as *Darwin on Trial*. Since Johnson does not have scientific credentials, he discussed his ideas with many leading scientists while preparing his book, gave seminars on the topic, and sought the input from many of his colleagues at UC Berkeley. He took every step possible to make sure that he had his facts right. The result, *Darwin on Trial*, is a devastating critique of evolution, and is a must-read for everyone interested in the subject. For more information about Johnson, and his books and videos, see the following:



<http://www.arn.org/authors/johnson.html>

To browse the above two books, or many others, please see the Heartland Booktable. You will find there a number of books and booklets that may be of interest to you and your family. We will be adding more titles in the future.

Larry Paarmann



Welcome to Heartland Community Church Children's Sunday School for 2011-2012

Below we've listed a brief summary of the available classes. Please prayerfully consider having your child participate. We're looking forward to helping you prepare your children for God's best throughout this exciting year of learning about our GREAT GOD and HIS AMAZING WORD!

Ron Johnson

Dave and Sharon Zimmerman

3 & 4 Year Olds – Ann Harder, Beverly Alexander, Phila Glass, Gretchen Peters

He Established a Testimony – Themes from the Old Testament for Young Children

God has testified of His glorious deeds and mighty power. This curriculum explores God's greatness by noting key themes found chronologically throughout the Old Testament. Bible stories are presented to acquaint children with a great God whose character never changes.

Kindergarten – Elizabeth Blomgren, Heidi Whitman

Show Me Jesus – God Leads His People, Living in God's Family, and Jesus is God

This class includes lessons about:

- God's thrilling rescue of Israel from Egypt and how the Old Testament points to the Savior.
- What it means to be part of God's family and live as God's child.
- Encountering Jesus through his powerful signs and wonders.

First & Second Grade – Rachel Shelden, Erin Frost, Anna Hetherington

Show Me Jesus – Obeying God, Knowing Jesus, and Studying God's Word

This class includes lessons about:

- Stories about the prophets and kings.
- Stories from the Gospels.
- The Bible as God's Word; its place in our lives.

Third Grade – Rolaine Hetherington, Phoebe Vigilius, Birgit Paine

Show Me Jesus - Worshiping God, Listening to Jesus, and Telling Others

This class includes lessons about:

- The joys and duties of worship.
- The teachings of Jesus from the Gospels.
- Stories from Acts.

Fourth Grade & Fifth Grade – Paul & Leanne Kurtzweil, Anne Wegener

Show Me Jesus - Genesis to Esther

This class includes lessons about:

- Creation, the Fall, the flood, the Abrahamic covenant, the patriarch, and Joseph.
- The redemptive acts of God in dealing with his covenant people.
- The reigns of the kings of Israel and Judah, the captivity in Babylon, and returned exiles.

Sixth Grade – Paul Waalkes, Mark & Sherri Kahrs, Dave Zimmerman

Bible Doctrine - Westminster Shorter Catechism (Questions 1-38)

This class presents lessons based on the Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Confession of Faith. Applications are aimed at motivating young people to apply the Word of God to their daily lives. There will be an emphasis on memorizing God's Word and the Shorter Catechism.

Seventh Grade – Bryan Hannaford

Bible Doctrine - Westminster Shorter Catechism (Questions 39-107)

This class continues the presentation of lessons based on the Shorter Catechism of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

Heartland Small Groups: Fall 2011

Here is a tentative schedule of small groups that will be starting in the Fall. Be sure to check for updates in the bulletin and weekly emails. Sign ups will be located in the Gathering Area on Sunday mornings during August. Contact group leaders directly with any questions.

EAST WICHITA

George & Pam Bruce, Leaders; Co-led with Paul & Leanne Kurtzweil (College Hill)
131 S Pershing, Wichita, KS 67218

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 7-9 pm
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** September 2011 – April 2012
- ◆ **Study Topic:** The Reason for God by Timothy Keller
- ◆ All ages welcome

George & Vicki Granberry, Leaders
Heartland Community Gathering Area

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** September 2011 – May 2012
- ◆ **Study Topic:** 2 Peter
- ◆ All ages welcome
- ◆ No childcare provided

Mark & Sherri Kahrs' Home (Rockwood)
201 North Post Oak Road, Wichita, Kansas 67206

(One block West of Rock Road, 11/2 blocks North off of Douglas Avenue)

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 pm, starting in September
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** 10 weeks
- ◆ **Study Topic:** Crown Financial Ministries - equipping people worldwide to learn, apply, and teach God's financial principles so they may know Christ more intimately, be free to serve Him, and help fund the Great Commission.
- ◆ Group size limited to 12
- ◆ Adults only
- ◆ No childcare provided

Morten & Phoebe Vigilius' Home (Belle Terre)
132 Chelmsford Court, Wichita, KS 67230

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, starting in September
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** September 2011 - May 2012
- ◆ **Study Topic:** Gravity & Gladness in Worship & Life is a 12 lesson series by John Piper & Desiring God Ministries. A description of the study may be found at <http://www.desiringgod.org/store/video-dvds/gravity-and-gladness-group-special>.
- ◆ All ages welcome
- ◆ No childcare provided



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NORTHEAST WICHITA

Rick & Robbie Franks' Home, Co-led with Adam & Arryn Parker
2612 Cranberry Street, Wichita, KS 67226

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** Every other Sunday evening starting August 28th from 6:00-8:00 pm
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** August 28, 2011—June 10, 2012
- ◆ **Study Topic:** Lawful Living: Applying God's Law to our Lives Today
(A study of the 10 Commandments)
- ◆ All ages welcome - Must be 11th grade & up to join the study
- ◆ Childcare will be provided by the small group

Matt & Sherry Haslam's Home (Pembrook)
4901 E. 27th Ct. North, Wichita, KS 67221

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** 1st & 3rd Fridays from 7:00-9:00 pm
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** The current curriculum should last for 1 year, but we ask for a minimum commitment of 2 years.
- ◆ **Study Topic:** Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Paul Tripp or Portrait of a Struggle
- ◆ **Goals:** To become equipped as the body of Christ to serve as God has called each of us to serve, as an instrument in His redeeming hands.
- ◆ All ages welcome
- ◆ Childcare will be provided - by what means is to be determined.

Steve & Dawn Parris' Home (Bel Aire)
4462 N Stratford Lane Circle, Wichita, KS 67226

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** Thursdays from 7:00-8:45 pm
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** 13 weeks
- ◆ **Study Topic:** Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey is an entertaining video series with a common sense approach to personal finance. The information guide of FPU says: "Biblical stewardship is woven through all 13 lessons, guiding families to manage 100% of their resources," and "the average family pays off \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 during the 13 week period."
- ◆ **Cost:** \$93 per couple (Teen children living at home are included in this price and are welcome to attend.)
- ◆ FPU Alumni are lifetime members and are welcome to attend, as well.
- ◆ If more than 4 couples sign up, this group will meet at Heartland.
- ◆ Adults and teens welcome
- ◆ No childcare provided

SOUTH WICHITA

Jason & Amy Wegener, Co-leaders TBD
Rotating Meeting Places

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** TBD
- ◆ **Study Topic:** Family Worship in the Home with Children
- ◆ **Goals:** Group accountability for memorizing portions of the Westminster Shorter Catechism and encouragement for family worship times.
- ◆ All ages welcome



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WEST WICHITA

David & Bev Alexander's Home

1237 Woodrow, Wichita, KS 67203

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** TBD, Starting in January 2012
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** TBD
- ◆ **Study Topic:** TBD
- ◆ Adults only

No childcare provided

Stan & Cynthia Shelden's Home

3045 River Park Court, Wichita, KS 67203

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** Mondays from 7:00-9:00 pm; every last week of the month, the small group will attend the prayer meeting on Tuesday night (instead of meeting on Monday of that week).
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** September 2011 – May 2012
- ◆ **Study Topic:** TBD
- ◆ Gatherings will include a hymn sing, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship.
- ◆ All ages welcome

TOWANDA

Dave & Sharon Zimmerman's Home

6687 SW Buffalo Road, Towanda, KS 67144

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** At least through December 2011
- ◆ **Study Topic:** Group will discuss and determine topic of study
- ◆ Gatherings will include fellowship, prayer, and Bible study.
- ◆ Adults only
- ◆ No childcare provided

VALLEY CENTER

Tom & Birgit Paine's Home

9121 N. Osage, Valley Center

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** TBD
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** TBD
- ◆ **Study Topic:** TBD

Bryan & Susan Yourdon's Home

9944 N 143rd St East, Valley Center, KS 67147

- ◆ **Meeting Time:** TBD
- ◆ **Commitment Duration:** TBD
- ◆ **Study Topic:** TBD



*Don't forget to
sign up soon!!!*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 No Youth Group	4 Session 6:30 pm	5 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i> Reformed Theology Book Club 7:00 pm Simply Dinner	6 Presbytery (in Emporia) Simply Dinner
Richard - Facility Director on Vacation						
7 <i>Lord's Day</i> <i>Communion and Mercy Offering</i>	8	9 Deacon's Mtg 6:30 p.m.	10 Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	11	12 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i> Theology Night (postponed until September)	13
Pastor Rick and Richard (Facility Directory) on Vacation						
14 <i>Lord's Day</i> Homeless Outreach 7:00 a.m. Sunday School OPEN HOUSE! 9:30 a.m.	15 <i>Pastor Rick's Day Off</i>	16 Finance Mtg 7:00 am	17 Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	18 Session 6:30 pm	19 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i> Reformed Theology Book Club 7:00 pm	20
Pastor Rick on Vacation						
21 <i>Lord's Day</i> 9:00 a.m. Sunday School (children) 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (adults)	22 <i>Pastor Rick's Day Off</i>	23	24 Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.	25 SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	26 <i>Pastor George's Day Off</i>	27 Training for S.S. Teachers by Great Commission Publications 9:30 a.m. - Noon
28 <i>Lord's Day</i>	29	30  7pm - 10:00pm Evening Prayer	31 Youth Grp 7:00 p.m.			

Stay Cool!!!



NURSERY SCHEDULE



Sunday School 9:00-10:35

Worship 10:35-12:??

Aug 7	No Sunday School	Leanne & Ellen Kurtzweil/ Beth Franks/Lois Johnson
Aug 14	John & Rolaine Hetherington/ Erin Sundquist	Willis Family/Lisa Paine
Aug 21	Rayna Waalkes/Kay Coon/ Kathy & Will Morris	Bouma Family/Jane Shelden
Aug 28	Ruby Nelson/Arryn Parker Hannah Larson/Lauren Pohlenz	Dean & Dianna Kubacz/Sara Johnson/Rebekah Waalkes
Sept 4	Phillips/Ralph Drayer	Brinkman/Stephanie Shelden/ Stephen Paine

August Birthdays



- 1: Dianna Kubacz
Kevin Shumate
Sharon Zimmerman
- 3: Nate Mathews
- 4: Betsie Vaughn
- 5: Timothy Johnson
Whitley McCabe
- 6: Amy Maness
Sol Snowbarger
- 8: Rachel Bouma
Kaitlyn Bouma
Taylor Norris
John Welkner
- 9: Bryan Hanning
- 10: Delaney Foss
Gracey Vaughn
Joshua Waalkes
- 11: Tom Paine
- 14: Beth Franks
Deb VonStroh
- 15: Graham Castro-Miller
Don Huenergardt
- 16: Jonathan Paine
Rachel Shelden
- 18: Justin Alexander
- 19: Diane Gensch
- 21: Jean Badger
John Klaassen
- 22: Jake Wilson
- 23: Genesis Parker
Sally Peterson
- 24: Ellen Kurtzweil
- 25: Kathy Morris
- 27: Tammy Gouldner
George Granberry
Annie Morris
- 28: Ellyott Strain
- 29: Jason Johnson
Jeremy Stuursma
- 31: Josiah Jansen
Elizabeth Johnson

Worshippers In Training Schedule

Date	Music	Trainer	Helpers
8/7/11			
8/14/11			
8/21/11			
8/28/11			
9/4/11			

Sorry--the schedule for WIT was not available for the newsletter! Watch for information in the weekly email.

Date	Prayer of Confession	Prayer of Thanks/Supplication
8/7/11	Matt Gertz	Bryan Yourdon
8/14/11	Wes Glass	George Bruce
8/21/11	Roger Gouldner	Steve Castro-Miller
8/28/11	Matt Haslam	Stan Shelden

GREETERS

August: Steve and Dawn Parris
September: Morten and Phoebe Vigilus

Please arrive at 10:15 a.m.

*Grace and peace be multiplied
to you in the knowledge of
God and of Jesus Christ.*

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Community Church
457 S. Woodlawn
Wichita, KS 67218
www.heartlandpca.org

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:35 a.m.

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Community Church

Senior Pastor:

George Granberry - *Worship*

Associate Pastor:

Rick Franks - *Ministry*

Elders:

George Bruce - *Stewardship*

Steve Castro-Miller - *Special Projects*

Gary Gensch - *Prayer*

Bryan Hanning - *Stewardship*

Mike Hull - *Evangelism*

Ron Johnson - *Teaching*

Jeff Morris

Matt Phillips - *Missions*

Stan Shelden

LaVerne Waalkes - *Clerk*

Brad Welles

Bryan Yourdon - *Community*

Deacons:

Phil Challans - *Congregational Care*

Barry Malcom - *Facilities*

Steve Parris

Terry Peterson - *Stewardship*

Other:

John Hetherington - *Mercy*