



# TIDINGS

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Service Times:  
10:15 Worship Service  
In the Sanctuary  
Check Calendar on back page for  
Bible Study Times

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## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

**It's a well deserved** summer break for all of our students, educators and administrators of our schools. It was a year of challenges for all of them and we pray for a joyous summer break for them all!

**Thanks to everyone** who contributed toward our Pentecost Special Offering on Sunday, May 23. This special offering supports children-at-risk, young adults and youth. 40% of this offering remains with our congregation to develop and support programs for young people in our own church and community.

**Please be in prayer** for our Pastor Nominating Committee as they search for our next pastor. We'll all be in prayer for God's guidance as they begin this process of discernment. A big thanks also to our Nominating Committee for their work over the past year!

Our PNC Members are:

From Session:  
Pete Phelan,  
Shirley Michael,  
Rick Lee, and Mike Hofmann

At Large:  
Suzanne Wilson,  
Anna Leasure, and Brianna Gregory



**This year has really sped by** so far, I can't believe that it is already June! I'm looking forward to being with you each Sunday in June and worshipping God alongside you. I have really enjoyed my time here and I thank you all for blessing me with this opportunity.

**Congratulations to our** NCAA Bracket Champion this year! Jackson Bower has won my fellowship bracket contest in back-to-back years.

## WITHOUT GOD

Contrary to the claims of many, we cannot live without God. Man can have a mortal existence without acknowledging God, but not without the fact of God.

We owe our being to the God in whose image we are made (Genesis 1:27). Our existence depends on God, whether we acknowledge His existence or not. God continuously confers life (Psalm 104:10-32). He is life (John 14:6), and all creation is held together by the power of Christ (Colossians 1:17). Even those who reject God receive their sustenance from Him: "He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matthew 5:45). To think that man can live without God is to suppose a flower can continue to live without light or water.

God gives eternal life to those who believe. In Christ is life, which is the light of men (John 1:4). Jesus came that we may have life "and have it to the full" (John 10:10). All who place their trust in Him are promised eternity with Him (John 3:15-16). For man to truly live he must know Christ (John 17:3). Without God, man has physical life only. God warned Adam and Eve that on the day they rejected Him they would "surely die" (Genesis 2:17). As we know, they did disobey, but they did not die physically that day; rather, they died spiritually. Something inside them died. The spiritual life they had known, the communion with God, the freedom to enjoy Him, the innocence and purity of their soul was gone.

What God had intended to go from dust to glory now was to go from dust to dust. Just like Adam, man without God today still functions in an earthly existence. Such a person may seem to be happy; after all, there is enjoyment and

pleasure to be had in this life. But even those enjoyments and pleasures cannot be fully received without a relationship with God.

Some who reject God live lives of diversion and merriment. Their fleshly pursuits seem to yield a carefree and gratified existence. The Bible says there is a certain measure of delight to be had in sin (Hebrews 11:25). The problem is that it is temporary; life in this world is short (Psalm 90:3-12). Sooner or later, worldly pleasure is unsustainable (Luke 15:13-15).

Not everyone who rejects God is an empty pleasure-seeker. There are many unsaved people who live disciplined, sober lives—happy and fulfilled lives, even. The Bible presents certain moral principles which will benefit anyone in this world: fidelity, honesty, self-control, etc. But, without God man has only this world. Getting smoothly through this life is no guarantee that we are ready for the afterlife. Luke 12:16-21, Matthew 19:16-23. Without God, man is unfulfilled. Man is not at peace with his fellow man because he is not at peace with himself. Man is restless with himself because he has no peace with God. The pursuit of pleasure for pleasure's sake is a sign of inner turmoil. Pleasure seekers throughout history have found over and over that the temporary diversions of life give way to a deeper despair. The nagging feeling that "something is wrong" is hard to shake off. There is more to life than the physical dimension. Jesus stresses this point when He says, "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Not bread (the physical) but God's Word (the spiritual) keeps us alive. It is useless for us to search within ourselves for the cure to all our miseries. Man can only find life and fulfillment when he acknowledges God. Without God, man's destiny is hell. The man without God is spiritually dead; when his physical life is over, he faces eternal separation from God. In Je-

sus' narrative of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31), the rich man lives a pleasurable life of ease without a thought of God, while Lazarus suffers through his life but knows God. It is after their deaths that both men truly comprehend the gravity of the choices they made in life. The rich man realized, too late, that there is more to life than the pursuit of wealth. Meanwhile, Lazarus is comforted in paradise. For both men, the short duration of their earthly existence paled in comparison to the permanent state of their souls.

Man is a unique creation. God has set a sense of eternity in our hearts and that sense of timeless destiny can only find its fulfillment in God Himself.

Pastor Pete

## THAT YOU MAY LIVE

During the pandemic, I've worshiped online with several congregations. The web address for one ends ".net/live." As I navigate to this site, I tend to read the adjective form "live," as in "livestream." One Sunday, however, the verb form, as in "Worship and live," popped into my mind. I had almost slept in and skipped that morning's service. But as I worshiped with others, albeit remotely, my spirit indeed felt increasingly alive. That whole day I felt I was *living* more fully because I'd been inspired by God's Word in sermon and song and shared in praising

God with others. Worship reminds us there is something — Someone — greater than ourselves. Worship opens us to new ways of living.

Moses, after he had passed along God's gift of the Ten Commandments, including the rule to keep the Sabbath day holy through rest and worship, told the people, "Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live" (Deuteronomy 5:33, NIV).

We too worship God regular-

ly — so that we may more fully live.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

## FINANCES AT A GLANCE

Income	\$74,224.77
Expense	<u>-\$36,125.20</u>
Net	\$36,099.57

Undesignated	
Income	\$60,202.50
Expense	<u>-\$23,833.70</u>
Net	\$36,368.80

Designated	
Income	\$14,022.27
Expense	<u>-\$12,291.50</u>
	\$1,730.77

### Operating Funds

Beginning Balance	\$134,351.13
Ending Balance	\$117,004.09
Investment Account	\$209,342.26

## APRIL 2021

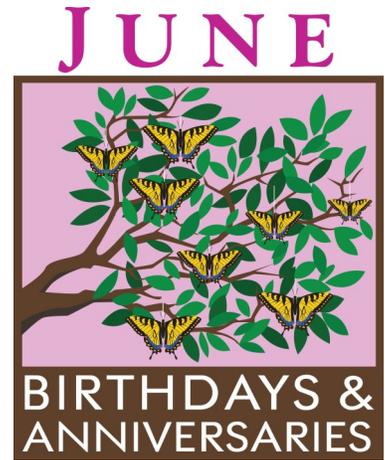
YTD	
YTD Income	\$129,173.07
YTD Expense	<u>-\$104,715.82</u>
YTD Net	\$24,457.25

YTD Undesignated	
Income	\$108,807.82
Expense	<u>-\$85,882.89</u>
Net	\$22,924.93

YTD Designated	
Income	\$20,365.25
Expense	<u>-\$18,832.93</u>
	\$1,532.32



3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jackson Sills	16 <sup>th</sup>	Carolyn Hunt
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lance & Brenda Millard (A)	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mike & Ann Hofmann (A)
	Denise Wilson	20 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Millard
6 <sup>th</sup>	Teresa Griffith	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ann Hofmann
	Holly Pohlman	24 <sup>th</sup>	Brooks & Anna Leasure (A)
	James Cope	28 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Wilson
7 <sup>th</sup>	Doug Henley	29 <sup>th</sup>	Hunter Goodwin
8 <sup>th</sup>	Pete & Peggy Phelan (A)	30 <sup>th</sup>	Cierra Brown
12 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Major		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Lane		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Craig & Shari Winstead (A)		
	Lisa Evans		



# June 2021

Sun                  Mon                  Tue                  Wed                  Thu                  Fri                  Sat

		1 <i>1:30 Bible Study 6:00 Session Mtg</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>1:30 Bible Study</i>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 <i>1:30 Bible Study</i>	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22 <i>1:30 Bible Study</i>	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 <i>1:30 Bible Study</i>	30	<b>VBS Coming Soon!</b>		