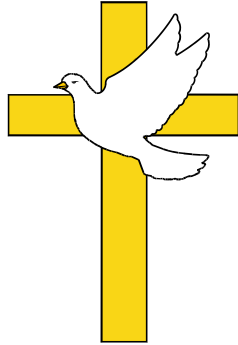


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Pastor's Ponderings,

I hope these summer months are filled with joy, rejuvenation and relaxation.

On Sunday, June 2, the Calavaras Bike Club held a fundraiser for The Oasis Shelter. A few things caught my attention as I listened to their story. They set up by both entrances to Walmart and had a donation jar and then some examples of what The Oasis Shelter could use. One of the gentlemen said when a person came and was going to put a dollar or two in he said "Well if you're going in anyway, why don't you pick up one or two of these things." He said it was great because people came out with the items and commented that it cost a lot more to run the showers than they expected. Brilliant!

Another commented that the club is very interested in helping Port Lavaca because this is where they work, and some of them live here. He mentioned he lives right behind Oasis. The conversation continued that they were just guys who like bikes and want very much to be involved in the community for the betterment of the community.

Many donations were received as well as over \$400 in cash. On Monday evening bikes came rolling into our parking lot and the items were stored in our building. For me it is the Spirit at work as we work together to bring Jesus' love and care to others. Now they know this is what we are about! Relationships continue to be made and to be strengthened.

Thank you all for being a part of and support God's ministry!



Blessing,
Pastor



Pastor Jaster will be on vacation June 24-July 1st. Please do not hesitate to call the church office if you need anything.

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 5th for the 4th of July holiday.

We have toner; TN850 and a drum; DR820 for a Brother copier we can not use. Instead of throwing them out, if you can use them they are in the office, please come get them!

There is a rattan small sofa in the Sunday School building, if you want it, IT IS YOURS!



TREASURER'S REPORT

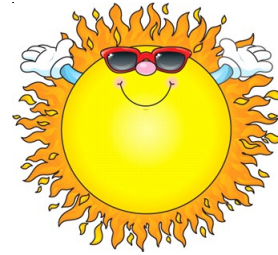
June's offering currently totals \$7643.53 (as of June 15th).

We need roughly \$20,000 per month to meet our monthly expenses.

	Income	Expenses	Month Gain (Loss)
January	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 19,382.00	\$ (2,782.00)
February	\$ 23,915.00	\$ 19,112.00	\$ 4,803.00
March	\$ 16,355.00	\$ 18,109.00	\$ (1,754.00)
April	\$ 16,741.00	\$ 18,036.00	\$ (1,295.00)
May	\$ 12,295.00	\$ 20,070.00	\$ (7,775.00)
YEAR END TOTALS	\$ 85,906.00	\$ 94,709.00	\$ (8,803.00)

Next SLC Council Meeting -
Sunday, July 14, 2024

Coming soon in August ...



A Mens Walk to Emmaus is scheduled for August 8 - 11, 2024.

This is not a physical walk. It is a three-day spiritual retreat based on Jesus appearance on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:11 - 35). It seeks to inspire, challenge, and equip participants for Christian action in their homes, places of work, and communities.

Feel free to contact any of the following if you have any questions or are interested in attending: Steve Bales, Mike Rothmann, Bobby, David, Lynn, or William Hahn.

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Sunday, August 11th Blessing of the Backpacks with a Back to School Breakfast following worship!

Bring your backpack, your bookbag, your briefcase or what ever you want for a special blessing. Let's start the school year with joy! All are invited to come.



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Information about the August Hard-head derby will be coming soon!

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

From Belize to Botswana and from Chad to Cambodia, God is using Operation Christmas Child to help expand His Church to the ends of the earth. A simple gift can bring joy and comfort to hurting children and open door for entire communities to hear the message of love and redemption from sin through Jesus Christ. As these eternal truths take root, broken families find restoration, churches are established, and a new generation of believers bear witness to the Lord's faithfulness.

July is a good time to pack some clothing items for your shoebox child. "One of my favorites in my shoebox was white socks because in the orphanage you get bad quality socks that always stink and have holes in them." Timur, Central Asia. Amazing to want something so simple as socks!!! One child in Grenada was delighted to find his shoebox packed with underwear his exact size. His family was so poor that they could not afford to buy this for him. You could also get shirts, flip-flops, hats, caps, scarves, short sets, shoes for small children, bandanas, gloves, and mittens. Hygiene items are needed also. Soap, toothbrushes, wash cloths, and small towels. No toothpaste! These are just some suggestions.

We will have the plastic boxes from Samaritan's Purse later this month. You may use these boxes or other plastic boxes from Dollar Tree or Wal-Mart.

You can go to Samaritan's Purse website for more information. There is also a Facebook page you can "like" and you will be able to read letters from children who have received these boxes!

De Colores!



June:

- June 5th: Dante Ham
- June 6th: Lorena Barjenbruch
and Margaret Gosnell
- June 12th: John Barjenbruch
- June 18th: Paul Kelm
- June 26th: Dianna Hahn
- June 29th: Clay Bates
- June 30th: Sean Strakos

July:

- July 6th: Calli Brown
- July 8th: Michael Barjenbruch
- July 9th: Kasey Polsen
- July 11th: Hillary Franke
and Lynn Hahn
- July 15th: Ervin Berger
- July 17th: Cynthia Hons
- July 18th: Dottie Caldwell
and Eddie Strakos
- July 22nd: Douglas Howell
and Colby Vickery
- July 30th: Kayden Caraway
- July 31st: Kirby Albrecht

June:

- June 7th: Clint & Laurel Myers
Bill & Dianna Sturm
- June 18th: Damon & Martha Vickery
- June 27th: Michael & Cheryl Caraway
- June 29th: Bobby & Retha Hahn
- June 30th: William & Virginia Hahn

July:

- July 4th: Kirby & Elizabeth Albrecht
- July 7th: Mike & Brittney Rothmann
- July 9th: Rob & Lorena Barjenbruch
- July 27th: Al & Rhonda Nielsen

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*Please call the church office for any
 additions or corrections.*

*May your trips, vacations, gatherings be blessed,
 and stay safe during your travels.*

Our Prayer Concerns ...

ANSWERED PRAYERS:

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:

Kenneth Eilers	Debbie Vitanza	Lisa Peitz
Craig Sturm	Krysten Smalley-Navarro	Wayne Caraway
Dustin Caraway	Janie Garza	Kelly Tomlison
Kathy Raven	Billy Guenther	

CONTINUED PRAYER CONCERNS:

Damon Vickery	Chase Piwetz	Ebin Ham
Doris Malaer	Bill Sturm	Whitney McAfee
Cecil Boyd	Tyler Tesch	William Witt
Nelson Scroggins	Joyce Schaefer	

BETHANY SENIOR LIVING RESIDENT: Alma Wehmeyer

MORADA SENIOR LIVING RESIDENT: Ruth Hahn

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY:

Dante Ham just started boot camp.

THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES:

Please help us keep our Prayer list up to date and call the church office at 361-552-9379 with Answered Prayers, New prayer concerns or Continued prayer concerns.

Please make sure the person for whom you are requesting prayer wants to be on the prayer list. Non-member names will be removed from the prayer list after two weeks. Requesters should inform Pastor or the Church Secretary should the non-members still request to remain on the prayer list.

Our Prayer list helps us focus on those with specific needs whether they are members, family or friends.