

The Spire Lite

June 2021



Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.

I Corinthians 16:13-14

Worship in the Chapel

On Sunday, June 6th, we will be moving Sunday morning worship to the Chapel. Worship will continue to be both in person and virtual.

We will continue to ask everyone to wear a mask during the month of June. If things continue to go as well as we hope, we will relax the mask mandate for July going forward.

We continue to want you to feel safe while worshipping. If you need to move a chair, please free to do so. If you have any concerns, please talk to Pastor Brenda or one of the Board members.

We look forward to worshipping together this summer in the Chapel but will continue to be virtual as well.



Proverbs 1:8: "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching."

2 Corinthians 6:18: "And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."

Psalms 103:13: "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

Proverbs 4:11-12: "I will guide you in the way of wisdom and I will lead you in upright paths. When you walk, your steps will not be hampered, and when you run, you will not stumble."

Luke 15:20: "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."

Deuteronomy 1:31: "There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."

Hebrews 12:7: "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?"

GIVE THANKS
TO THE LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS LOVE ENDURES
FOREVER.

PSALM 107:1

Looking Ahead

The Shaw Family is going on a road trip this summer. We are planning on visiting family in Indiana and then heading west. Our destination is South Dakota! We cannot wait to experience the Badlands, Mount Rushmore, the Corn Palace and whatever else we can fit in during our trip.

This means that Pastor Brenda will be gone for the month of July. During the month, there will be three different guest preachers. It will be exciting to hear some other voices and welcome guest preachers to our church.



Camera Operators

It is great that folks are participating in worship virtually. We want to be sure to continue this opportunity. Since the Shaws will be on vacation in July, camera operators are needed. Please sign up on the sheet as you enter the sanctuary or email: uplandbaptist.org to volunteer to help keep this vital ministry running smoothly.

If you have any questions, please talk to Dave Geveke.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for June and July

June Birthdays

- 7 Adam Robert Moore
- 8 Henry Strunk

June Anniversaries

- 11 John and Rev. Brenda Shaw
- 15 Doug and Marsha Scott
- 22 Darlene and David Pysher
- 30 Frank & Sue Kulp

July Birthdays

- 2 John Fraim
- 7 Linda Cook
- 8 Billy Lord
- 10 Karen Johnston
- 13 Grace Miles
- 16 Betty Vandergriff
Christy Mason
- 18 Jesse Kulp
- 28 Harold Hampton
- 30 Stephen Shaw
- 31 Charlene Miller

July Anniversaries

- 7 Bill & Karin Lord



Living Out Her Faith

I'm grateful to announce that I have been given the opportunity to lead Young Life at my alma mater Sun Valley High School. Young Life is a Christian organization to help introduce high schoolers to the Gospel.

As leaders, we build relationships with the students and get the opportunity to tell them about our faith. Our team is made up of other local volunteers who all live and work in the community.

Each week, we come together to share a lesson about God. All kids are welcome and encouraged to come, regardless of their background with faith, or lack thereof. I feel so grateful to be on this team and lead with people who are so committed to meeting with kids.

We strategized ways to continue meeting during the pandemic, which even included doing Bible Studies outside on winter nights surrounded by fire pits. It has been so rewarding and inspiring to see high schoolers work through hard questions and grow spiritually.

We also provide fun, adventurous experiences. This year, we have gone ice skating, hiking, and had a paint war.

Sun Valley is really excited and looking forward to going to camp this summer! We have 14 out of 16 spots filled and we are expectantly praying for the last two spots to fill. We would appreciate any prayers for opportunities to meet and get to know more students."

Anna Geveke

Let's pray for the students and leaders of Young Life!

Memorial Sunday

This year we planted some new plants around the church sign in memory of those who have had memorial gifts given in their name in the past two years. We pray for their families and loved ones and appreciate the gifts, which continue to support God's work.



We remember...

- William Herbster, WWII
- Billy Wray, WWII
- Charles Hartshorn, Vietnam War
- Carlton Ottey, Vietnam War

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 15:13

Devotional Thought...

Psalm 51:1

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and Grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.



Over the last year, many people had to face circumstances that threatened to completely overwhelm them. Due to Covid-19, life immediately changed into something many people were not prepared to deal with. With social distancing in place, many businesses temporarily closed including schools and churches; people began to feel disconnected. Sometimes when we are overwhelmed by life, we forget to pray. Faith becomes less of a priority. We may begin to believe that our faith would take care of itself. During this time, we may need a reminder from a loved one or trusted friend to take a pause from our busy life to self-examine our spiritual life. When spiritually lethargic, we may lose sight of all that God has done for us. We might linger in self-pity and excuses, but we must choose to draw strength from God. Restoring our faith might seem like hard work, but we take comfort in knowing we don't have to face challenges alone. God is capable of sustaining us if we just let him. As God helps us with reviving our faith, we begin to delight in all of His goodness. We face our future with faith once again, and we know that with God all things are possible.

Theresa Gallagher

In honor of Father's Day – Enjoy Some Dad Jokes

- "I'm afraid for the calendar. Its days are numbered."
- "Why do fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing?" "In case they get a hole in one!"
- "Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera."
- "Dear Math, grow up and solve your own problems."
- "What did the janitor say when he jumped out of the closet?" "Supplies!"
- "Have you heard about the chocolate record player? It sounds pretty sweet."
- "What did the ocean say to the beach?" "Nothing, it just waved."
- "Why do seagulls fly over the ocean?" "Because if they flew over the bay, we'd call them bagels."
- "I only know 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know y."
- "How does the moon cut his hair?" "Eclipse it."

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