

## "What We Believe"

Ever get into a discussion with a friend or acquaintance who asked, "So, what does your church believe?" It is kind of tough sometimes to boil it all down in a conversation. If you have struggled with how to answer that question don't be too hard on yourself, you are not the first one who had trouble condensing it into a manageable format. In face, some of our early Church Fathers got together and had exhausting conferences trying to state the beliefs of our faith in a format the average person could handle. We received them in the form of the Creeds.

Within our Hymnal you will find both the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed. They are both attempts at condensing the statement of our faith into a concise body of work. Let me include the text of the Apostles' Creed here.

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hades; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy church universal, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

Smarter men than me have toiled for days and this is the result of their labor as they attempted to summarize a statement of our faith.

I don't know about you, but I find it possible to get lost in all of that. If the words of the Creed go above you or around you or through you then maybe there is another, more simplified statement of our faith found in that same hymnal. Let me quote it for you.

"Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. Jesus love me! This I know, as He loved so long ago, taking children on His knee, saying, 'Let them come to me.' Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven's gates to open wide. He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. Jesus love me still today, walking with me on my way. He's prepared a home for me, and someday His face I'll see."

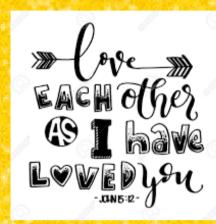
Whatever works for you.

## <u>August Birthdays</u>

- 2 Terry Mills
- 3 Kara Dombaugh
- 4 Rachelle Jacquart
- 4 Jaden Bickel
- **5** Bob Bryan
- **5** Joe McClain
- **5 Brenton Martin**
- **6 Kaleb Malden**
- **8 Stephen Edwards**
- 9 Whitni Oquist
- 9 Zoa Sullivan
- 9 Lyle Bickel
- 9 Jessica McNeff
- 9 Bill Gray
- 11 Viola Sanchez
- 12 Samuel Barber
- **13 Kylie Krueger**
- **13 Hunter Reynolds**
- **14 Denise Balicki**
- **14 Alizeh Frazier**
- 17 Kristy Malden
- **18 Ty Addington**
- 20 Evan Gamboa
- 20 Keegan Martin
- **21 Kathryn Bickel**
- **24 Kodey Hoss**
- 24 Brooklyn McConnaughhay
- 25 Alvin Gallegos, Sr.



FAITH TELLS ME
THAT NO MATTER
WHAT LIES AHEAD
OF ME
GOD IS ALREADY THERE



If you have a prayer request you would like put on the prayer chain, contact Pat Gamboa.

If you are watching the services online and would like to give tithes or offerings, you may:

- Come by the office
- Mail it
- Go to the website Click on Donate

**THANK YOU!** 

Sunday Worship
Services

10:30 Am

Live Stream
Worship
on
Facebook
and
YouTube!

Youth Service 6:30 pm

COMMUNION
First Sunday of the Month

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Office Hours
Monday -Thursday
10:00 - 2:00 pm

<u>Please call ahead.</u>



## **Upcoming Events**

Teen Camping Trip Golden Bell July 31-August 2



2021 Camp Fundraiser Coordinator: Jules Berg

Little Caesar's Fundraiser for Camp



Our campers are selling pizza kits.

Items include pizzas and cookie dough.

The price range is \$19 - \$25.

Pay when you order.

(Pre-packaged)

Ladies' Bible Study Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 pm Sept. 13th - Oct. 25th Room 100

Book/Video Series
He Speaks to Me:
Preparing to Hear from God
by Priscilla Shirer

Priscilla draws life lessons from the account of God speaking to the boy Samuel in the beloved Bible story found in 1 Samuel 3.

She relates six characteristics found in Samuel that are applicable to women today.

Tuning our ears and hearts to God's voice helps us gain a deeper desire to serve Him faithfully.

## **Jerry Nelson Concert**



Sunday, August 2nd 10:30 am

Internationally-celebrated concert pianist, Jerry Nelson, has performed and conducted orchestras all over the world.

Jerry began playing in his small Minnesota church at the age of 10. His music career began in the Minnesota public school system, followed by 3 decades of arranging and directing the orchestra at Denver First Nazarene. Today, Jerry and his wife, Rachel are focused on a full-time concert career as retirement is not yet on the radar screen.

Much of the proceeds from their efforts enable occasional trips to the Congo and Rwanda where Jerry performs concerts and teaches music, while Rachel works with AIDS victims and coordinating micro-loan financing for the most impoverished woman with young families to feed.

There is no admission price to his concerts, but a love offering will be taken. Please make your checks to the church and put Jerry Nelson Ministries in the memo.