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Conditional Promises

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given to you.” (John 15: 7)

Often times promises have strings attached. Like the one Jesus gave to His disciples about prayer. We can ask whatever we wish, but Jesus qualifies our prayers with two important conditions. First, we must be living in close fellowship with Him, and second, our requests must be in line with His will.

Some Christians think that prayer is like a blank check. Just fill in the amount whenever you like, no matter what your spiritual condition, and God will cash it for you. Not so. When Jesus says, ***“Remain in me,”*** He’s talking about a consistent lifestyle of closeness to Him, not a sporadic spirituality.

And as far as the other condition, ***“If my words remain in you,”*** Jesus doesn’t mean you have to be a Biblical scholar. After all, you can have an advanced theological degree without ever letting the Bible grip your soul. What Jesus meant was that our life decisions must be in line with what the Bible teaches and not what the world teaches. It also means having the Scriptures in the forefront of our minds so that we consistently find ways to please God; and when things go well for us, we give Him the glory and praise. Whatever we ask will be given to us if we walk closely with the Lord and remain consistently in His word.

One more thing. For years I have applied this prescription to my own prayer request for divine healing from chronic pain. I have sought to remain in the Lord and His words remain in me. But after 12 years the pain is still there. The lesson? Sometimes God says no. Or at least, not yet. I have learned that I need to ask for God’s will to be done in my life because that is a prayer God will always answer with a yes.

September Calendar

- 1st Sunday-- HOLY COMMUNION**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship Time 11:00 am
 - Hispanic Worship (chapel) 1:00 – 3:00:pm
- 2nd Monday Labor Day**
Office Closed
- TOPS Club (Weigh In Only) 5:15 pm
- 3rd Tuesday**
- UWFaith Meeting 6:00 pm
 - Trustees Meeting 7:00- pm
- 4th Wednesday**
- DORCAS Circle 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - Choir Starts 6:30 pm
 - Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 5th Thursday**
- Gems Group 11:00 am
 - Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 6th Friday**
- China Painters 9:30 am
 - Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 8th Sunday – Noisy Offering**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Rally Day (after church) 11:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - Hispanic Worship (chapel) 1:00 – 3:00:pm
- 9th Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
 - TOPS Club 5:15 pm
- 10th Tuesday**
- Finance 6:30 pm
 - DANA 7:00 pm
- 11TH Wednesday**
- Esther Circle 9:30 am
 - Choir 6:30 pm
 - Ad Council 7:15 pm
 - Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm

September Calendar (continued)

- 12th Thursday**
- Gems Group 11:00 am
 - Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 13th Friday**
- Hispanic Worship Service (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 14th Saturday**
- Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- 15th Sunday**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship Time 11:00 am
 - Hispanic Worship (chapel) 1:00 – 3:00:pm
- 16th Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
 - Church Women United Board Meeting 11:30 am
 - TOPS Club 5:15 pm
 - Education 6:00 pm
- 17th Tuesday**
- Missions Meeting 6:30 pm
- 18th Wednesday**
- Choir 6:30 pm
 - Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm
- 19th Thursday**
- Gems Group 11:00 am
 - Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 20th Friday**
- Hispanic Worship (chapel) 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 21st Saturday**
- All Church Breakfast 8:00 am
(If you would like to help cook) 7:00 am
 - Hispanic Fellowship (kitchen) 6:00 – 7:00 pm

September Calendar (continued)

- 22nd Sunday**
- **Adult Sunday School** 8:45 am
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship Service** 10:00 am
 - **Fellowship Time** 11:00 am
 - **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 1:00 pm
 - **Doris Roland 90th Birthday Party**
Fellowship Hall 1:30 pm --4:00 pm
- 23rd Monday**
- **Adult Bible Study** 10:00 am
 - **TOPS Club** 5:15 pm
- 25th Wednesday**
- **Choir** 6:30 pm
 - **Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 26th Thursday**
- **Gems Group** 11:00 am
 - **Craft Group** 5:00 pm
- 27th Friday**
- **Putzier Wedding Rehearsal** 5:00 pm
 - **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 28th Saturday**
- **Eve Circle** 9:30 am
 - **Kaylee Putzier Wedding** 3:00 pm
 - **Sandy McNamar Food Pantry**
2:00 pm --5:00 pm
 - **Community Meal** 5:00 pm
- 29th Sunday – Pot Luck Hymn Sing Along**
After Church
- **Adult Sunday School** 8:45 am
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship Service** 10:00 am
 - **Fellowship Time** 11:00 am
 - **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 1:00 pm
- 30th Monday**
- **Adult Bible Study** 10:00 am
 - **TOPS Club** 5:15 pm



September Birthdays

Margo Schamerhorn	9/04
Janness Heuton	9/10
Kathi Nichols	9/11
Nancy Mitchell	9/16
Dale Ogle	9/17
Darlene Fitzgerald	9/18
Ron Heuton	9/22
Candi Cox	9/23
Sioux Newberg	9/23
Doris Roland	9/23
Theresa Garrison	9/28
Dean McCollum	9/29
Bob Baker	9/30



Doris Roland
90th Birthday Party
Staves Memorial, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, September 22nd
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

CRAFTS, CONVERSATION & CHOW

Come join other women for a night of Crafting, Conversation, and Chow—*Free of Charge*.

Bring a project to work on and a dish to share or simply come to connect with other women. We meet at the church every Thursday starting at 5 p.m. If you have a craft you'd like to learn, let us know so we can find the right person to help you learn.

If you have further questions, please contact *Jennifer McDonald* at 515-314-4761.

**Save your Eyeglasses,
Hearing Aids, Pop
Cans and Can Tabs**

The church collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Even if the hearing aid doesn't work, they can use it for parts. Bring these items anytime during the year to the church.

You may place them in the designated basket marked "Used Eyeglasses," located by the mailboxes in the narthex.

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS AND POP CANS

The church is collecting tabs off of all aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House. Save your can tabs and put them in an envelope or baggie marked "Tabs" and put in the white basket in the narthex marked "Pop Tabs."

Please save your pop cans and bring to the church. Money goes into Helping Hand Fund.

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PILLAR OF PRAYER: If you need to request a pillar of prayer, please call either Diane at the church office Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or Marilyn Ogle all other times at 515-266-6876. Thanks!

FOOD PANTRY

**2nd SATURDAY AND
LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**September Dates:
September 14th
September 28th**

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

**Saturday, September 21st
8:00 a.m.
Come at 7:00 a.m. if you would like
to help.**

COMMUNITY MEAL

**Last Saturday of every month.
Next dinner will be:
September 28th 5:00 p.m.
Menu: Ham Sandwiches
Pasta Salad
Chips and Dessert**



Church Financial Report

Bank Balance as of July 1, 2024	\$22,383.67
July Budget Items	
Budget Items	\$ 15,821.00
Mission Items	\$ 226.39
Committed Funds	\$ 1,300.70
	\$ 17,348.09
July Disbursements	
Budget Items	\$17,807.42
Missions	\$ 1,028.90
Committed Funds	\$ 1,717.70
	\$20,554.02
Bank balance as of July 31, 2024	\$19,177.74
Less Committed Funds as of July 31, 2024	\$11,198.69
Available funds as of July 31, 2024	\$ 7,979.05

*This report is submitted by:
Terri Pollard, Staves Financial Secretary*

EVE CIRCLE

Will meet Saturday, September 28th
Will be doing a work morning.
Meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.
Carpool to Women/Children's Shelter
in Altoona.
Will be putting supplies in the rooms.
Afterward Lunch at Pizza Ranch, Altoona
Sherry Palmer – 515-991-1062

Christian Education

Remember to mark your calendar to attend Rally Day this month on Sunday, September 8th during Fellowship. The Education committee will supply ham sandwiches to the luncheon. Please bring a side dish to share. Plates, napkins, and silverware will also be provided. After lunch feel free to stay and play cards or board games for a time in the Fellowship Hall. Other games may also be available.

We are looking for a couple of people to take over teaching the 3rd to 5th grade group of children. If you are interested in teaching this group starting in September, please see Norma Thierman.

The Sunday Morning Study on Hymns is running and getting great reviews. It is open to anyone who wants to attend. It starts at 8:45 a.m.

The Sunday Afternoon/Monday morning study is on a short break until either late September or early October. Currently Terri is looking for a short study on King David to see if is something we should do. She is also reviewing Advent studies to see if there is something we can do during that time period.

Remember that we have a pre-school, upper elementary and a Youth Sunday School program. These start at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Community Meals

The Free Meals continue to reach community and church members with food and fellowship once a month. This meal is always the last Saturday of the month.

The meal for September will be ham sandwiches, pasta salad, chips, and dessert. This meal takes place shortly after a wedding so please be patient as the kitchen staff may still be working at 5:00 p.m. getting things ready.

While the meal is free, donations are accepted. Any funds donated go into the Community Meal fund to help purchase the meat or other main dish ingredients.

If you are willing to help with the meal, come on the designated date at 4:00 p.m. to help set up and serve. If you want to help cook, please talk with Terri Pollard since depending on the menu the cooking start time varies.

Trustees Update

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects.

We are still looking for a couple more van drivers, if you are willing to drive, please see Diane in the office so we can copy your driver license for the insurance company. Please note that you must be on the approved drivers list with the insurance company to drive either of the vans. See a trustee if you wish to use the van on any outing so an approved driver can be arranged.

If you need a ride to church, please call the secretary by Thursday afternoon to arrange the ride. The driver for the week will call you on Sunday morning to make sure you still plan to attend church that morning and arrange the pickup time with you.

Trustees Update (continued)

We are also looking at repairs on the two lights that are out in the Fellowship Hall. These need special work; so we are looking for an electrician for this work.

If you have something you think needs worked on in the church, please talk to a Trustee (see list of committee people posted in the Narthex) or send an email to the Trustees at sumtrustees@aol.com. Thanks.

Food Pantry

The Pantry dates for September are: Saturday, September 14th and Saturday, September 28th. The Food Pantry is open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each of those days.

Here are the numbers for July:

- Families 66
- People 190
- Pounds of Food In 777
- Pounds of Food Out 1,183
- Personal Items In 20
- Personal Items Out 17

Because it is a semi-independent organization it has its own board of directors and this board meets periodically to oversee the organization.

Here is a list of the board members:

- Pastor Tim Walker, Board Chairman
- Margo Schamerhorn, Distribution Director
- Terri Pollard, Inventory Control Officer
- Rick Atterbury, Treasurer
- Brian McNamar, Member at Large
- Marilyn Ogle, Member at Large

Food Pantry (continued)

If you are interested in seeing how the Food Pantry operates, please feel free to volunteer on one of the days we are open.

We'd love for everyone to see this ministry in action. With the ever-increasing need for assistance, the Pantry could use the following items:

- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit (Mandarin Oranges, Fruit Cocktail)
- Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Farina/Cream of Wheat
- Pancake Mix
- Cookies or Baking Mixes

These are items that the families like to get, so the donations go out as fast as they come in the door.

Thanks to each of you who purchase food each month to donate to the Food Pantry. While we buy as much as we can through the Food Bank of Iowa your donations also support the pantry and these families.

UWFaith News (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter

Well, the fair is over we had wonderfully cool weather most days and a record number of attendees. Some of you know that I am a "fairaholic." I've lived in the neighborhood for 24 years now and my life is a little crazy during these eleven days. Most days the car stays in

UWFaith News (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter (continued)

the drive or garage and I do lots of grocery shopping beforehand to have food on hand.

While working, I tried to work during these days. I could always get out to work in the morning (because I left before the traffic) but getting home was a challenge. I think I drove double mileage to get home due to the route I took to avoid most of the traffic.

Then I thought I would ride DART. I rode the bus for a few years because it was still running the route directly in front of my house and went right by the capitol complex. But then more people started riding it to get to the fair and they changed the route away from my street (and that traffic). So, lots of walking to and from the house would be needed to get to a bus stop.

Finally, I started taking vacation after all I had a lot built up. I started my "faircation" taking just the full week. I sat at home and watched the people, then thought why just sit, why not help in some way.

My volunteer work for the Blue Ribbon Foundation started in 2004. I'd work shifts during the day on my days off. Then my vacation expanded to be the whole fair. Again, I'd work day shifts during the fair while others were working.

Finally, my "faircation" expanded to two plus weeks (I started vacation the Monday before the fair and didn't usually return until the Wednesday after the fair.) People at work would always start worrying that I'd be gone and how would projects move forward. They always managed well without me however.

UW Faith News (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter

Now as a retired person my “fair schedule” has expanded to cover two full weeks. Yes, I’m on the fairgrounds at some point every day during these two weeks. I start volunteering the Monday before the fair and finish on the last day. I still volunteer for the Blue Ribbon Foundation and now also volunteer for the Iowa Craft Beer Tent. Both are great ways to meet and talk with lots of people. Believe it or not talking with the people is always great fun for me.

All this volunteering lately has got me wondering how do I volunteer and use my time and gifts for God? Yes, I do many things to help at Staves and I do some work outside our walls. But I also know that there is always room for others. I encourage each of you to look at ways you help Staves or other groups. God gave us all different talents with the express purpose of using them to expand His kingdom.

If you are unsure of what your Spiritual Gift is, please see me, I have a “test” you can take to discover your gift. Then you’ll know what tasks you can take on at Staves or in other organizations to expand the kingdom. The Nominations Committee will be meeting soon to set up new committee assignments and they would love to have spiritually talented volunteers for committees.

BTW: We won’t be using cartoons for a bit. Sorry if you miss them; we’ll see next year if we can bring them back.

Terri Pollard

Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Task Force Update

The CAT Task Force divided all 135 responses into categories, and then determined which person, group, or groups can best address each response. There are 13 possible individuals or groups. In most cases, a response was included for more than one group to address. As responses are addressed, each group will report back to the CAT Task Force. A few responses do not require action because it was a comment, not an action item. Some responses are in process, and some are completed. The next task is for each group to determine an action plan.

--Rick Roghair

PRAYER JOURNAL

Start a prayer journal. Keep track of the things you are praying about; the needs you are praying for. As you increase your consistency and faithfulness in prayer, go back to the journal and record God’s answers. This may help you.



September Mission

The September mission is Midwest Mission School bags. These bags are sent around the world and in the USA for children who have no school supplies or have had a disruption in their schooling. If you recall the joy of putting bags together and thinking of the joy that a child will have when they get a new bag. Bags need to be made, supplies obtained, and then they need to be assembled which will come in October. In November we will go to the Greenfield Ingathering to take the assembled bags, extra supplies and any moneys that's leftover.

If you want to do more than just write a check, then this is the opportunity to work in mission. While it may not seem like much, it means the world to someone else.

Thank you.

The Mission Committee

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RALLY DAY

**Sunday, September 8th
After Church
Lunch and Games
The Education Committee
will supply
ham sandwiches to the
luncheon.
Please bring a dish to share.
Plates, napkins, and
silverware will also
be provided.**



EVE CIRCLE

Will be collecting laundry detergent and dryer sheets for Des Moines Eastside Shelter for Women and Children. A tub will be in the Narthex.

Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO Ad Council Report. Did not meet in August.

GREETING CARDS

If you have any new unused greeting cards you would like to donate to the church, please bring them in to the church office. Thanks.

UW Faith Meeting

Tuesday, September 3rd

6:00 pm

