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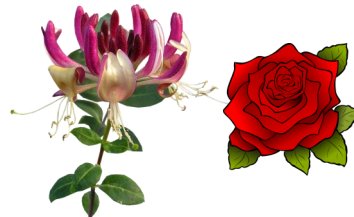


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Facilities Use: Chairperson is Patrick Hancock. Purpose is to oversee the use of the church, its cleanliness, and scheduling of events/meetings on campus.

Fellowship Committee: Chairperson is Courtney Harbin. Their purpose is to assist the church in promoting church-wide fellowship, coordinate all church-wide activities that require food preparation (including repasts) and oversee proper care and maintenance

promotion, commitment and accountability. Also, they ensure that appropriate procedures for receiving, counting, safeguarding, and disbursing funds are followed. Corrections, additions to and monitoring of church budgets is also a priority.

Finance Officers: Treasurer: Terry Mathews, Assistant Treasurer: Sheri Bresnahan, Financial Secretary: Jessica Hathcock

Flower Committee: Chairperson is Debbie Schneider. The committee is responsible for decorating the sanctuary and other areas of the church for special occasions. They are also responsible for the Hanging of the Greens ceremony near Christmastime.

Homeschool Umbrella Group: Chairperson Jill Hancock. This is an all-volunteer group, primarily of current and former home educating families. They are authorized to supervise home instruction.

Ladies Bible Study. Ladies of the Light Leader: Carolyn Shaffer. Meetings are every Tuesday morning. The purpose of the group is to help women grow spiritually, connect with other women, and become more engaged in the church

Library Committee: This group is responsible for receiving, recording, and cataloging all materials that are to be placed in the library. The committee shall select temporary volunteer help as needed.

Music Committee: They are comprised mostly of the music leadership and cover all of the music ministry in the church—choirs, instrumentalists, or other groups. They are often joined by someone in the technology committee in order to discuss/check the sound system.

Music Ministry: Director is Ken Doyle. The responsibility of this ministry is to provide worshipful music for all services and departments of the church. The adult choir, Pastor, and other leaders work together selecting suitable music and they will devise appropriate musical programs for all occasions when needed.

Nominating Committee: Chairperson is Heather Guiffre. The Nominating Committee fills positions of service for all committees for the church calendar year. Duties include speaking with church members about where they feel led to serve, meeting to discuss and finalize reports for next calendar year (September). Also report at May's business meeting for church council nominations and again in August to finalize report changes. *They are currently in need of a secretary to attend meetings and prepare minutes.*

Nursery: Coordinator is Jill Hancock. *They are in need of someone to take over as coordinator. This job entails volunteer scheduling, cleaning/disinfecting toys, and ordering supplies. They are also in need of helpers to manage the check-in stations for children going into Sunday School, Nursery or Children's Church.*

Outreach: Leader is Dean Irwin. The purpose is to reach the lost by assessing community needs, recommending plans, and administering workers. Past examples

Safe Nights Program: Coordinator is Courtney Harbin. This program provides those in need with a roof over their heads and a warm place to sleep each night from late fall through spring. In the past, FBC has sponsored one week of lodging/meals and collected donations of items and money to help the program.

Safety & Security: Chairperson is Logan Irwin. This team is responsible for the development and implementation of safety policies within the church. Volunteers are needed to serve as door monitors before and during services to monitor

Sunday School: Director is Kevin Guiffre. They are searching for friendly and reliable Christians to join their Sunday School team. If you're a motivated and creative professional with a talent for teaching, then they are interested in you! In this position, you will be responsible for developing lesson plans, responding to issues, addressing students' needs, and being available to attend any meetings. As a Sunday school teacher, you will demonstrate Bible knowledge and teaching abilities. You must be a church member, with excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Technology Committee: Chairperson is Ken Doyle. This committee monitors, and maintains the equipment, software and infrastructure required to advance the goals and the activities of the church. They are available to assist and advise in implementing solutions to tech-related problems.

Tellers: Chairperson is Sharon Bruce. Tellers are responsible for counting offerings, record keeping and making bank deposits, all while maintaining confidentiality. The time commitment is one month per quarter for 1 hour after each Sunday service during that month. Volunteers are always needed.

Trustee: Chairperson is Bob Mathews. Members of this group act as the legal representatives of the church and have the authority to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any property subject to church approval. They also hold and ensure the security of legal documents, such as mortgages, deeds, and insurance policies.

UPWARD Sports: Coordinator is Shannon Pankhurst. The goal is to promote the discovery of Jesus through sports. They are in need of volunteers to help with some of the game day or practice load. Do you have creative & fresh ideas to bring in new families or minister to the ones we currently have?

Ushers: Chairperson is Dean Irwin. Ushers greet and direct members and visitors, assist with seating, collect offerings, assist those in need, provide information about the church, etc. Commitment time is every other month for 4 weeks straight.



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Youth Council: Chairperson is Andy Gibson. The group provides opportunities for both Bible study and fellowship for grades 6th—12th. Any ideas for events or activities that our youth can participate in are always welcome.



If you are graduating from high school or above, please inform the church secretary, Amanda. We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, June 30th.



Women on Mission will meet June 6th @ 9:45am. Rosa Minehan will give the mission presentation & we will be making bags to hand out to those in need. Afterwards we will eat



Did you know that you can fill a shoebox entirely online?
Use this link <https://sampur.se/4awjK6j> or scan this code:
These boxes will be sent to hard to reach places that are
closed off to the gospel.



June's theme for box items is : *Girly Girls!*

Ideas include: craft & bead kits, pipe cleaners, baby / Barbie dolls, jewelry, purses and small tote bags, items for sewing kits (pins, needles, safety pins, tape measures, scissors, thread), little people & animal playsets to play house, play dishes for a tea party



OCC Impact Story

IMB (International Mission Board) has identified 3,072 people groups that have remained unengaged—until now. Through Project 3000, our missionaries are working to find these people groups and cultivate gospel access so they can begin to know about Jesus.

Our IMB missionaries, in collaboration with local partners, continue the vital work of gospel engagement. Through discipleship, church planting, and nurturing the growth of mature believers, we aspire to see these people groups brought to Jesus Christ.

June Estes, a missionary explorer, actively seeks out and researches people groups living in the far corners of the world so we can know how to best reach them with the gospel.

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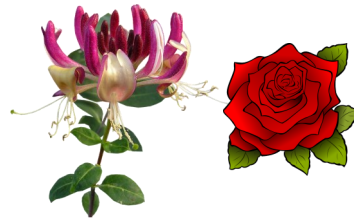


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Sunday evenings
 Starting at 6:30 pm
 16 years or older



Contact Becky Bucher
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If you would like to order a
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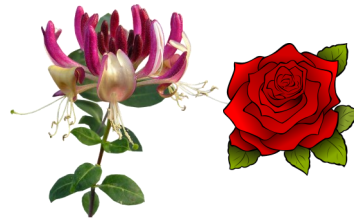


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June's flowers are the
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New & On the Shelf by Bob Mathews

Fiction

A Cousin's Challenge by Wanda Brunstetter (F BRU)
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Non-fiction

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Watch the bulletin for information about craft
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 church website. Early registration helps us
 effectively plan classes and class space.

Finally, the next VBS planning meeting will be
 June 3, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
 Anyone who would like input into the planning
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Committees of First Baptist Church of La Plata

The August Business Meeting is quickly approaching! Please take the time to read over the next few pages and pray about where the Lord would have you serve. Does anything stand out to you that you have a talent for or may enjoy doing? Maybe you see a need that is not on this list. Please talk to Heather Guiffre about your talent or desire. She will be available to help you beginning June 9th.

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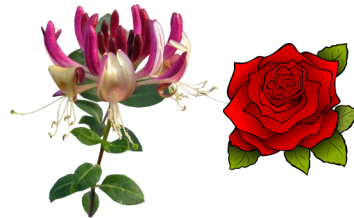


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If you are graduating from high school or above, please inform the church secretary, Amanda. We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, June 30th.



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Did you know that you can fill a shoebox entirely online?
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June's theme for box items is : *Girly Girls!*

Ideas include: craft & bead kits, pipe cleaners, baby / Barbie dolls, jewelry, purses and small tote bags, items for sewing kits (pins, needles, safety pins, tape measures, scissors, thread), little people & animal playsets to play house, play dishes for a tea party



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June Estes, a missionary explorer, actively seeks out and researches people groups living in the far corners of the world so we can know how to best reach them with the gospel.

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The Four Emotions of Father's Day

Written by Ashley Gibson, adapted by Amanda Hepner

From the time that we are young, something within each of us longs for a father.

His steady hand.

His gentle, instructive word.

His secure embrace.

His unconditional love.

A picture of God the Father Himself, in our own home.



Fathers are an indispensable part of God's perfect plan for the family. It's only right that we have a day set aside to honor the fathers (and father figures) in our lives that demonstrate servant leadership, Christlike love, and biblical sacrifice.

You may have a father who is a righteous man of God, seeking to honor the Lord in every area of his life. Or you may have experienced the curse of sin in a deep and real way at the hand of your dad. From absence and abuse to sickness and death, sin sometimes sinks its sharp teeth into God's plan for fatherhood at every turn.

Perhaps that's why there are few days that evoke the intensity of emotions that Father's Day does. Gratitude . . . mourning . . . longing . . . confusion . . . or all of these (and more) mixed together. As the emotions of Father's Day roll in like the tide, cling tightly to God's Word and remember these timely truths.

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1. Mourning is biblical . Genesis 50 describes Joseph mourning over the death of his father. Take your mourning to the Lord (Psalm 147:3)
2. Your Father is a gift from the Lord.
3. Honor your dad with happy memories.

If You Find Yourself Longing on Father's Day: You long for a father that stayed or one who didn't lift the heavy hand of abuse. You ache for a father who actively shows affection, who doesn't play favorites, and models the example of our heavenly Father.

1. Let your longings point you to Jesus.
2. Remember that you have a good Father—one who loves you infinitely more than your earthly father ever could. Psalm 68:5, Deut. 31:6, 2 Pet. 1:3, Jer. 31:3.
3. Be honest with the Lord. He cares. He listens. He understands. He can satisfy you with His steadfast love. (Psalm 90:14)

If You're Feeling Conflicted on Father's Day: [It] can stir up a complex mixture of emotions since it can be a poignant reminder of both cherished memories and unresolved conflict.

1. Give yourself grace. God is able to make grace abound to you (2 Cor. 9:8)
2. Choose forgiveness. If your father has wronged you in some way, take practical steps to work toward forgiveness. Mth 18-15-35
3. Pray for your father. Prayer is powerful and one way you can express that you trust God to work in your relationship with your dad. Mth 5:43-45

If You're Feeling Grateful This Father's Day: You may reflect on the blessing that your dad has been to you and your family. Good memories and godly advice flood your mind. 1 Kings 2:1-4

1. Thank the Lord for your father. Every good and perfect gift comes from our heavenly Father. James 1:17
2. Thank you dad. When is the last time you thanked your father, really thanked him for his steadfast love and godly character?
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No matter what you find yourself feeling this Father's Day, know that Your heavenly Father meets you right where you are. He sees you and hears you. He is merciful and gracious, abounding in steadfast love—the giver of every good gift. Because of God's generosity toward you, no matter what emotions you are facing, you have a reason

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June 16	TBD
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June Tellers:

Shannon Pankhurst
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Greeter Schedule:

June 2	Darrell Linville, Ken Doyle
June 9	Glenn Miller, Patrick Hancock
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June 30	Gary Boston, Ken Doyle

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	8:30 AM	SS & 11 AM
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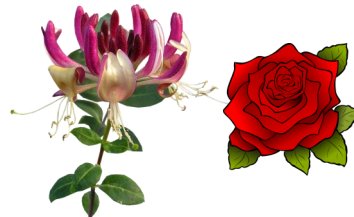


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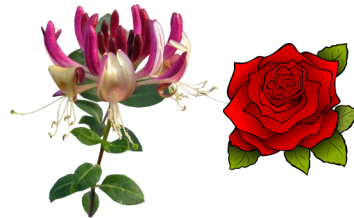


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Brotherhood: Chairperson is Dean Irwin. This is a panel of men that meet regularly to discuss

play areas for the children, etc.

Child Protection Committee: Responsible for providing an environment which is as safe and secure as possible for children and youth who attend the church or any church-sponsored programs or activities, and take the necessary precautions to protect church leaders from accusations or suspicions. *They are in need of someone from the VBS Committee to join and represent that ministry.*

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Church Council: This committee is composed of the church ministerial staff, treasurer, Chairman of the Deacons, the director of each church organization (Sunday School, Music, WMU and Brotherhood) and 2 adult members from the congregation at large. The council plans, coordinates and publishes a calendar of church activities for the church year.

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Communion Host/Hostess: Duties include preparation and clean up of the communion elements before church services that fall on the 5th Sunday of a month (typically once per quarter). Also, keeping up with and ordering supplies.

Facilities Use: Chairperson is Patrick Hancock. Purpose is to oversee the use of the church, its cleanliness, and scheduling of events/meetings on campus.

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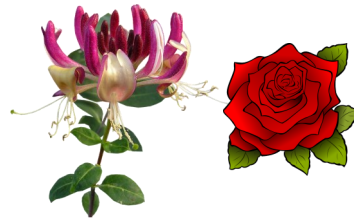


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Sunday Morning Nursery (Infant & toddler):

June 2	TBD
June 9	TBD
June 16	TBD
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June Tellers:

Shannon Pankhurst
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Greeter Schedule:

June 2	Darrell Linville, Ken Doyle
June 9	Glenn Miller, Patrick Hancock
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June 23	Marion Simpson, Paul Dillon
June 30	Gary Boston, Ken Doyle

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June 2	Stephanie Walton, Ruth Dillon
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Sunday Morning Security Team:

	8:30 AM	SS & 11 AM
June 2	Norma Stump, Kevin Guiffre	Al Law, Jennifer Miller
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June Fun Facts

- birth stones: pearl, moonstone, alexandrite
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- name is derived from Juno, the goddess of marriage
- 14th is Flag Day, 16th is Father's Day, 20th is 1st day of Summer & marks the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere & the shortest day in the southern hemisphere



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Sunday evenings
 Starting at 6:30 pm
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New & On the Shelf by Bob Mathews

Fiction

A Cousin's Challenge by Wanda Brunstetter (F BRU)
Wild Horses by Linda Byler (F BYL)

Non-fiction

The New Dare to Discipline by James Dobson (NF 649.64)

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Committees of First Baptist Church of La Plata

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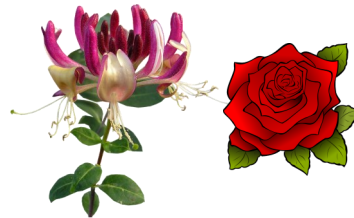


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Did you know that you can fill a shoebox entirely online?
Use this link <https://sampur.se/4awjK6j> or scan this code:
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June's theme for box items is : *Girly Girls!*

Ideas include: craft & bead kits, pipe cleaners, baby / Barbie dolls, jewelry, purses and small tote bags, items for sewing kits (pins, needles, safety pins, tape measures, scissors, thread), little people & animal playsets to play house, play dishes for a tea party



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Written by Ashley Gibson, adapted by Amanda Hepner

From the time that we are young, something within each of us longs for a father.

His steady hand.

His gentle, instructive word.

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Fathers are an indispensable part of God's perfect plan for the family. It's only right that we have a day set aside to honor the fathers (and father figures) in our lives that demonstrate servant leadership, Christlike love, and biblical sacrifice.

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Safe Nights Program: Coordinator is Courtney Harbin. This program provides those in need with a roof over their heads and a warm place to sleep each night from late fall through spring. In the past, FBC has sponsored one week of lodging/meals and collected donations of items and money to help the program.

Safety & Security: Chairperson is Logan Irwin. This team is responsible for the development and implementation of safety policies within the church. Volunteers are needed to serve as door monitors before and during services to monitor

Sunday School: Director is Kevin Guiffre. They are searching for friendly and reliable Christians to join their Sunday School team. If you're a motivated and creative professional with a talent for teaching, then they are interested in you! In this position, you will be responsible for developing lesson plans, responding to issues, addressing students' needs, and being available to attend any meetings. As a Sunday school teacher, you will demonstrate Bible knowledge and teaching abilities. You must be a church member, with excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

Technology Committee: Chairperson is Ken Doyle. This committee monitors, and maintains the equipment, software and infrastructure required to advance the goals and the activities of the church. They are available to assist and advise in implementing solutions to tech-related problems.

Tellers: Chairperson is Sharon Bruce. Tellers are responsible for counting offerings, record keeping and making bank deposits, all while maintaining confidentiality. The time commitment is one month per quarter for 1 hour after each Sunday service during that month. Volunteers are always needed.

Trustee: Chairperson is Bob Mathews. Members of this group act as the legal representatives of the church and have the authority to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any property subject to church approval. They also hold and ensure the security of legal documents, such as mortgages, deeds, and insurance policies.

UPWARD Sports: Coordinator is Shannon Pankhurst. The goal is to promote the discovery of Jesus through sports. They are in need of volunteers to help with some of the game day or practice load. Do you have creative & fresh ideas to bring in new families or minister to the ones we currently have?

Ushers: Chairperson is Dean Irwin. Ushers greet and direct members and visitors, assist with seating, collect offerings, assist those in need, provide information about the church, etc. Commitment time is every other month for 4 weeks straight.



critical positions that need to be filled to make 2024's VBS a success including: Preschool Mission Teacher; Elementary Recreation Teacher; Coordinator for the Friday family picnic; and Pre-K and Kindergarten group leaders. There are also many other volunteer positions available and goals that need to be met.

WMU: Director is Jennifer Miller. Purpose of the group is to lead members to participate in mission work and to provide special mission projects for the church. Volunteers are needed when opportunities arise for service but ideas for projects are always welcome.

Youth Council: Chairperson is Andy Gibson. The group provides opportunities for both Bible study and fellowship for grades 6th—12th. Any ideas for events or activities that our youth can participate in are always welcome.



If you are graduating from high school or above, please inform the church secretary, Amanda. We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, June 30th.



Women on Mission will meet June 6th @ 9:45am. Rosa Minehan will give the mission presentation & we will be making bags to hand out to those in need. Afterwards we will eat



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June's theme for box items is : *Girly Girls!*

Ideas include: craft & bead kits, pipe cleaners, baby / Barbie dolls, jewelry, purses and small tote bags, items for sewing kits (pins, needles, safety pins, tape measures, scissors, thread), little people & animal playsets to play house, play dishes for a tea party



OCC Impact Story

IMB (International Mission Board) has identified 3,072 people groups that have remained unengaged—until now. Through Project 3000, our missionaries are working to find these people groups and cultivate gospel access so they can begin to know about Jesus.




Our IMB missionaries, in collaboration with local partners, continue the vital work of gospel engagement. Through discipleship, church planting, and nurturing the growth of mature believers, we aspire to see these people groups brought to Jesus Christ.

June Estes, a missionary explorer, actively seeks out and researches people groups living in the far corners of the world so we can know how to best reach them with the gospel.

June spends her days trekking around the world sharing the name of Jesus Christ with those who have never heard it before.



JUNE 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Brotherhood 9 AM 
2 Benevolence Sunday 	3 VBS Planning Meeting 6:30 PM	4 Ladies of the Light & Men in the Word 10 AM Deacons' Meeting 7 PM	5 Food Distr. 5 PM	6 Women on Mission 9:45 AM	7 Merry Widows 12 PM	8
9 SD Mission Trip Meeting 12:30 pm Bode Shower 1 pm	10	11 Ladies of the Light & Men in the Word 10 AM Church Council 7 PM	12 Food Distr. 5 PM	13	14	15
16 Happy Father's Day  Camp Carmel-High School	17	18 Ladies of the Light & Men in the Word 10 AM	19 Food Distr. 5 PM	20 Visitation Ministry 9:45AM	21	22
23 Camp Carmel-Jr. High Church Picnic 4 pm 30	24	25 Ladies of the Light & Men in the Word 10 AM	26 Food Distr. 5 PM	27	28	29