



THE VISION

July 2023

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”
Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

Hello,

I pray this newsletter finds you blessed and excited about our future. We recently had Glenn Akins out to present our community profile to us. It was both informative and challenging. It reminds me that we serve a big God and are only limited by our doubts and insecurities. When asked what size church we were, nearly all of us said small or medium, and yet we were told we were a large church.

We were told about the different people groups we should be reaching but not a lot of context was provided. So I have done some digging into the different groups, below is a condensed version of the groups: You can read up about the groups at [Mosaic Groups](#).

Most Effective: J34 - Suburban Sophistaces

Suburban Sophisticates are empty-nesting couples and widowed individuals who live comfortably on mid-scale incomes. They enjoy quiet lifestyles and spend most of their time around their homes reading, gardening, and watching TV. They attend activities sponsored by their church or veterans' club and are fans of traditional media. They care about their faith and regularly go to church.

Most Potential: E21 - Unspoiled Splendor

Unspoiled Splendor are a group of baby-boomer couples who live in small towns and subdivisions. They tend to be high-school educated and have children who are grown and out of the house. Both parents are typically in the workforce with their combined middleclass incomes. They enjoy outdoor activities like fishing, hunting, and riding horses. When they travel, they like to pitch a tent and enjoy nature at national parks or recreational campsites. They have deep roots in their communities, care about their neighbors, support charities, volunteer for different groups, and serve as community leaders.

Least Potential: E20 - No Place Like Home

No Place Like Home is a segment of multi-generational households that typically have lived at the same address for more than 15 years and have deep roots in their communities. They lead laid-back lifestyles, rely heavily on coupons, and prefer learning about brand messages through direct mail campaigns and social media channels. They resonate with brands that portray values core to the American dream, and tend to donate money to a wide range of causes, especially religious and environmental programs, political organizations, and the arts.

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God Bless America!



Deacon's Devotional

Spiritual Rebirth of a Nation — One Soul at a Time



As Christians in America today, it's so easy to be utterly discouraged by the precipitous spiritual decline of our beloved Nation. The USA has largely turned away from God and His holy Word. We look at the news every day, and it almost seems insurmountable, like the curtains

are about to be closed, BUT...the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is just as POWERFUL today as it was 2,000 years ago, and the Bible tells us we have this treasure in jars of clay (2 Cor 4:7)!

Following is a condensed version of a familiar story written by Loren Easley (1907-1977):

"A boy was observed by an old man throwing starfish that had been washed up on the beach back into the ocean. The old man asked, 'What are you doing?' The boy replied, 'The tide has washed all of these starfish onto the beach, and when the sun is high, they will die.' The old man said, 'There are tens of thousands of starfish on the beach. What you are doing won't make much of a difference.' The boy bent down and picked up yet another starfish and threw it as far as he could into the ocean. Smiling, the boy looked at the old man and said, 'It made a difference to that one.'"

People of God, let's never give up! Pray, believe, look for opportunities, and reach one soul at a time. Tell them about Jesus' love for them *personally*, and what a difference He's made in your life, and He can do the same for them. Let the Holy Spirit lead you as you share the Good News. God is ready and willing to save souls today. Let's let Him use us...one soul at a time!



—David Crummett

Deacon of the Week

- 7.2—Leslie Belvin
- 7.9—Bill Breeden
- 7.16—David Crummett
- 7.23—Barry Milligan
- 7.30—Brian Stewart

Nursery Workers

- 7.2—H. Warren / T. Owens
- 7.9—L. Walton
- 7.16—TBD
- 7.23—TBD
- 7.30—B. West / C. West

Older Children's Church

- 7.2—TBD
- 7.9—J. Sanford / B. Sanford
- 7.16—D. Gandee / M. McNeil
- 7.23—C. West / S. West
- 7.30—Connie Stewart

CHURCH WORKERS



July Ushers

- Leslie Belvin
- Amy Jacobson
- Jimmy Diggs
- Gus Saunders

July Tellers

- Judy Cahoon
- Amy Jacobson

Sun. Sch. Nursery

- Howard Warren

Younger Children's Church

- 7.2—Nancy Dyson
- 7.9—Sonya Anthony
- 7.16—Joyce Marshall
- 7.23—R. Wells / M. Wagner
- 7.30—T. Greggs / Youth Helper

SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

All children are invited to participate in our annual **SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE**.

Participants will be reading to meet age-appropriate goals for the months of July and August.

At the conclusion of the summer, all of our children who successfully complete their reading assignments will be recognized and rewarded.

Please see Miss Connie if you would like to take part.

If you are attending TeamKID on Wednesday evenings, you will be hearing all about the **SUMMER BIBLE READING CHALLENGE** in your classes.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 24-28, 2023

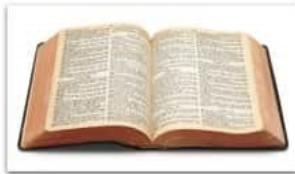
6P – 8P

Ages: 4yrs. To 6th grade



FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME

Kids will play their way through **VBS** while learning that **Jesus guides them through all the twists and turns of their lives**. They'll find that even when they mess up it's never "game over."



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE BIBLE, GOD'S HOLY WORD, I WILL MAKE IT A LAMP UNTO MY FEET AND A LIGHT UNTO MY PATH AND WILL HIDE ITS WORDS IN MY HEART THAT I MIGHT NOT SIN AGAINST GOD



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG AND TO THE SAVIOUR FOR WHOSE KINGDOM IT STANDS; ONE BROTHERHOOD, UNITING ALL MANKIND IN SERVICE AND IN LOVE.



I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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Least Effective: O50 - Digitally Savvy/Dependents

Digital Dependents is a segment of young Americans who are mostly under 35 years old and have started independent lives and families. They are a mix of married couples and singles, with a majority having gone to college and holding jobs in blue-collar sales and entry-level positions. They are newer homeowners and renters and have active social lives. They spend a lot of their free time online and have drastically cut back on more traditional media. Digital Dependents are early tech adopters who want the latest wireless devices that will support their lifestyle of constant motion. They tend to be liberals who support the Democratic agenda and are constantly striving for more out of life.

This helps us understand the people in our community, but ministry outreach is very different than marketing to people. We do not want to sell anyone Jesus or our church, we want them to have a relationship with Christ, and we want to be a part of their lives. This does give us some insights and principles we can use when planning outreach and events that people would be interested in. As I have said in the past, we will need to cast a wide net. It will be easiest reaching the *Suburban Sophisticates*, the *Unspoiled Splendor* will provide great fruit, but if we desire to get younger (and we do), then we must also reach the *No Place Like Home* and *Digitally Savvy* groups as well. We will need all four groups and more to become a church of 2000 disciples.

Here is to the launch of our Vision 2000, seeking God for a vision that will enable us to reach our community, actively engaging 2000 disciples for Christ. In the next week, I will reach out to the various committee chairs to have at least one individual from each committee join the Vision 2000 team. If you would like to join the Vision 2000 team, you do not have to be on a committee, just reach out to me and let me know. I am excited for our future, and I know you are as well.

Pastor Dillon Evans

Missions Moment - Replant

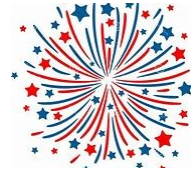
Each year, hundreds of established Southern Baptist churches hold their final services and close their doors. Most of these churches are in communities that desperately need a gospel witness. The **Replant** team helps churches in crisis regain health and vitality so they can continue to be a light to their city. Pray for **Replanters** across the continent as they shepherd churches through difficult seasons.

Missionaries to Pray for:

Terry and Christy Williams - Kansas National Guard, State Chaplain
Stephen and Lisa Shaw - Church Planter, Broken Arrow, OK
Davis and Mileidy Miranda- Church Planter, Miami, FL
Josh and Brittany Rosentreter- Church Planter, Columbus, OH

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School (All Ages): 9:45 am
 Worship Service: 11:00 am
 C.A.R.E. Ministry: 2:00 pm



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Wednesday Schedule

6:00pm: Youth Bible Study
 6:00pm: Children's Choir & Bible Study
 6:30pm: Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 7:30pm: Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 2:00pm CARE	26  Sports Camp 6p-8:30p (New Fellowship Hall, Back Field)	27 Sports Camp 6p-8:30p (New Fellowship Hall, Back Field)	28 Sports Camp 6p-8:30p (New Fellowship Hall, Back Field)	29 Sports Camp 6p-8:30p (New Fellowship Hall, Back Field)	30 Sports Camp 6p-8:30p (New Fellowship Hall, Back Field) 7:00p Serenity Group	1
2 COMMUNION 11:00 am No C.A.R.E.	3 6:30p AHG-Troop	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5 Regular Activities	6	7 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7:00p Serenity Grp	8
9 Sunday Breakfast 9:15a Breakfast (Koinonia) 2p C.A.R.E. 3p Deacon's Mtg.	10 6:15p AHG-Team	11 6:30p B&G Mtg. 6:30p Transport Mtg.	12 Regular Activities	13	14 VISION ARTICLES DUE 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7:00p Serenity Grp.	15 9a Quilting Emma Crawford
16 2p C.A.R.E.	17 10a WMU Council Mtg. 6:30p AHG-Troop	18	19 Regular Activities	20	21 6:30p Men's Bible Study 7:00p Serenity Grp.	22
23 PARENT'S DAY 2p C.A.R.E.	24  VBS 6p-8:30p	25 VBS 6p-8:30p	26 VBS 6p-8:30p	27 VBS 6p-8:30p	28 VBS 6p-8:30p 7:00p Serenity Grp.	29
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July Birthdays:

Donnie Green	7.2
Dillon Evans	7.3
Keith Belvin	7.6
Dani Lynn Burgess	7.7
Bailey Moore	7.10
Kristen Eifes	7.11
Amaris Black	7.18
Elaine Owens	7.20
Logan Hutson	7.21
Nancy Bolton	7.22
Bill Sapp	7.22
Ricky Green	7.23
Harrison Worth	7.23
Laraine Sentz	7.27
Troy Walls	7.27



Anniversaries:

Jeff & Linda Breaks	7.10
John & Alice Oldfield	7.14
Charles & Betty Jane Duncan	7.20
Stewart & Debra Wood	7.28