

5/28/2023

# WELCOME

Welcome to this gathering of God's people. From the day of Pentecost onward, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" and filled with his Spirit, becoming part of his everlasting kingdom. This is a gathering of such people, and in this Season After Pentecost in the Church Calendar, we focus on our commission to be witnesses to what Jesus has done and to his ongoing rule. If you know him, we welcome you to join in his worship. If you don't, we welcome you to watch and learn about who he is and why we would do such a thing.

## Pastoral Word

Fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead, and ten days after he ascended into the heavenlies, he sent his Spirit from his place with the Father on the day of Pentecost and thereby created a new covenant people. Through the centuries since then, people of every tribe, language, and tongue have heard about the forgiveness offered through Christ and have surrendered to his rule, finding that in serving him we have true freedom, and in knowing him we come to know ourselves. Across the ages and cultures, we also find that this change is inseparable from his Word. The same Word that filled the people at Pentecost is the Word that transforms people today.

## MEAL TRAINS

**Logan Larsen** and **Brooke Fischer** have both undergone surgery this month. Please keep them in your prayers for smooth recoveries. If you would like to bless them with a meal, please sign up using the links in the weekly email.

## SUMMER LUNCH IN THE PARK

Beginning **Tuesday, June 6** from **10:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**, and for every Tuesday during the summer, all ladies are invited to come to Lions Park for lunch, fellowship, and fun. The Oasis Feeding Program will be onsite providing free lunches to children ages 1-18. Adults may purchase meals for \$5.

## AFRICAN COFFEE & TEA

On **Friday, June 16** from **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** at Grace Four Square Church (2240 E Franklin Rd., Meridian), there will be a silent auction fundraiser for our Rwanda missions giving and continued support. The Swahili mission from Meridian will provide song and dance while everyone enjoys African (decaf) coffee, tea, and dessert. Please make plans to join us and feel free to invite others as well.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**COMING IN JULY** - The theme this year is Wild Life! It is a 4-day adventure where kids discover how special they are to God and how wild it is that they can share their story, use their gifts, spend time with God, and spend time with others. Please be in prayer about ways you can support and serve our children through this event.

SERMON NOTES

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*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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