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Welcome in the fall season

Hello Dear ONE Readers!

Happy Fall! For the month of October we have a good issue for you. You will be able to read more about some of the Vacation Bible School programs that happened this Summer at



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local congregations. You will be able to read some upcoming events, in the news brief section right below this article. :).

And you will be able to read about the Festival of Faith happening on Oct. 4. I hope you all had a wonderful Summer and look forward to a cooler Fall. If you have any ideas

for themes of future issues of the ONE magazine, or feedback for any of the past articles, please feel free to reach out to me, Pastor Marie Sager at pastormarie15@gmail.com or any of the other ONE advisors whose names are found on the righthand side of this article.

May God's peace and love surround you now and always,

The Rev. Marie Sager

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ON THE COVER

Just the top of The Basilica of St. Fidelis is visible above the trees, a view from the Sand Plum Nature Trail in Victoria.

Photo by Nick McQueen, HDN



News to know

Symphony's opening concert Sept. 30

The Hays Symphony Orchestra will perform its Opening Gala Concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

The evening will feature a pre-concert talk at 6:45 p.m. by Paul Laird of the University of Kansas, a trio of composer Aaron Copland's most popular pieces, and a post-concert reception.

Tickets are required for this free event and are available at the door or by contacting hayssymphony@fhsu.edu.

Panhellenic holding fundraiser Saturday

The Panhellenic Council at Fort Hays State University is holding a "5K Color Run/Walk" beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 30, at the Memorial Union patio.

Proceeds will benefit the organization's philanthropy, Circle of Sisterhood. Founded in 2010 by sorority women, the non-profit organization raises funds "to help remove education barriers for girls and women facing poverty and oppression," according to the group's website.

Since its founding, the organization has given \$800,000 to groups working in 22 different countries and has funded 12 school builds in Malawi, Senegal, Haiti, Nepal and Nicaragua, the website stated.

Registration for the 5K is \$10 for FHSU students and staff and \$20 for community members.

More information is available from Panhellenic Philanthropy Chair Carlie Snethen at cadsnethen.se@fhsu.edu.

Library celebrating Oktoberfest

The Hays Public Library, 1205 Main

St., will be celebrating Oktoberfest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The public is invited to partake of free German food, crafts and games.

Blessing of the Animals service set for Oct. 1

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2703 Fort St., is having a Blessing of the Animals at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1, at a special outdoor service. Individuals are invited to bring their furry, scaly, feathered, etc., friend(s) or pictures of animals who have passed on. The pastor at Trinity is the Rev. Marie Sager.

Hays Med offers free flu shots

Hays Medical Center, 2220 Canterbury Dr., is having its free drive-through flu shot clinic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1. Participants are asked to use the north driveway and wear a short-sleeved shirt.

No nasal flu vaccines or egg-free options will be available this year. Canned goods will be accepted and will be donated to the Community Assistance Center.

Domestic violence survivors to share stories

The Women's Leadership Project at Fort Hays State University will lead a "Silent No More Awareness Walk" around the quad on campus from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2. The walk, which will start at the Memorial Union patio, will kick off this year's Red Flag Campaign.

Organizers will discuss the "red flags" that can exist in relationships, after which survivors of domestic violence

and/or sexual assault will share their stories.

The purpose of the walk is "to educate students about how these things can and do happen in our towns, neighborhoods and families," according to a news release.

More information is available at theredflagcampaign.org.

Festival of Faith has new format, new day

This year's Festival of Faith will have a new format and a new day. The festival, in its 26th year, will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at the Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center.

Nicole Ottley, program director for the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of the festival planning committee, said the purpose of the festival remains the same: It is an opportunity for Christians of all denominations in Ellis County to come together and celebrate the one thing they all have in common, their faith in Jesus Christ.

She said the planning committee has been meeting since May, and organizers talked with youth pastors and young people themselves to get ideas on how to get youth more involved in the event.

In the past, the event has been held on a Sunday afternoon. The organizers learned that many area churches have family-oriented events on Wednesday nights, Ottley said. By moving the event to a Wednesday night, churches will be able to encourage members to attend the festival as a family.

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VBS touches the heart for life

Vacation Bible School has been a part of my life practically every summer since I was a child in Sunday School at Messiah Lutheran Church here in Hays.

I remember how fun it was to go to church in shorts and sandals, eat popsicles for snack time, and learn about Jesus. I may not have retained each specific Bible story, but I will forever remember that people cared for me and that eating a popsicle on the church lawn on a gorgeous summer morning made church a whole lot friendlier. As the years passed, I have been involved with VBS in every church that I have attended. Now that I'm a pastor's wife at Liberty Foursquare Church, I orga-

nize, promote, and participate in VBS every summer. It always takes extra work, tons of preparation, creative decorations, and lots of energy. Every year, I come away completely exhausted, but continuously convinced it is the best week of the year. Here's why:

Children love church, and they love learning about God. I have watched the rowdiest of kids settle down and listen to a captivating Bible story, then fold their hands and pray from a sincere heart and

connect with Jesus. I have seen bullies slow down and help their struggling neighbor at the craft table finish his or her project on time. I have observed team building games draw kids together to solve problems, and see the accomplishment on their faces. Best of

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all, I have heard kids singing Scripture to a catchy tune that may stay with them the rest of their lives. It may be the phrase that gets them

through a dark time, or draws them back to church later on.

My husband and I have seen people join our church in their adult years

because they had had a wonderful experience in a VBS as a child. They would tell that as kids their families did not attend a church regularly, but every summer their grandmother, aunt, or neighbor would take them to a VBS where they were introduced to a loving God, and a fellowship of caring people. Although VBS was just a week long, for them it had a life long effect.


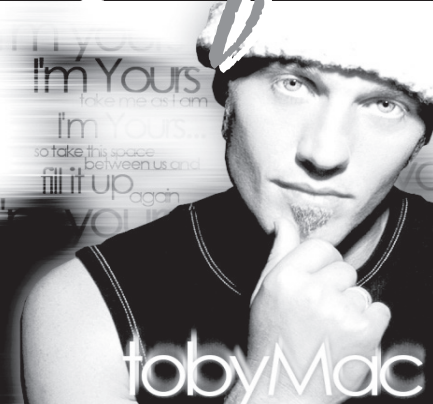
So, anytime you have the opportunity to be involved in a VBS or encourage children to attend a week of Vacation Bible School, go the extra mile and make that happen. Jesus said, "Let the children come unto me....". I'm pretty sure He would have given them a popsicle!

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ONE last chance to contribute

Every year around this time I look forward to gathering with other Ellis County Christians for the annual Festival of Faith. This year's Festival of Faith takes place at Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center on Oct. 4 at 6:30 pm. Ever since I arrived in Hays in 1993 I have been a vigorous supporter of this yearly coming together of the areas churches to worship God and celebrate Christian unity.

The Festival of Faith is a partnership between the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance and The Hays Chamber of Commerce. When I served as President of ECMA, I was committed to initiating strategic partnerships with The Hays Daily News on the publication of this monthly magazine ONE, as well as the Wild West Festival and local businesses sponsorship for ECMA's annual "Swingin' For Support" golf outing which raised thousands of dollars for First Call For Help. It also was during the time I served as ECMA President that we began a partnership with the City of Hays, Ellis County, the United Way, The Bakery Shop (now The Press) and other area



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businesses in the feeding hundreds of people each year at ECMA's Thanksgiving Day Feast. I sincerely believe God's desire is that His people seek out opportunities to build bridges of unity with one another.

Unity among believers is so important that the New Testament gives more attention to this topic than to either heaven or hell. God desires us his church, to experience oneness and harmony with each other. Unity is the heart of fellowship. Destroy it, and you rip the heart out of Christ's body. Without unity, there is no fellowship and without fellowship there is no church.

The Trinity, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit is unified and God wants us to be unified too. Our Heavenly Father, like every parent, enjoys watching his children being together and getting along with each other. Jesus, in his final moments in the Garden of Gethsemane before being arrested, prayed passionately for the unity of his church. The Holy Spirit is the one who beckons us to unite our spirits in love with his Spirit.

Nothing is more valuable to God than his church. He paid the highest price for it, and it is worth protecting. Your responsibility as a believer is to protect the unity where you fellowship and beyond. "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3

The Bible says that as believers we share one Father, one Spirit, one Lord and Savior. We share one body, one purpose, one hope, one faith, one baptism, and one love. We share the same salvation, the same life, and the same future -- factors far more important than any differences we could have as individual congregations. We as Christ's church should concentrate on what we hold in common and downplay our differences. "Let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and the growth of our fellowship together." Romans 14:19 (Phillips)

For years I taught in Celebration's membership class these words attributed to Augustine (354-430 AD) over 1500 years ago. "In essentials we have unity, in non-essentials we have liberty but in all things, we show charity (love). Most Christians divide with other Christians not on the essentials but rather on the non-essentials. But in all

things we should show love.

One of the mottos of Barton Stone, a founding father of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), an evangelistic church movement that was started on the American frontier in 1809 was, "Let the unity of all Christians be our polar star" I have tried to embrace that ideal ever since entering the ministry over 33 years ago.

As I write this article, the last one I will contribute to ONE before my wife Debbie and I retire to the hills of North Georgia to be closer to our grandkids, I remind you of Jesus' words found in John 13:35

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

A skeptical and unbelieving world will know we are Christians, not by our doctrinal statements, not by our worship styles, not by our buildings but they'll know we are Christians by our love of one another.

As I have said for the last 33 years in ministry and for the last 24 years here in Hays...We're Better Together.

Festival will explore different ways to pray

It is that time of year again, for the Festival of Faith! But this year, for 26th annual faith gathering, things will be a bit different. The Festival of Faith will be on a Wednesday evening. It will be Wednesday, Oct. 4, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Beach-Schmidt Performing Arts Center, which is in Sheridan Hall in the campus of Fort Hays State University.

With the theme of Hays, Kansas Day of Prayer, the Festival of Faith will explore different ways to pray. There are many different ways people pray. People pray

extemporaneously, without preparation. And people pray with preparation. We will experience both. We will also participate in silent individual prayer, prayer through song, and prayer in small groups.

The prayers will also cover a variety of topics. There will be prayers for the military and government. There will be prayers for



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family and education. There will be prayers for business and media. And finally we will offer prayers for the whole Christian church, the catholic church, the church universal.

An offering will also be collected, with the donations going to the Second Mile Fund. The Second Mile Fund is a resource of First Call For Help. It is funded mostly by the Ellis County Ministe-

rial Alliance, individual congregations, and people like you!

Finally, I would like to leave you with some scripture around prayer. Philippians 4:6-7 MSG says, "Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life."

CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST

ONE is sponsoring a coloring contest in an upcoming issue with the theme "Joy to the World." The deadline for submission is Monday, Nov. 6. The winner of the contest will have the artwork appear on the cover of the December issue of ONE. Participants should put their name, age, grade and church on the back of their submission.

Participants will portray "Joy to the World" with their artwork. Submissions can be dropped off at your church or at The Hays Daily News, 507 Main.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Gallons of help, hope

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On Sunday, the church members came. Before them, lined up in the fellowship hall, were 5-gallon buckets, trash bags and cleaning supplies.

No, they weren't coming to clean up the church.

The members of First Presbyterian Church in Hays were ready to begin packing cleanup buckets to send to the victims of three recent deadly hurricanes — Harvey, Irma and Maria.

The church in Hays has joined other churches in the Presbytery of Northwest Kansas in the relief effort. It is part of the response coordinated by the international Presbyterian Disaster Assistance project, said the Rev. Celeste Lasich, pastor of the church in Hays.

The PDA works closely with the Red Cross and other relief agencies on the ground immediately after a natural disaster strikes, she said. In addition to transporting the cleanup kits, PDA teams “are also providing spiritual and psychological assistance” and helping victims with such practical things as how to fill out the mounds of insurance forms.

From Hays, the buckets will be transported to Salina, and then to drop-off points across the storm-ravaged areas “wherever they are needed most.” Every day the drop-off sites change, Lasich said, depending upon where the floodwaters have receded enough for relief workers to enter.

The Hays church still is collecting the following new, unopened materials: A 5-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid; one scrub brush; one package of 18 reusable cleaning towels (such as Handi Wipes); one box of dry laundry detergent, 50 to 78 ounces; one bottle of liquid concentrated household cleaner, 12 ounces (such as Lysol); one bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap, 24 to 28 ounces (such as Dawn); five dust masks; one package of 48 to 50 clothespins; clotheslines, either two 50-foot lines or one 100-foot line; two pairs of latex gloves (such as Playtex);

one pair of work gloves; one roll of 24 to 28 heavy-duty trash bags, 30 to 45 gallon size (remove from carton); five scouring pads; seven sponges of assorted sizes; one bottle of insect repellent in either pump, drops or lotion — no aerosol cans — 6 to 9 ounce size.

All liquids need to be in plastic bottles. Each bucket has a retail value of \$75. The church has met its initial goal of packing 25 buckets, Lasich said, adding the church is continuing to accept monetary donations, as well as cleaning supplies.

They can be dropped off at the church, 2900 Hall, during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

Lasich emphasized people should not feel that they have to purchase items for an entire bucket.

“Any of these supplies are appreciated,” she said.

Lasich said it was quite a sight watching church members pack the buckets in an assembly-line fashion Sunday after church. Because all of the preceding items have to fit into one bucket, there is an exact order as to how the materials must be packed.

“The things we are sending are things they (the hurricane victims) can't even get hold of right now,” Lasich said.

One of those on the packing assembly line was Jodi Baumgarn of Hays, who went to Moore, Okla., to assist tornado victims there a few years ago.

She said packing the buckets was “a neat way for people to get involved, even in a small way. It raises awareness,” she said, “and makes us mindful of our blessings, and we have so many.”

Lasich said the PDA will be sending work crews into the stricken areas in the future, and she expects members of First Presbyterian will go.

PDA teams often stay in an area for years.

“We don't leave until the work is done,” she said, adding there still are teams in New Orleans working with victims of Hurricane Katrina, which struck that city in 2005.



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Jodi Baumgarn fills her bucket with supplies during the Hays First Presbyterian Church's “packing party” Sunday in Hays. Buckets were packed with cleaning supplies that will be given to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance then sent out to those in need.

Vacation Bible School

VBS BRINGS FUN TO SUMMERTIME

In June this year, **Liberty Foursquare Church** used the Cavequest theme from Group for their Vacation Bible School, and had a great week. The kids were fed supper at 5:30 each evening, then enjoyed music, crafts, games and of course, a Bible lesson. The pre-school class had a special visit from “John the Baptist” one evening and “Jesus” the next.

The rest of the elementary kids, grades K-4 learned Bible truths via science experiments, Bible based games, meaningful songs and theme-focused crafts. All of this added up to a successful time of connectivity and learning.

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July marked the first-ever Cross+Gen Vacation Bible School at the **First Presbyterian Church**. It is widely recognized that churches are the one single place where multiple generations gather on a weekly basis and where long-term relationships can be formed. The wisdom of the elders and the wonder of children can mesh and together it is SO much more than each thing individually.

FPC-Hays decided to build on that and put it into VBS form! We invited all ages for a three-day “trial” experience. Attendance at all three days was not required. We recognize that summer brings all types of special schedules! ALL ages were welcome. We were pleased to have 28 participants ranging in age from 2 – 82! We began with a casual dinner, including cross+generational conversations around the tables!

Activities included: storytelling and acting out of scripture, making prayer pails/caddies/journals, listening to children’s stories that focused on our targeted scripture, inside “yard” games, and a variety of s’more recipes!

We also enjoyed the debut performance of the Tri-Presby-Ukulelians. Who else can say they have such a thing?

We will definitely be repeating this event next year!

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Children at **North Oak Community Church** learned that the Bible is the “coolest” book on the planet. Stories were shared from the life of Paul, Mary & Martha, the Gospel Message and more. Friday night was a Family Night to share and celebrate

what the children learned with a short program, snacks, games, and fellowship afterward.

There were 165 children registered from the nursery through 8th grade. The average daily attendance was 146 children.

The mission project was to raise money for World Shine Ministries in Uganda, Africa. More than \$3,600 was raised with part of the proceeds going to a ministry called, “Happy Feet” to purchase shoes for children that go without. The other portion will go to students who are without uniforms. World Shine will purchase fabric and materials to give to their seamstresses in their tailoring class to make as many uniforms as they can. “For every \$500 raised, the children were able to “Pie a Pastor.” They watched a pastor get pied at the closing assembly. From the amount received, we were able to pie the VBS Directors, a teacher, and the mission project leader!

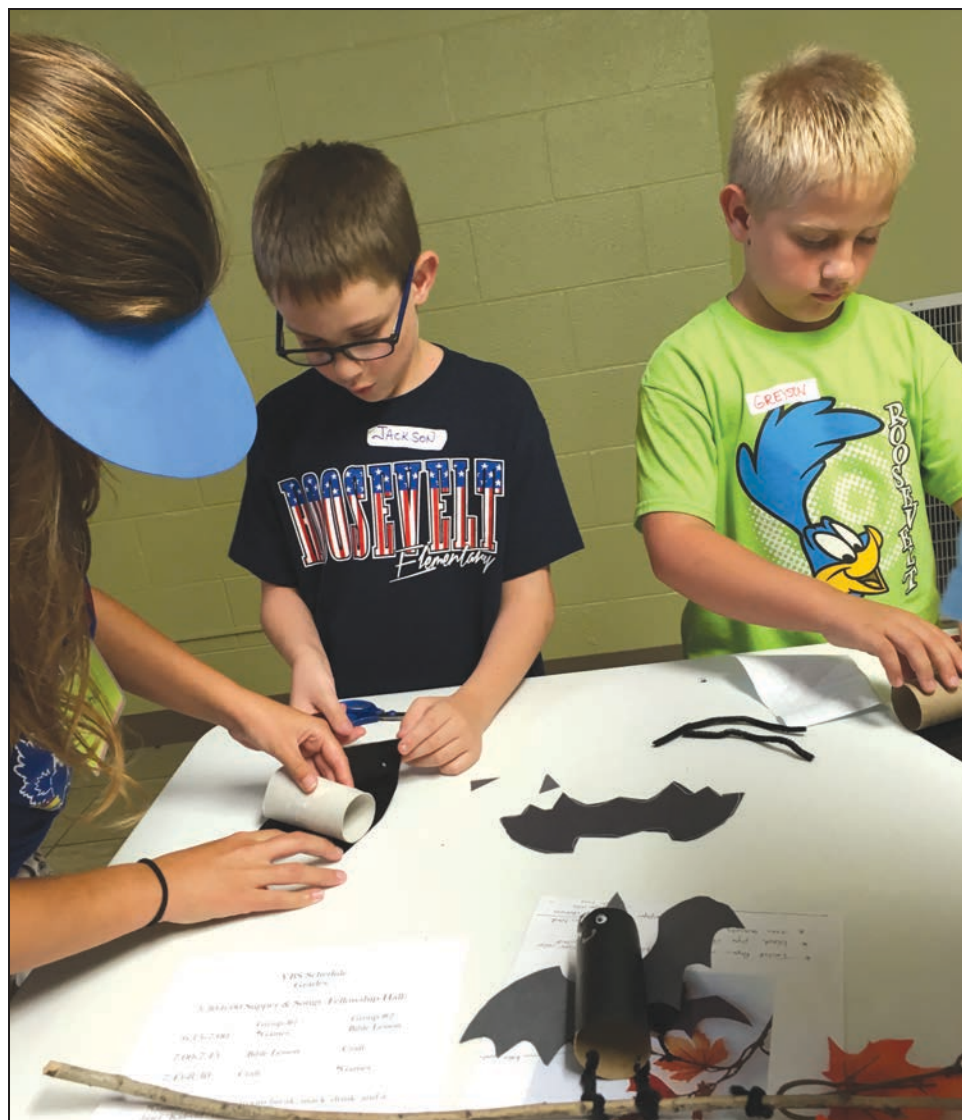
There were 3 children that accepted Jesus as their Savior. North Oak also was able to give 10 Bibles to children that did not have one in their home to read. The church was able to connect with many children that did not have a church home already! It was a wonderful week!

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Hays Christian Church had celebrated another fantastic year of Vacation Bible School at the closing program, picnic, and water slide on Sunday, July 16. Many families came to watch the children sing the great VBS songs and hear more about what took place during the week.

This year’s theme was Maker Fun Factory by Group Publishing. The focus of the week was teaching kids that God wonderfully and perfectly created them for a purpose. There were games, snacks, Bible lessons, and crafts each night. Teens enjoyed a special teen time each evening, where those 6th through 12th grade students got to dig deeper into the VBS themes. The teens also served the younger children earlier in the evening. It was a great service opportunity for them.

The church would like to thank its wonderful volunteers and church family who helped make this a great year to be a part of Hays Christian Church’s Vacation Bible School!



Children enjoy doing crafts during Vacation Bible School at Liberty Foursquare Church.



Vacation Bible School at Hays First Presbyterian Church.



Haley, Eleera, and Jackson show off their bear crafts at bible school at Hays Christian Church

Love holds nothing back

Reading St. John's Gospel, there is no doubt that Jesus loves us with a divine love. "I pray for those who will believe in me through their word," he tells his Father, "and I have given them the glory you gave me."

Jesus said: "I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you love them, even as you loved me" (John 17:20-23).

Jesus' and therefore God's love for us is a

love that will never fail, and because of that, there is nothing that will be able to hold us back from God's love. It is one of the most consoling parts of our Christian faith: we believe in the Lord because of the word of his disciples, and now we are one with God.

Shawn Mendes' song "There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back" is a love song, of course, the statement of a man in the relationship who is making a permanent commitment to the other in that relationship. Listening to his words, there is no doubt that he loves her. It is a fitting comparison to God's love for us.

"I wanna follow where she goes; I think about her and she knows it. I wanna let her take control 'cause every time that she gets

Message at The Top

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THE GOSPELS IN FATHER MIKE'S TOP 5

as of Sept. 15

- 1 - "There's Nothing Holdin' Me Back" / Shawn Mendes (John 17:20-23)
- 2 - "Believer" / Imagine Dragons (Matthew 2:33-35)
- 3 - "Attention" / Charlie Puth (Matthew 20:20-24)
- 4 - "Slow Hands" / Niall Horan (Matthew 11:28-30)
- 5 - "Something Just Like This" / The Chainsmokers / Coldplay (Luke 23:39-43)

close, she pulls me in enough to keep me guessing. I've been shaking; I love it when you go crazy. You take all my inhibitions: there's nothing holdin' me back."

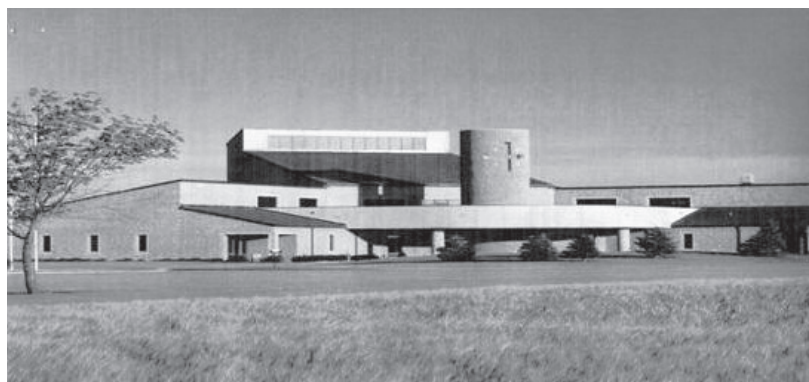
What does such a promise mean for you and me? It first of all should move us to be thankful to our God for the love that our Creator has for us. Not only do we have ourselves and our world as gifts from a good God, but we also have the promise of God's everlasting love--no strings attached.

It should also move us to action. Anyone who is loved so freely by another will want to return the love in some way. Perhaps, it

will mean that we should love the others whom God has created with the same love that God shows us. Perhaps, it will mean that we adopt an attitude of gratitude about life.

God loves us completely. As a true lover, God will not allow anything to hold us back from that love. It is a perfect pattern for romantic love, and indeed for all love.

Good and gracious God, Your Son has assured us of God's love for all of us. Thank you for that love, and allow this love to be an incentive for us to love all of God's creation in return. Be with us, we pray.



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Sunday Spanish Mass - 12 PM

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Reconciliation: Saturday 4 PM and Thursday 5 PM

God has amazing things in store

Greetings Bible reading plan friend. It's October!!!! Where did 2017 go? Are you keeping pace with the Bible reading plan? It's been a challenge for me this year, but I'm keeping on keeping on.

Our Old Testament readings will continue through the book of Ezekiel. I enjoy the style of this book; it is visionary and dynamic. In the middle of this month's readings (chp. 33)

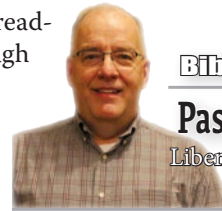
Ezekiel records the fall of Jerusalem. You may note that from here on, his prophecies gradually change from warnings of impending judgment, to the renewal and restoration of Israel. God is always leading us towards change. Many times we face difficulties because we ignore the warnings of God. But even when troubles

come, He is there to pick us up, dust us off, and give us the opportunity to follow Him into better things. That is a great reminder of the good Father God we serve.

Our New Testament readings will continue through the Epistles (letters) of the Apostle Paul. Included in this month's

reading is one of my favorites; the book of Galatians. Take time to read chapter 5 in several translations. The NLT translates the first part of vs.

16 like this "So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives." What a great plan. God wants to guide us into a life far better than we could ever imagine. Let this chapter, as well as all of the readings this month, challenge you. God has amazing things for those who follow Him! Keep reading!



Bible Reading Plan

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The format is also changing. The theme for this year's festival is "A Hays Day of Prayer." The Rev. Marie Sager, president of the Ellis County Ministerial Alliance, which is one of the sponsors of the event, said different methods of prayer and praise will be offered at the event.

Ottley said that prayers will be offered on behalf of the nation and government, family and education, business and the media, and the church as a whole.

In addition, individuals from different walks of life will be offering their personal testimonies, Sager said, another new feature of this year's program.

One thing that has not changed about the event is the music, Ottley said. "We are still incorporating different types of music, modern and more traditional."

The event is free and open to the public. A special offering will be taken for the Second Mile Fund, which assists residents of Ellis County, as well as those traveling through the community, who are in need of emergency assistance.

Presbyterian youth to attend rally in Kansas City

On Oct. 7 and 8, middle school, junior high and senior high youth from First Presbyterian Church in Hays will be attending the "Immersed in the Spirit" fall youth rally in Kansas City, Kan.

The rally, whose theme is based on Acts 2:1-4, will be held at Grandview Park Presbyterian Church and promises a "cultural immersion experience."

The cost is \$75, which includes overnight lodging and meals. Registration is available online at <http://conta.cc/2u1jlqs>. The event is sponsored by the Presbyteries of Northern Kansas and Heartland.

Christian women's group to hold Country Fair & Auction

Hays After 5 Christian women's group will hold its annual Country Fair and Auction fundraiser from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, at the Rose Garden Banquet Hall, 2250 E. Eighth St.

Participants are asked to bring items for the silent and live auctions to the banquet hall between 4 and 6 p.m. John Kisner, professional auctioneer, will be conducting the live auction. All proceeds will benefit Stonecroft Ministry, an international ministry for women headquartered in Overland Park.

Also on the agenda will be inspirational speaker Ute Stalford of Norman, Okla. Stalford, an author and former linguist and teacher, grew up in war-torn Germany where her talk, "Walking in the Freedom of Forgiveness," will begin.

Cost of the dinner program is \$12.50. Reservations are due by Thursday, Oct. 5, to nocheartnurse@yahoo.com or to (785) 202-1036.

Trick-or-Treat food drive coming up Oct. 10

Several groups will be canvassing Hays residences from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10, collecting

non-perishable food items for the Community Assistance Center.

DECA, an association of marketing students at Hays High School, will be spearheading "Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat" once again, as it has done since 1985, said Hays business instructor and DECA advisor Shaina Prough.

Other groups joining in this year's effort are the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Hays Area Young Professionals, 4-H groups, Knights of Columbus, area church groups, Fort Hays State University student organizations, Sunflower Bank, and others, Prough said.

Items needed are "any non-perishable food items, such as canned fruit and vegetables and boxed meals. Cash is always accepted too," Prough said, adding the shelves at the Community Assistance Center are "very bare" at the moment.

"Households are encouraged to leave items on the porch so that people won't be disturbed during the evening," she said.

Prough said 31 students are involved in DECA at Hays High this year. The organization, officially Distributive Education Club of America, is designed for students who have an interest in marketing, management, hospitality and tourism, and entrepreneurship.

Shoebox gift recipient to speak in Hays

Elena Hagemeyer was 8 years old when she and her sister were moved from an abusive poverty-stricken home into an orphanage in the former Soviet Union. At a time when she was feeling unloved, she was handed an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. She said it was the first gift she had ever received.

With her shoebox gift, Hagemeyer received a booklet, which she said seemed like an unbelievable fairytale. It stated the Creator of the universe loved her. She began to pray, hopeful for a family for her and her sister. That prayer that was answered in 2004 by a loving family in the United States.

Hagemeyer will be in Hays on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 13 and 14, to share her story.

On Oct. 13, she will be participating in a craft class at the Hobby Lobby store in Hays where participants will make a nail art cross to take home. The class costs \$5. Individuals may register at Hobby Lobby, 3300 Vine St., or on the event's Facebook page by Oct. 13. The class will run from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

On Oct. 14, Hagemeyer will share her testimony at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2000 Main St., at 4:30 p.m. That evening she will be at North Oak Church Community Church, 3000 Oak St., at 7 to share, along with praise and worship. The Oct. 14 events are free and open to the public.

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, headquartered in Boone, N.C. Each

Christmas season individuals are encouraged to wrap a shoebox containing small gifts for a needy child.

This year's National Collection Week of shoeboxes is Nov. 13-20, said Rachel Albin, the area coordinator for Northwest Kansas. More information about the ministry and Hagemeyer's visit is available by contacting Albin at ralbinmk@yahoo.com or (785) 639-1325.

Messiah Lutheran plans anniversary celebration

Messiah Lutheran Church will be celebrating the 500th anniversary (1517-2017) of the Reformation from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14. All activities will take place at the church, located at 2000 Main St. in Hays.

From 5 to 6:30 p.m. attendees can enjoy a free meal of hot dogs and chips, a castle bounce house, medieval games and crafts.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. "Luther," a movie about Martin Luther's life, will be shown in the church's courtyard. The 2003 film stars Joseph Fiennes. Viewers are encouraged to bring their own comfy chairs or blankets. Free popcorn will be provided. The public is invited.

Alumni Association collecting items for Hope Pantry

The Fort Hays State University Alumni Association will be collecting items for the Hays USD 489 Hope Pantry from Monday, Oct. 16, to Friday, Nov. 3.

Needed are non-perishable food items, new clothing and hygiene products.

The pantry, established in 2015, "assists homeless families and families that are at risk of being homeless by providing them with these items when school is not in session, especially over holiday breaks," according to a news release.

Collection boxes will be located at the Robbins Center, One Tiger Place; inside the FHSU Memorial Union (near Starbucks), 600 Park St; and Golden Belt Bank, 1101 E. 27th St.

In support of this effort, on Saturday, Oct. 28, the official "Make a Difference Day," Tiger fans attending the FHSU vs. Emporia State football game at 2 p.m. are invited to bring one or more items or consider making a monetary donation to the Hope Pantry. Collection sites that day will be located at entry gates to Lewis Field Stadium.

Those who contribute at the game will receive a drawing ticket for a Tiger Tailgate Package, including a reserved tailgating spot for the 2018 football season, a cooler, and other tailgating items. The prize package will be given away at halftime.

Golden Belt Bank is the sponsor for the 2017 Tiger "Make a Difference" Project. Other organizations supporting the project are Tigers in Service, the FHSU Student Government Association and Tiger Athletics.

Gideons holding Pastors' Appreciation Banquet

The Gideons will be having their annual Pastors'



Hagemeyer

Appreciation Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, in the Ballroom of the Fort Hays State University Memorial Union. Special speaker will be Shannon Howell of Hays.

The Gideons are an international organization that has been distributing Bibles in hotel rooms and on school campuses since 1908.

It is the local chapters, called "camps," that "do the groundwork," said Darrell Blosser, vice president of the local camp. "We put the scriptures in all the hotels." In 2016 alone, the Gideons distributed a total of 91 million Bibles in more than 200 countries, he said.

On Sept. 27, members distributed Bibles on the FHSU campus. Bibles are purchased through donations made by local churches. The banquet is the Gideons' way of thanking the pastors of these churches for their support, Blosser said.

There are 60 churches in Ellis, Rooks, Trego and Russell counties, which make up the local camp, Blosser said. All of those pastors and their spouses are invited to attend the banquet, but reservations are required. These may be made by calling Blosser at (785) 656-1633.

Local election debate scheduled Oct. 17

Candidates for Hays City Commission and the USD 489 Board of Education will be participating in a forum/debate beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, in the Black and Gold Room of the Memorial Union at Fort Hays State University.

The event is being sponsored by the FHSU Student Government Association and the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce.

Men's ministry to offer car care clinic

The men's ministry at Liberty Foursquare Church, 400 E. Seventh St., will be conducting its annual car care clinic, particularly for single moms, from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 21. The service is free, but appointments are necessary.

The Rev. Steve Dinkel, pastor, said, "The guys of the church just want to make sure that cars are ready for winter. Prevention is almost always cheaper than repair. We don't do any major mechanical procedures, but if they want their oil changed we will do that."

For more information or to make an appointment, please call the church at (785) 625-6245 before Friday, Oct. 13. At that time, participants will be told where to take their car for the inspection.

Financial Peace University to be offered

Financial Peace University classes will be offered on Mondays from Oct. 23 through Dec. 4 at Liberty Foursquare Church, 400 E. Seventh. Mark Bunner will coordinate the sessions. Classes will begin at 6 p.m.

The classes, which are part of a video series developed and taught by Dave Ramsey, are designed to help people get out of debt and manage their finances successfully.

The cost is \$93, which includes all materials. Pre-



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Children participate in the Festival of Faith last year.

registration is required at daveramsey.com. No child-care will be provided. More information is available from the church at (785) 625-6245.

Cleansing Stream ministers to speak at Liberty Foursquare

The Revs. Alan and Sharon DeBoer, area pastors for Cleansing Stream Ministries, will be speaking at Liberty Foursquare Church, 400 E. Seventh St., at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29.

The DeBoers are pastors of Restoration Fellowship in Pagosa Springs, Colo., and have led Cleansing Stream healing retreats for many years. The public is invited.

Ermoians to be honored at retirement reception

A come-and-go retirement reception honoring the Rev. Kyle Ermoian, senior pastor at Celebration Community Church, and his wife Debbie will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29, at the church.

Ermoian founded the church 21 years ago. He is retiring this fall, and he and his wife are moving to Georgia to be closer to their children and grandchildren. The church, which recently opened a 16,000-square-foot addition, is located on a hill just off the Interstate 70 and Highway 183 Bypass junction.

Barbecue to benefit Special Olympians

Trinity Lutheran Church, 2703 Fort St., will hold a

barbecue to benefit two Special Olympians from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29.

The two athletes, Joseph Reed and Kacey Dannels, both of Hays, qualified for the national competition to be held in Seattle from July 1 to 6, 2018.

They are among 42 athletes and six coaches who will be representing Kansas at the national event. Each delegate is responsible for raising funds to help offset the costs of his or her trip.

Freewill donations will be accepted at the meal, which will consist of several different kinds of meat, barbecued beans, potato salad and various desserts.

Prior to the meal, the church will hold a special service at 10:15 a.m. commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation (1517-2017). The service will feature the Fort Hays Singers, directed by Terry Crull. The Singers will also perform during the meal.


Profiles of each Special Olympian representing Kansas and an opportunity to donate online are available at <http://kssso.org/sports-competitions/usa-games/>.

Church's Trunk or Treat is Halloween night

North Oak Community Church, 3000 Oak St., will hold its annual Trunk or Treat festivities from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31, in the church parking lot.

The event will feature games, food, and lots of candy in a safe, family-friendly environment. The community is invited.

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