

# Foursquare Focus

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*Greetings,*

*Over these next two months, I am going to share 5 points with you as to why God allows problems. This is a question that comes to our minds often but is hard to explain.*

*The first reason He permits problems is to **Direct** you. Sometimes God might light a fire under you to get you moving. Problems often point us in a new direction and can motivate us to change. Proverbs 20:30 says, "Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, as do stripes the inner depths of the heart."*

*The second reason He permits problems is to **Inspect** us. It is said that people are like tea bags -- if you want to know what is inside them, just drop them into hot water! Has God tested your faith by allowing a problem or two into your life? James 1:2-3 says "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience." Just remember that the problems we all face will either defeat us or develop us, depending on how WE respond to them.*

*Have a great month and I look forward to seeing you at church soon.*

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Kevin*

## Nursery Ministry

### AM Service 10-11:30 am

1<sup>th</sup> Kristy Whittington / Nicole Payseur  
 8<sup>th</sup> Angie & Courtney Tignor  
 15<sup>th</sup> Mickey Harris / Barbara Laney  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Kerri & Erik Hester  
 29<sup>th</sup> Leslie & Haley Burgin

### PM Service 6 pm

Angie & Courtney Tignor  
 Michelle Muse  
 Alana Conrecode  
 Mary Harris / Donna W. Hester  
 TBA

Wednesday 7 pm Teresa Crews



## Preschool Ministry

### Sundays 10:30 am

Teresa Crews

### Sundays 6pm

w/ Nursery

### Wednesdays 7 pm

Tom Cagle



## Children's Ministry



This year's **Vacation Bible School, "Under Construction,"** will be held on *Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>*, through *Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>*, from 6-8:30pm for children ranging in age from Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteers are needed to help make this summer outreach effort a success for those children who will attend. Anybody with carpentry experience or 'know-how' is encouraged to sign up to help with our crafts/projects this year. Please see Delaine for more details.

## How do you think of God?

*At first I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die. He was out there, sort of like the president. I recognized his picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know him.*

*But later on, when I recognized my higher power, it seemed as though life was rather like a bike ride, but it was a tandem bike, and I noticed that God was in the back helping me pedal. I don't know just when it was He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since. When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring but predictable. It was the shortest distance between two points.*

*But when He took the lead, He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains and through rocky places and at breakneck speeds. It was all I could do to hang on! Even though it looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!"*

*I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?" He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. When I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand.*

*He took me to people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy. They gave me their gifts to take on my journey, God's and mine. And then we were off again. He said, "Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight." So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light.*

*I did not trust Him at first, in control of my life; I thought He'd wreck it. But He knows bike secrets: He knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, jump to clear high rocks, fly to shorten scary passages. And I'm learning to be quiet and pedal in the strangest places, and I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face with my delightful constant companion.*

*And when I'm sure I just can't do it any more, He just smiles and says ... "Pedal!"*

## Keenagers



Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> - Showmars  
 Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> - Covered Dish Meal

Over 50? If so, please join us for our fellowship times! See Gary or Sandra Lundquist if you have any questions.

## Hope Ministry



Our needs for August are **paper towels, laundry detergent, dish detergent, and cooking oil.** Thank you for your support of this ministry and our community.

## Men's Ministry



Men, we are having a **Fellowship Night** in the FLC from 6:30-8pm on *Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>*. We'll provide the sides – you bring whatever you'd like us to throw on the grill. If you have a game you would like to share, please bring it, too. Sign up on the Life Board if you are able to join us.

## A reason for everything...

*A man was told that his appendix had burst and that he needed emergency surgery immediately.*

*The day after the operation, the surgeon came into his room to see how he was doing. As the surgeon examined the man, the patient told the doctor that he understood an appendix had no vital role in the body and the body could get along quite well without it. The patient thought that was quite unusual and went on to say, "When God gave man an appendix, there surely must have been some reason for it."*

*With a smile tugging at his lips, the doctor responded, "Oh there is! God gave you that appendix to help me put my son through college."*

~ King Duncan in *Amusing Grace*

## Words to live by...

*Whenever you do a thing, act as if all the world were watching.*

~ Thomas Jefferson

## Youth Ministry



**Trippin' Tuesdays** – *Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>* - **Robinwood Lake.** Please meet at the Youth Building by 10am. Each student will need at least \$5 plus a bagged lunch; drinks will be supplied. We will return to the church by 5pm.

*Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>* - **Emerald Point Water Park.** Join us for a random Youth Trip to Emerald Point. Tickets will cost \$25 per student; extra money is needed for lunch, snacks (no outside food allowed in the part) and dinner (we will stop on the way home) – student will need at least \$15 extra. Please meet at the church by 8am. We will return to the church around 10pm. **Note:** *We must have at least 15 people to get the group rate.*

*Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>* - **Hooker Falls.** Each student will need a bagged lunch (drinks will be supplied) as well as at least \$15 to help cover costs and for their dinner (we will stop on the way home to eat).

School starts up on *Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>*, and we are planning **Back-to-School Parties** for middle school students and high school students. Come to youth services for more details each week.



We will be starting a new class for 18-25 year olds this month. The first series will be **"Does God Exist?"** If you are 18-25 years old and would like to join this class, please let us know!

**Sunday Nights** offers a place for all youth – middle school students are with Tish Pappas; high school students meet in the gym with Clark Burgin; and our new 18-25 year old class will meet upstairs in the youth building with Chad Owens.

If you haven't paid for your **Youth T-shirts**, please see Leslie as soon as possible!

*We have had an amazing summer – God has truly changed our youth ministry!! Thanks for your support.*

~ Clark

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Prayer 4:30pm	2  Prayer 6-7pm	3 Youth - Robinwood Lake 10am-5pm	4  Christian Classes 7pm	5 Youth - Emerald Point Water Park 8am-10pm	6	7
8  Prayer 6-7pm	9  Prayer 6-7pm	10 Youth - Hooker Falls  Keenagers - Showmars 5pm	11  Christian Classes 7pm	12	13	14
15  Prayer 4:30pm	16  Prayer 6-7pm	17	18  Christian Classes 7pm	19  Men's Fellowship 6:30-8pm (FLC)	20	21
22  Prayer 4:30pm	23  Prayer 6-7pm	24  Keenagers Covered Dish Dinner 5:30pm (FLC)	25  Christian Classes 7pm	26	27	28
29  Prayer 4:30pm	30  Prayer 6-7pm	31	1  Christian Classes 7pm	2	3	4