

# Foursquare Focus

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*Greetings,*

*There is a lot to be said about Independence Day, which we celebrate each year in the good ol' USA. As you know, it all started when we earned our independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776. This has been a national holiday and a time to rejoice for our freedom.*

*But freedom comes in many different forms – like the prisoner set free who was falsely accused, or when a debt is unexpectedly forgiven. As a Christian, we also have an Independence Day to celebrate; it is the day when Jesus entered our lives and set us free from the cares of this world. That means that we have full liberty to explore all that God has blessed us with, and He has given us the power overcome anything that the world throws our way.*

*Just like the national holiday, we should rejoice and celebrate our new birth in Christ. Much like a birthday, we need to meditate on how wonderful God is and how He saved you and me for a purpose bigger than our own. So when you think about it, try to thank Him for the independence that we share, not only in our land, but more importantly, in our lives.*

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Kevin*

## General Announcements



There will be **NO Evening Service** on *July 4<sup>th</sup>*. We hope you will spend this time with your family and friends. Please be careful if you travel over the holiday.

**CHURCH COOKOUT**



On *Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>*, we will have a **Fellowship Night** that you won't want to miss – We'll be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs AND be making homemade ice cream. If you have an ice cream maker, please sign up to bring it. Also, if you would like to help provide toppings for the ice cream, you are encouraged to bring that as well. As always, feel free to invite your family and friends to share this time of fellowship. We will begin eating at 6pm in the FLC.



## Nursery Ministry

### AM Service 10-11:30 am

- 4<sup>th</sup> Kristy Whittington / Nicole Payseur
- 11<sup>th</sup> Angie & Courtney Tignor
- 18<sup>th</sup> Teresa Crews / Barbara Laney
- 25<sup>th</sup> Kerri & Erik Hester

### PM Service 6 pm

- No PM Service
- Church Fellowship (No Nursery)
- Alana Conrecode
- Mary Harris / Donna W. Hester

Wednesday 7 pm Teresa Crews



## Preschool Ministry

### Sundays 10:30 am

John & Kim Esselstyn

### Sundays 6pm

w/ Nursery

### Wednesdays 7 pm

Tom Cagle

## Children's Ministry



The Children's Ministry will be packing up and heading to **Camp Courtney** on *Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>*; please plan to meet at the church at 1pm, eating lunch **BEFORE** you arrive.

Payment in full is due before leaving for camp. We will return on *Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>*. Please see Delaine if you have any questions.

**VBS 2010** Our **Vacation Bible School** is moving to August! Volunteers will be needed in all areas – more info soon.



We are planning a **Tubing Trip** for the Children's Ministry on *Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>* ... Details to follow...



## Men's Ministry



Men, we will be having our **Coffee 'n Fellowship** time at the Caravan in Belmont at 6:30pm on *Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>*. Friends are always welcome – We hope you'll join us!

## Something to Think About . . .

*Worship, just like staying at home on Sunday morning and sleeping in, is a habit. Both habits can be quite easily broken, unless they are firmly ingrained in your life pattern. Once you find reason (legitimate or otherwise) to miss worship on two or more consecutive Sundays, the third and fourth absences become about as easy as sleeping in ...*

*Worship is the most important and significant activity of the church. Nothing else is more important than the weekly gathering of God's faithful people for the purpose of praising God and receiving God's guidance. All other activities of the church should be so structured to initiate and sustain a desire to gather for worship. No other activity or involvement in the church should be viewed as a substitute for your regular attendance at worship on Sunday mornings and on special occasions.*

## Keenagers



Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> - Golden Corral

Tuesday, July 27<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.

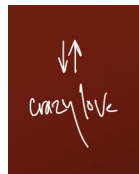
## Hope Ministry



Our needs for July are **notebook paper, composition books, pencils, pens, & crayons, and book bags.**

Please place all donations on the Hope Ministry table in the foyer. Thank you for your support of this ministry and our community.

## New Wednesday Night Class



Jason & Summer Collins invite you to join them beginning *Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>*, for a new class entitled "**Crazy Love**" based on the book by Francis Chan. All ages are welcome; books cost \$10 each.

## Choir Ministry

*When do you sing?*

*On a wonderful vacation in which my family and I accomplished everything we wanted to accomplish, which was absolutely nothing, I realized I had learned something: Birds sing in the morning; grasshoppers sing during the heat of the day; locusts sing in the evening; and katydids sing at night. While there are biological reasons for this, my understanding is that these creatures sign because it is spontaneous and wells up from within.*

*So my question became, "Fred, when do you sing?" When do things well up from within, and you are spontaneously moved to sing your song?*

*My answer is that individual human singing depends on internal state, not the time of day:*

- *The song of grief and despair is "weeping."*
- *The song of joy and hope is "laughter."*
- *The song of affirmation of life and thanksgiving is "Yes!" (Amen! Let it be!)*

*- written by Fred Brandenburg  
Columbia Church of Christ, Columbia MO*

## Youth Ministry



We leave for **Camp Courtney** on *Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>*. Please arrive at the church at 2pm so we can leave by 3pm. We will return Friday afternoon. Payment in full is due before leaving for camp. If you have any questions, please contact Clark Burgin.



There will be **NO Youth Service** on *Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>*.



*Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</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.

*Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> - South Mountain Park.* Please meet at the Youth Building by 9am. Each student will need a bagged lunch and some money for snacks (in case we stop along the way); drinks will be supplied. We will return to the church by 6pm.

*Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Game Night.* Join us in the CLC (a.k.a., the gym) for games of all kinds and fellowship with your friends. The fun lasts from 7-10pm; cost is \$5 to help cover food and drinks, etc. Students are, of course, welcome to come earlier and help set up.

Our **Youth T-shirts** are being created now. If you would like to purchase one, shirts will cost \$12 and will be available for sale on the "B.U.R.T." table before and after youth services.

*Throughout the summer, the Youth Center is available during the days that I am here if any students would like to hang out and enjoy the basketball court, game room, watch movies, etc. And don't forget to join us on Sundays from 6-7:30pm and Wednesdays from 7-8:15pm – stay up-to-date – hear the latest announcements!*

*~ Clark*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27  Prayer 4:30pm	28  Prayer 6-7pm	29	30  Christian Classes 7pm	1	2	3
4   No PM Service or Activities	5  Camp Courtney →  Prayer 6-7pm	6	7  Christian Classes 7pm	8	9	10
11  Prayer 4:30pm Fellowship Night— Burgers, Dogs 'n Homemade Ice Cream 6pm	12  Prayer 6-7pm	13  Youth - Robinwood Lake 10am-5pm  Keenagers - Golden Corral 5pm	14  Christian Classes 7pm  New Class - "Crazy Love" begins!	15	16	17
18  Prayer 4:30pm	19  Prayer 6-7pm	20  Youth - South Mountain Park 9am-6pm	21  Christian Classes 7pm	22  Children - Tubing Trip (Time TBA)  Men's Coffee 'n Fellowship at Caravan Coffee, Belmont 6:30pm	23  Youth - Game Night (CLC) 7-10pm	24
25  Prayer 4:30pm	26  Prayer 6-7pm	27  Keenagers Covered Dish Dinner 5:30pm (FLC)	28  Christian Classes 7pm	29	30	31