



NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

Tuesday September 8th:

The Well

Monthly women's gathering in the Stables at 7:00 PM.

Sunday September 13th:

New Member's Class

Four-week class for those interested in learning more about Faith BFC in room 201 at 10:45 AM.

September 18th – 19th:

Strive Youth Campout

6:30 PM – 9:30 AM
The Stables

Sat., September 19th:

Ladies Craft Day

9:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Room 200

The Word of the Cross

The Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:18, "For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." Because God's wisdom conflicts with man's natural thinking, God's wisdom looks like foolishness to him. That God would take human form, be crucified, and raised to provide for the forgiveness of sin and entrance into heaven, is just too simple and foolish in the mind of an unbeliever for him to accept. It does not allow for man's attainments, his merits, his understanding, or his pride.

As we consider this phrase "word of the cross" the term "word" refers to God's Word. The word of the cross includes the entire gospel message, that is God's plan and provision for man's redemption. Human wisdom cannot understand the cross. To those who are perishing, the word of the cross is so much foolishness, but to those who are being saved, it is the power of God. Those who are being saved speaks of believers who are being sanctified by the Spirit and who will one day be glorified in the presence of God.

The word of the cross is the power of God. Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes to the Jew first and also to the Greek." The gospel is not good advice to people. It does not suggest that people lift themselves up. The gospel is the power that lifts them up. The gospel doesn't bring power, it is power. When the gospel is preached, the power of God is at work. This power is not aimless but is directed at salvation. The gospel carries with it the omnipotence of God, whose power alone is sufficient to save people from sin and give them eternal life.

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This is something we need to keep in mind as we carry out our responsibility to proclaim the gospel. We are not delivering just some religious words. These words have the power of God behind them. And that power can transform sinners from the kingdom of darkness into the realm of light. It delivers those who trust in Christ from the power of death and gives them the right to be called the children of God.

-Pastor Greg Uhrich

Youth Group Summer Recap

As you can imagine, this past Summer bore a rather different resemblance than that of last year. However, we still had the special privilege to spend time in God's Word, fellowship, celebrate our graduating seniors, and even attend Summer Camp!

Senior Recognition:

The month of May ended with an opportunity to celebrate our class of 2020 in a unique way. As a youth leadership team, we spent one Tuesday evening driving around to all the homes of our seniors caravan style; honking our horns, and dropping off gifts! That night was followed by an evening on Zoom where we had a time of prayer, sharing, and encouragement with many of our youth group families. Though it was not what we anticipated, we are grateful that we had this time to honor our graduates.

Summer Camp:

After a few weeks off, we ended the month of June with a cookout at Pastor Will and Becca's home with the youth and their families. This "regathering" acted as a segue to our highlight of the Summer, a week-long camp at Rock Mountain Bible Camp at the beginning of July. In a Summer filled with "cancellations", it was a special blessing to spend a week away with 28 of our students and 8 of our leaders. We spent the week studying the kindness of God through the book of Ruth, as well as a different Psalm each morning for our time of devotions. The week was filled with activities, worship, Bible study, a water park, and of course, the realization that sleep is a precious thing.

Summer in the Psalms:

We were blessed to spend the remainder of July until August 19th meeting each Wednesday to spend time in a different Psalm together. The Lord was gracious in providing us with a beautiful evening every Wednesday in which we could have our gatherings outside. We are thankful for all the prayers and encouragement we have felt as a youth group, and we look forward to kicking off again in September!

-Pastor Nate Miller

