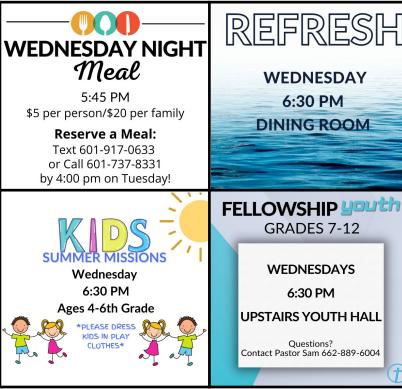
#### July Nursery & Children Volunteers

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Sunday						
Date	0	Children's Church	Nursery			
July 2		Hallie Harris	Babies- Lynda Warren & Becky Brown 2 Year Olds- Marie Johnson 3 Year Olds- Lydia Embrey			
July 9	Joe & Kim Eastman		Babies- Kenzie Harris & Meagan Wilborn 2 Year Olds- Keith & Renee Creel 3 Year Olds- Chris Jaeger & LJ Alvarado			
July 16	Marsha Stoddard		Babies- Mary Alvarado & Shari Davis 2 Year Olds- Jimmy & Trisha Harper 3 Year Olds- Shelley Hale & Vanessa Phillips			
July 23	Christy & Kensi Wright		Babies- Hallie Harris & Cathy Ray 2 Year Olds- Tammy Jones 3 Year Olds- Landri Riley & Brailynn Lee			
July 30	Stacey & Emily Guin		Babies- Sara Bowden & Ashley Mercado 2 Year Olds- Jeanette Stewart & Angel Combs 3 Year Olds- Melissa Dutton & Jordan Bucurel			
Wednesday						
Date		Nursery		Date	Nursery	
July 5		Jada Harris		July 19	Becky Brown	
July 12		Melissa Dutton		July 26	Chris & Mariah Jaeger	

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES



## **Schedule and Contact Info:**

#### **SUNDAY**

Sunday School — 9:00 AM

Morning Worship — 10:00 AM Worship Center / Fellowship Facebook page Nursery and Children's Church available

#### WEDNESDAY

Meal—5:45 PM Dining Room Summer Missions—6:30 PM Children's Building Youth-6:30 PM **Upstairs Youth Hall** Refresh — 6:30 PM **Dining Room** 

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Thursday 8:00 AM—4:00 PM Friday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Phone: (601)737-8331



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Original Loan Amount: \$681,535.57 Current Loan Balance: \$104,150.60



#### **Financial Review: June 2023**

Monthly General Offering:	\$32,738.26
Monthly Budget Needs:	\$39,915.00
Yearly General Offering:	\$228,221.08
Monthly Debt Reduction Gifts:	\$8,365.00



# Reflections

Pastor Caleb Hughes

### Oceans, Borders, and a Bridge

Twelve days ago I sat on a poorly lit back porch under a divinely-lit starry sky eating Kentucky Fried Chicken with two African men as well as the men of our mission team. It sounds like a joke setup! There were so many things that culturally separated us from those two men. We differed in mannerisms, etiquette, diet, work, skills, and of course, even though they spoke great English, it was clear that our language backgrounds were different. But to be honest, we spoke the same primary language: Jesus.

Of all the takeaways from our mission to Eswatini, Africa, perhaps none was greater than the profound joy we received from realizing that though oceans, mountains, valleys, deserts, borders, and a 16 hour plane ride[!] may separate us, there was an instant familial bond that we sensed the moment we realized Jesus had rescued those brothers from their sins just like he had rescued us. That is a bond that no ocean or border can sever.

It caused me to consider something you may have read in Scripture: "For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord," (Romans 3:38-39).

There are times that God may feel distant. You may be in a spiritual rut in which God's presence and power seem to be an ocean away from you. If that is you, I encourage you to consider that so often what seems to us a vast span and a distant journey is but an arms reach to God—he has bridged the great divide through His Son Jesus. A now comforting reminder is that God will never leave those who are his (Hebrews 13:5).

You need not purchase a plane ticket to find his embrace. You need only "ask...seek...knock," (Matthew 7:7-12).

July Ministry Teams					
<b>Greeters</b> Isaiah Alvarado Jerry Smith <b>Deacons</b> Greg Ball Jim Bayles	Counters Keith Creel Jason Wright Bus Maintenance Keith Creel				

