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WELCOME TO APPLE RIVER COMMUNITY CHURCH

Reaching out to our community with Jesus' love

We welcome you and hope you will visit our church and join us in worshiping our Lord.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, May 7
9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship /Children's Church

Sunday, May 14
9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church

Sunday, May 21
9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church

Saturday, May 28
9:30am Sunday School
10:15am Fellowship
10:30am Worship/Children's Church
7:00p Sunday Night Live

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Image of God:

Pastor Justin

FROM THE PASTOR

Genesis 1:26-27 says,

> ***"Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."***

What does it mean to be created in the image of God? Scholars refer to it as "imago Dei" or image of God. In the scriptures, the idea of "image" carries one of two different ideas. First, that the item created is identical to the original image (being of the same kind). Second, that the item created is like the original image (being a shadow or similar to the original kind). The Hebrew has two different words used in these definitions. However, it becomes difficult in translation because early Christians and Jews intermixed these words as they brought the Hebrew into Greek in the New Testament. Genesis 5:1-3 does this in early translations. (When Adam has sons) Again, it happens in Genesis 9:6 when Noah is commanded not to kill because man is made in the image of God. We are limited in our understanding due in part to our inability to completely grasp the original language and the use of the language.

Even still, there are some important things we can derive from the text. John MacArthur's Bible Commentary points out that we can see the plurality of the God head in this text. We can see that God is One and Three at the same time. "Let US," said God. There we see the beginning of the doctrine of the Trinity showing up here in this verse. We can also identify the personal connection that God has with the creation of man. God intimately forms him from the dust; whereas, the other creatures were formed with a spoken word. God takes the time to form this creature to be "like" himself and makes man "plural" at the same time. We see that He created both MAN and WOMAN. He specifically forms man so that he exists within relationship… just "like" the Godhead.

Man was also created "like" God in the sense that he had a will, intellect and emotion. At first, man was also good and sinless. But man was never created as a deity. Man was the creation, and God was the creator. This difference is attacked by Satan in the Garden in Genesis 3:5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like

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MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of Apple River Community Church is to glorify God by helping people to find Jesus and grow to be like him.

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VISITATION PASTOR
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* = Appointed

Keep Our Nation and Church in your Prayers!

Fellowship

fun. We ate, sang, talked and laughed. A good time was had by all. Sorry if you missed it. We could have used a few more singles. Our next meeting is May 30th and is being planned by Judy and Ron Nelson and Ginger and Bruce Tanner. Plan to come only if you like to eat and have fun! A possible name is triple A or AAA which stands for Aches, Arthritis Association—Te he come with Ideas. Thanks to you all Claudine & Glen

REMINDER:

NO Potluck in May.

Next Potluck:
June 11

SATURDAY, MAY 6th
WORK DAY AT CHURCH

Many hands help make the load lighter! Men and women are needed for a work day at church.
Come lend a hand.

ARCC Prayer Chain

I was thinking the other day that we may need an update on the prayer chain. So for you who do not know, our church has prayer chains. We have a phone prayer chain and an email prayer chain. So the way it works is if I have a prayer request, I call Bev Richmond. Bev calls Lynne Peterson so she can put it on the email list. Bev also then starts calling the list of people who want to be called. The way it works is that Bev calls the first person. That person calls the next and keeps going and the last person on the list calls Bev again so she knows it got through. If the prayer request goes on the email instead of being called first, Lynne calls Bev to make sure she got it. Then Bev calls it on to the phone list. For the phone chain you are encouraged to pass along the specific words without any changes from the original request.

It is great to know our church is praying for concerns we have. What a way to show love for one another. If you have a prayer request, please call Bev at 715-268-4226. I would also like to thank Bev and Lynne for doing this ministry. It is not a very time consuming but so needed. Thank you to all who are on a prayer chain. If you are not on it and want to be, let Bev or Lynne know. Lynn: (lynrpeterson@yahoo.com)

By Deb Brown

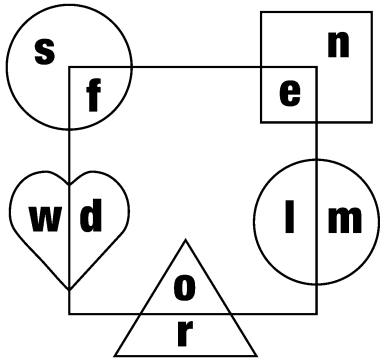
WOMEN'S DAY:
Thursday, May 4 at 9:30 AM

WHITE CROSS begins with coffee and devotions by Sandy Sias. Projects to work on from 9:45a—12:00: Sew and roll bandages, a lap quilt to tie, begin work on a baby quilt, do some cleaning in the kitchen.
Lunch 12:00-12:30. Bring your own sack lunch.

GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:
To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



"Consider how the wild _ _ _ _ _ _ _

grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _ _ _ _ _ _ _

in all his splendor was _ _ _ _ _ _ _

like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: See calendar page
The Bible Quiz, puzzle, cartoons, and various articles are from the NewsletterNewsletter to which we subscribe and have permission to reproduce

Bible Quiz

Acts 17 describes Paul speaking about God to the people of Athens in front of — incredibly! — a site that still exists. What is that site?

A. The Panathenaic Stadium
B. The Areopagus
C. The Acropolis and the Parthenon

Celebrating OUR GRADUATES

Makaila Brown
(Daughter of Deb and Glen Brown Jr.)

Chas Wright
(Son of Steve & Denise Wright)

Jeremiah Beatham (College)
(Son of Bruce & Candice Beatham)

Congratulations!

HELP WANTED

ARCC is looking for an IT type of person that can help keep the website up to date. Sermons need to be added weekly, amongst other things.

Contact Pastor Justin or any of the deacons if you can help in this area of ministry.

FREE FISHING WEEKEND IS COMING JUNE 4TH

After Church

Come to our annual Free Fishing event at Gordon & Rosette Palmers. It's a fun time with games and potluck to go with our "catch".

Boats and life preservers needed. If you don't have these, come anyway, as there will be some available.

"HOLD FAST"

Is the Theme of

Arrowhead Bible Camp this year

Camp brochures are here and on the entry table. Get excited and make plans for camp now.

Please give towards Arrowhead Bible Camp. Costs range from $174.00 for young kids up to $283.00 for high school, and upwards to $574.00. ARCC's desire is to send all who want to attend camp to be able to do so. Camp

1 Denise Wright
3 Glen Jr. & Deb Brown (1997)
3 Jim Hughes
4 Paul Anderson
5 Ben Newbauer
7 Rebecca White
8 Lydia Weiberg
8 Andy Newbauer

10 Stan Miller
12 Laverne & Carol Stevens
15 Dick Berhow
16 Mary Munson
17 Jenna Lundgren
17 Paul & Amy Lundgren
17 Bruce & Ginger Tanner (1975)
20 Henry & Joy Soldner (2000)

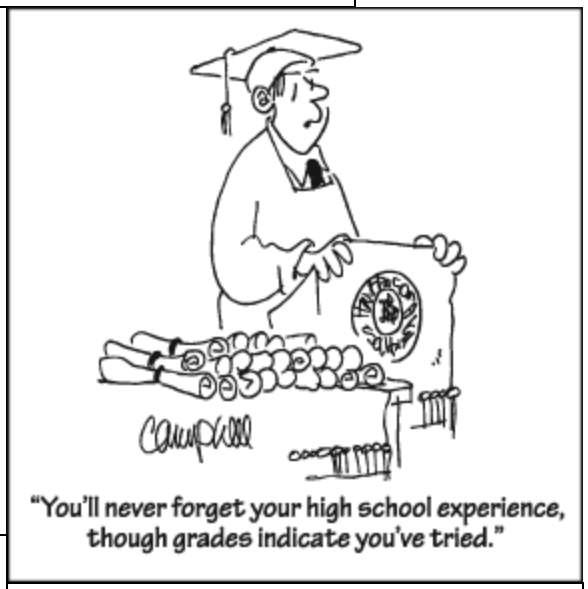
21 Helen Elmer
23 Dareld & Sue Lundgren (1959)
24 Zachary Hosking
26 Sandy Sias
27 Tim Schaeffer
31 Jeremiah Beatham
31 Erin Hosking
31 Davy Wolter

Beginning ...and Beginning Again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello – and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!



No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement.

—Florida Scott-Maxwell

A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

- Tenneva Jordan

"Faith is like wi-fi: It's invisible, but it has the power to connect you to what you need."

—Unknown

Church signs—a part of our culture.

By Stan Miller

The Methodist Church in Cumberland displayed this sign one spring around the fishing opener. It's a classic play on words.

FISHING OR GOD LET'S D-BAIT

If the question is fishing or God? The answer is relatively easy for the Bible tells us that we are to have no other god's before us and to seek first the Kingdom of God.

If the question is—fishing for men or God? The Answer appears to be more complex, perhaps. As I wrestled with that question, it seemed to me that fishing for men was a part of what being a Christian is about for Jesus said, "Come be my disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people". As I pondered, I concluded that in order to fish for men properly, one had to put God and his perfect will first. In other words, the bait and presentation must be according to that sovereign will.

The third aspect of this church sign is the play on words. As presented let's d-bait reads, we need to take the bait off our hook and get into a right relationship with God. We can't proceed without reliance upon the Holy Sprit for he draws men unto himself.

In its pure form the sign is asking for a discussion of the main question. Do we fish or do we seek God. I believe

within the core of our sinful nature. We often ignore God and think we are good enough on our own. We say to God, "we don't need you," or "we are just as good as you."

The Apostle Paul says a few important things about the image of God. 1 Cor. 11:7 points to man still being the image and glory of God. But Paul takes us a little deeper in Christ. 2 Cor. 4:4 says, "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." Jesus himself is the true image of God. 1 Cor. 15:49 encourages us that we will become like Christ. "And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man."

I believe this is more than just a future event. To bear the image of Christ is also a daily event. We become more of "imago Dei" the more we become more like Christ. Yes, there are elements inherent within being human, but what God aspires for us to be is more like Christ. Part of being more like Christ is seeing the "imago Dei" in others as well. When we see others as created in the image of God, we are less inclined to take advantage of them, mistreat them, covet them, commit adultery in our minds, and we are MORE inclined to love them as Christ did.

Update on the Beathams

Dear Praying family and friends,

We have some exciting things and some serious things to share with you about what God is doing here in the Mixteca (meeks-TEH-kah)! Please see the summary:

1. Bruce had a challenging, but rewarding time helping lead a workshop in Mitla last week. Praise the Lord!
2. Ernesto is going gang-busters drafting Scripture in his native tongue! Praise God!
3. God is working through the local church here to reach Ernesto's village, Yellow Oak, for Christ - we all need to pray!

May you pray as the Spirit leads you to pray for these requests. God is at work. Thank you for standing with us in the gap.

Blessings! Candice, Bruce, (Jeremiah), Nathaniel, Benjamin and Abigail

P.S. The Beathams will be in the states May 6 for Jeremiah's graduation. They will then visit Washington D.C., and return to Bloomington, MN for a couple of months

Willing Recipients

A young graduate longed for a certain sports car and knew his dad could afford it. So on the big day, he was infuriated to receive instead a leather-bound, embossed Bible. He threw it down and left for good.

Years later, after his father died, the son entered his father's study with sorrow and regret. Sorting through belongings, he found the gift and this highlighted verse: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:11, ESV). Suddenly something dropped from the back of the Bible: a key with a tag from the dealer of the car he'd wanted long ago. On the tag was his graduation date and the words "Paid in Full."

How often we miss out on God's generous gifts because they come "packaged" differently than we expect! At graduation — and throughout life — may we be open to every gift God bestows on us with a Father's deep love.

Decisions Matter

Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the little decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of. An apparently trivial indulgence in lust or anger today is the loss of a ridge or railway line or bridgehead from which the enemy may launch an attack otherwise impossible.

- C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

Thoughts on Memorial Day

Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Sundays May 21 and 28

2017

Apple River Community Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
	1	**2** 9:30-11 Women's Bible Study	**3** *** See Below**	**4** 9:30 White Cross 12:30 Women's Ministry	**5** 8:45a MOPS	**6**
a Praise Team Sunday School ellowship Worship/Children's Church	**8**	**9** 9:30-11 Women's Bible Study *** 6:30p Deacons Meet; 7:30p Executive Bd Meets	**10** *** See Below**	**11**	**12**	**13**
Happy Mother's Day raise Team Sunday School ellowship Worship/Children's Church	**15**	**16**	**17** *** See Below** *Last night of One-Way*	**18**	**19** 8:45a MOPS	**20**
45a Praise Team Sunday School ellowship Worship/Children's Church	**22** RIPPLE DEADLINE	***23*** 5:00p Serenity House	**24** 10:15a Men's Bible Study	**25**	**26**	**27**
45a Praise Team Sunday School Vorship/Children's Church Sunday Night Live	**29**	**30** 5:00p M&M?? Fellowship Group of Mature Adults	**31** 10:15a Men's Bible Study			
		***Women's Bible Study will resume in the fall.	*** 10:15a Men's Bible Study** **5:30p One-Way Club**			

z: Answer: B (See Acts 17:22.)

rticles MUST BE received by the deadline to be included in the nd to arcc@amerytel.net *(PREFERRED)* or put in Ripple box in ce. Bulletin items must be received by Thursday for the next Sun- tin.

Thank You, Marie

Puzzle: Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, no even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV