

Calendar of Events

- **08/06** Baby Shower for Annabelle
- **08/20** Bowling Night
- **08/28** Family Dinner

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Bible Study

- 6:30-8:00pm Monday
(on break for the summer)
- 11am-12:30pm Saturday

Men's & Women's Groups

- 9am Sunday
- Worship Service**
— 10:45am Sunday

A Word from Pastor Luther

To all my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,
Thank you for all your prayers and support for our church and its ministries. Believe me, they were needed! This summer has been challenging for us in more ways than one, such as:

- Financially, our day camps superseded our projected cost for the full funding of its operations. However, God blessed us to be effective in reaching and serving multiple families in our community. Instead of worrying about finances, we just stayed prayerful and trusted God for its success. Through it all, I truly believe we grew closer to the One who can keep us from falling!
- There were those who stood tall in serving this summer, which speaks about their spiritual growth and their love for God and the community. However, there were some who had some very challenging times such as: struggles with finances through the loss of jobs, past behaviors becoming current ones, and a lot of health issues. Please stay prayerful for our congregation!
- Also, please be prayerful for the divisiveness we see in our communities across this country. There is a lot of healing that needs to be done. There are questions that need to be answered and this is the time that God's household needs to become the symbol of peace and hope!

However, challenges are necessary for our development and growth (James 1:2-5). I truly believe that our day camps were a success because there are doors that are open to us to spread the Gospel. This community truly saw the body of Christ in action, because His love was shown and channeled through the different groups that we partnered with and we have seen change in some of our parents and children.

There are new challenges coming up this fall. Please be in prayer as we begin to restructure our ministries, establish our small groups and establish a discipleship plan that will cause growth within God's kingdom. Also, please be in prayer for the arrival of our new youth pastor and his wife (hopefully August 20th), Terry and Bev Riley, as they will begin to develop our ministry for our youth.

We thank you for your continual support and prayers! We love you!

All for His Kingdom,
Pastor Luther C. Eatman Jr.

Kim's Story of Hope

I have been with Bridge of Hope since 2007. Thanks to Darryl Eatman who gave me the invitation. I really thank God for being in my life. I have been clean from crack cocaine for six years now and give all my thanks and praise to Jesus Christ. I have learned a lot and am still learning. Thanks to my pastor, Luther and Momma Eatman for accepting me as one of their daughters since I lost my mom. I truly feel the love here. I still struggle with some things, but God is in control of this body, heart, and soul. I am a true child of God and I am ready for whatever He has in store for me. I want to continue to grow and learn more about Christ. My life is not where I want to be but I thank God I'm not where I used to be. I have been delivered from prostitution and I have my own apartment.





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TRANSFORMING LIVES**

Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise:

- 3 More Weeks of Day Camp
- New Life CityChurch, Lakeside Fellowship & Broken Bow EFree for Leading Weeks of Day Camp
- Growth in Day Campers
- BoH Volunteers Stepping Up to Serve in Day Camps
- Theresa was Baptized in July
- Neal EFree and NeSoDak Helping with Service Projects

Prayer Requests

- Terry & Bev as they fundraise & prepare to move to KC
- Terry & Bev looking for home in KC
- Growth & Development of Our Leaders
- Raising Support for Church, Pastor & Sarah
- Ability to Start Transitional Homes in KS
- Healing for Jamie & Others
- Con't Relationships with Day

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Clowning Around—A Summer Picnic Story



The sky was overcast, there was a chance of rain hovering over us. With lots of prayer and some trepidation, we set out the grill and games galore.

By 11:30, no rain had come, the water slide was running, and people had started coming in.

It was Thursday during our week off from day camp, and

we were hosting a picnic for the day camp families as well as those in the

community. A group from NeSoDak was staying at the church and helping out with service projects that week. They assisted in handing out flyers for the event and with set-up and manning the event. Some members from the group that led the previous week of day camp came to interact with the kids.

A little while later, women dressed in bright colors and over-sized shoes entered the scene. While some kids were apprehensive, the animal balloons and crazy balloon hats quickly won them over.



During the festivities, the adults, many of them parents or grandparents of the day campers, sat around the tables and we were able to use that as an opportunity to talk with them and share what Bridge of Hope was all about. Meanwhile, kids were squealing as they plopped in the water at the bottom of the slide,

practiced their hand at ladder ball, and giggled at the silly balloon hats.

After lunch, we gathered everyone inside and the clowns put on a show, complete with magic tricks, silly dancing, and a Gospel presentation at the end.

Finally, the end had come. The rain waited till the event was over, fun was had, tummies were full, relationships were built or strengthened, and the Gospel was shared.



Day Camp—A Photo Essay

Our last three weeks of day camp flew by! We are so grateful to the groups that led each week and were such strong examples of God's love. We saw growth in many of the kids by the end of the summer and are praying that God's Word will stick with them throughout the school year. The following are just a few pictures from the last three weeks. Please look over them and pray for these kids. Thank you.

