

Calendar of Events

- 07/4 Independence Day
- 07/5-8 Day Camp (New Life CityChurch)
- 07/6-8 Neal Efree
- 07/10-15 NeSoDak
- 07/14 Picnic
- 07/18-21 Day Camp (Lakeside Fellowship)
- 07/25-28 Day Camp (Broken Bow Efree)

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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

Greeting to all my brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, I have been bombarded with questions about the recent incidents that have taken place in our country concerning the shootings of black men by white police officers and the shootings of the five police officers by a black man in Dallas. People are also seeking answers or solutions to these incidents and they are becoming more afraid for lives of young black men and the country as a whole. As a student of the Bible, God helps us to understand what the source of this evil truly is—a satanic influence over unrepentant hearts (chapters 1 through 3 of Romans).

Racism is not the problem, but it is a result of the problem. Scripture helps us to understand that all our actions are determined by the conditions of our hearts (Mark 7:18-23), so what we have is a heart problem and not a racial one.

If we want to see changed behaviors then there needs to be changed hearts. I reflect on my own past behaviors and how horrific they were. However, they were changed by a God who has the capabilities to change people's hearts.

Here at Bridge of Hope, we have been focused on introducing God and His love through the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. He is the answer!!! As we see the day drawing near, we need to be very intentional about our actions in making disciples. We need to be reaching out in love to those who are hurt, angry, confused, depressed and disappointed to let them know about a God who loves them and deems them valuable.

If we are not about our business of making disciples, enhancing the kingdom of God, Satan will be about his business of enhancing his kingdom with those who are helpless against his influence.

Let us come together in unity to display the power of God's love so to destroy the wickedness of Satan! We are praying for us all to stand strong in God's might and strength!!!

All for His Kingdom,

Pastor Luther C. Eatman Jr.



Love in Action — Day Camp

"One plus one plus one equals one!" — the week's theme song, which included a portion about the Trinity, could be heard throughout the church. Week three of day camp was in session! In the month of June, we had our first three weeks of day camp. Free for the community, the purpose of our day camps is to provide a safe environment for the children to play, discover, learn and build a relationship with Christ. We strive to see every moment as an opportunity to share the Gospel with a child.

In just those three weeks, we had four groups come to lead the camp from all over the midwest. (con't on other side)





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Praise & Prayer Requests

Praise:

- 3 Weeks of Day Camp
- Anchor Point, BUMP, Hastings EFree, & Grace Fellowship for Leading Weeks of Day Camp
- Growth in Day Campers
- BoH Volunteers Stepping Up to Serve in Day Camps

Prayer Requests

- Terry & Bev as they fundraise & prepare to move to KC
- Growth & Development of Our Leaders
- Raising Support for Church, Pastor & Sarah
- Summer Day Camps—Volunteers & Kids
- Ability to Start Transitional Homes in KS
- Healing for Jamie & Others

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Love in Action — Day Camp Con't

We had groups from Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska and just across the river in Missouri. Yet, even with different leaders each week, there was one significant constant for the kids—the love remained. No matter which group was serving that week and what challenges they faced, the love they displayed to the children was evident. Please join us in praying that the kids will recognize this pattern and come to realize the love that they are experiencing each week is God's love for them displayed through others.



Through Bible lessons, singing, and even through crafts and game time, the kids were shown God's love over and over. In just three weeks, we began to see some fruit from the labor—there were campers initiating spiritual conversations, previously aloof kids were beginning to engage with others and with the activities, there were reports of children going home and telling their parents all about what they had learned that



day. As the campers are learning spiritual truths, the same concepts are being displayed right before their eyes. After acting out, instead of being told they are 'a bad kid,' they are shown love and given the opportunity to work through problems with a leader. Through the examples of the volunteers, both from visiting church and from Bridge of Hope, these kids have been able to experience God's love for them. Please continue praying for our additional weeks of camp, that God will soften the kids'

hearts and that they may come to know Him personally.

Frank's Story of Hope

I never thought I could sincerely say I thank God Jesus and my Parole Officer!!! I was looking at 30yrs to life. My substance abuse addiction, in order to maintain my highs, I acquired a criminal mindset. Every where I would go the crime rate increased 75%. But here's the thing, I was employed at the same time as a registered Radiologic Technologist. Forsaken my family and moved in the drug dealer's house. How convenient was that, I thought. The charges I was facing were dropped. However, I was still facing seven years on



a different case. I was put on three-year probation. I paid all restitution and completed all other directives but, I couldn't stay clean. I would drop dirty every time. My P.O. and my sister were friends and I had just got blessed with a job at North Kansas City Hospital. After a week, my P.O. called me and told me to come in. He communicated to me that since I couldn't stay clean and was breaking my sister's heart, he was giving me three ultimatums: I could do my seven years, go to Cameron for a 120-days shock treatment or go to 30-days inpatient treatment at KCCC and told me even though I just started working I'd have to quit. So I had to make the choice and picked up the phone to call the police to pick me up. Therefore, it didn't take much arm twisting for me to choose KCCC. There I met Pastor Eatman. On my last day, I told him I needed a church home. That was September 2002. I joined the body of believers and rededicated my life to Christ on October 22nd that same year. On November 6th, 2002, I was released early from the system by recommendations from my P.O. I had some ups and downs in my walk, however, my BOH family never turned their backs or judged me because they love me.