

## Calendar of Events

- 08/06 Serve Breakfast for Grant Elementary
- 08/11-13 L&L in Broken Bow
- 08/18 Day Camp Parents Meeting
- 08/26 Family Dinner

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## Bible Study

— 11am-12:15pm Saturday

## Men's & Women's

### Groups

— 9am Sunday

## Worship Service

— 10:45am Sunday

## A Word from Pastor

Greetings to our Partners in Ministry,

“To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours, by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His glory and excellence.” (1 Peter 1:1b-3) We pray for you always!



As we continue to serve in our area of influence, God has blessed me to observe a group of people that seem to be overlooked by our churches and the community as a whole. I am not talking about their physical or material needs, their spiritual needs are definitely not being met. Let me explain: there is a high-rise (an apartment complex) that houses the marginalized—specifically those who suffer from alcoholism, drug addiction, and mental and physical disabilities. Their outlook on life is dismal as if there is no hope for them and that they have nothing to offer society. They are waiting to die. They overmedicate themselves to not feel of the pain of life and to establish a new reality for themselves as they wait.

So, we are in the beginning phase of developing a plan to minister to them effectively. We have people in our congregation who work there and are gathering information on what the facility will allow us to do. The administrators are happy that we are interested in serving the residents and are willing to come alongside to help us. Our goal is to allow God to use us to show them how valuable they are and how much God loves them.

Jesus says, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” (John 5:16) This is not about us, this is about glorifying our Father. This is about being doers and not just hearers of the Word of God (James 1:22). This is about loving God and your neighbor (Mark 12:29-31). We thank you as you continue to support what God is using us to do here in K.C. Your encouragement, prayers, and love are a great motivator for us. Thank you again!

All for His Kingdom,

Pastor Luther C. Eatman Jr.



## Challenge/Outreach

For the first time in the history of Bridge of Hope, some of our youth participated in Challenge! (EFCA national youth conference) Six of our youth, led by Terry & Bev, attended the conference and learned about how to make Bold Moves for Christ. While there, kids attending the same conference were sent out into Kansas City to participate in various service projects. Over the week, hundreds of kids came through Bridge of Hope to canvass the community, pray in the neighborhoods, talk with families at the splash park and help run our community party. At one of those



outreaches, they got to know a mother and her pre-teen son. After some conversations, she came up to the church. The family has faithfully attended every week since and this past Sunday her son was baptized. We are grateful for the way



these teens practiced the bold moves that they had learned—fruit is already evident! Please keep our youth group in prayer as they build on the foundation set at Challenge as well as welcome the incoming sixth graders. We serve a God who is active and cares about the children.

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TRANSFORMING LIVES  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**

### Praise & Prayer Requests

#### Praise:

- 5 Week of Camp—50 in attendance; several spiritual convos
- Brian baptized!
- 6 Youth at Challenge
- Outreach during Challenge
- Repairs on roof in works
- 15 Years as a church!

#### Prayer Requests:

- Youth Group, Post-Challenge,
- Continued Discipleship for Cold Weather Shelter Guests & Day Camp Families
- Safe Travels for Luther & Lanita This Fall
- Growth, Development & Reorganization of Our Leaders & Programs
- Raising Support for Terry & Bev
- Raising Support for Church, Pastor & Sarah

## Day Camp!

'I haven't seen him smile in weeks' an aunt told us when asking if her 12-year-old nephew could join for the last few days of camp. His mom was in prison and he had been struggling. A connection was soon made with one of our Bridge of Hope volunteers, introductions made with the team and soon he was immersed. By the end of that day and the rest of the week, that boy had the sweetest grin on his face and we got to tell his



aunt what a good example and influence he had been on his

peers. Restorative moments like these are one of the reasons we love camp. Day camp allows us to build relationships with these kids, consistently tell them about the Gospel and God's love for them and demonstrate it through our interactions—including in the way we discipline. These action-packed days allow for relationships to build faster and spiritual conversations to happen quicker than in more normal settings. There are so many stories

like the one above, so many accounts of kids having the 'aha!' moments, so many of the youth groups or Bridge of Hope volunteers recognizing their dependency on Christ and how He sustains them. Thank you for all your prayers for the camp, God worked mightily and we are excited to watch and see how He continues to work.

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