CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 4		Tuesday, June 10		
9:00 A	Music Camp	9:30 A	Yoga	
6:30 P	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 A	Quilting	
Thursday, June 5		6:30 P	Young adults at	
9:00 A	Music Camp		Bobby's	
	Bible Study	Wednesday, June 11		
Friday, June 6			Choir Rehearsal	
9:00 A	Music Camp	Thursday, June 12		
9:30 A	Yoga	10:00 A	Bible Study	
	Music Camp		Children's Activity	
	Performance	Friday, June 13		
Sunday, June 8		9:30 A		
8:30 A	Common Grounds	Saturday	Saturday, June 14	
	Café Open		Youth Messy Games	
9:15 A	Sunday School	Sunday, June 15		
10:30 A	Worship Service,		Common Grounds	
	Pentecost	0.0071	Café open	
4:00 P	Hebrew Lessons	9:15 A	•	
5:00 P	Youth		Worship Service	
Monday, June 9		Tuesday, June 16		
6:00 P	Trustee Meeting	9:30 A		
	J	10:00 A	Quilting	

YOUTH, KIDS & FAMILIES

Children and Families

June 12, 6 P: Kids Night, game night

June 19, 6 P: Kids Night

July 10, 6 P: Kids Night

July 12, 6 P: Kids Night

July 17, 6 P: Kids Night

July 24, 6 P: Kids Night

July 31, 6 P: Kids Night August 2: Global Wildlife

August 3: Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks Youth

June 8, 6 P: Youth

June 14, 5 P: Youth Messy Games

June 29-July 5: Passport Camp

July 13, 6 P: Youth July 20, 6 P: Youth

July 27, 6 P: Youth

August 2: Global Wildlife

August 3: Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks

your place

Entire Congregation

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"Somebody's Watching"

ber the 1980s song by Rockwell that goes, "I always feel like my sermon last Sunday, I told a story told by a grandmother whose grandson had started wearing aftershave lotion. He was only eight years old, but his schoolteacher said the scent was so strong, it was all she could do to stay in the classroom with him! When asked why the boy had started wearing aftershave lotion, the grandmother replied that he had been watching his father, who puts it on everyday after he shaves.

year, my son was accepted into a program at his school called Thesis. He would spend his last two years in high school researching a topic of his interest, about which he would write a major paper (Thesis) and deliver as a Ted Talk before students, faculty, administration, and parents. He that had been stirring in him for years, manifesting at times as a new language he had written, the study of a foreign language (often an obscure language), studies of ancient cultures, and a focus on modern-day Eastern European history, cultures, and languages. As the day of his lecture approached, I asked him what he thought was the reason for his interests in foreign and ancient languages and cultures. He said, "Do you remember

Some of you will remem- years ago, when I was a little kid, you used to play that music CD vou brought home from Lebasomebody's watching me ..." In non? And I would be in the back seat of the car when you played the Lebanese music?"

> On Sunday, I made the point that, in order to know what our father - or mother - does or says, we have to spend time with them, live close to them, pay attention to them. Often, such intimacy is revealed by imitation - a child imitating her mother or father, a student imitating his teacher or professor, an apprentice imitating her mentor, a fan imitating his favorite athlete or During his sophomore singer. Wearing what they wear, talking the way they talk, singing the way they sing, and so on.

Jesus spoke about such intimacy between Himself and His "Father" that if you were to see Him, you would also see God. To hear Jesus and to witness his actions was to hear God and see God. Furthermore, it developed his paper from a topic would manifest as imitation. In John 17, Jesus prayed that future believers, like us, would live so closely with God that we, too, would imitate God in word and deed.

> "I always feel like somebody's watching me." Who is watching us . . . as we are watching God? Are we?

> > Dr. Ezell

GET INVOLVED



LLL

LLL is trying to see if there is interest in going on a motorcoach trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum. We would go in the spring of 2026. Cost \$950. 10 meals: 6 breakfast and 4 dinners. 7-days 6-night. Office has brochures. If you might be interested, please let church office know. We will have a meeting in August to answer all your questions if enough interested.

The Rise and Fall of Biblical Isreal

Join us on Thursdays in Common Grounds Cafe from 10A-11P beginning May 22, for an eight-session series on the history of the rise and fall of biblical Israel. This video series will be led by Dr. Joel Baden, Professor of Hebrew Bible at Yale Divinity School. It is open to any and all interested but is also in conjunction with our current Bible Study on "How the Bible Was Made." For more information, please contact Dr. Ezell in the Church Office.

Rare Opportunity: Learn Hebrew!

"Introduction to Hebrew" Sundays from 4-6pm (with a break). Please bring paper and a pen/pencil and join us in the Church Conference Room. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Ezell in the Church Office.

MINISTRY OUTREACH

Woodleigh for rehab Bill Parker

Home from the Hospital Johnnie Faye Goodwin

Surgery Barbara Dasch

BR Healthcare Facility Hildred Olson

Diaper Drive

Together for Hope in Lake Providence is having a diaper drive. They are in need of diaper (new born-size 8); pull ups (2T-3T, 3T-4T, 4T-5T); wipes; tampons; pads; and pantie liners. If you would like to donate please bring to the church office.

Southeast Ministries

To support SE Ministries they are asking for donations of jelly. Donations may be delivered to the church office, SE Ministries barrels or SE Ministries location.

Let the Little Children Come

Extended Session Volunteers

We are asking for volunteers to help with extended session on Sunday mornings during service to help care for and serve our small children. We need 1-2 volunteers each Sunday to serve on a rotational basis. Contact the office to sign up!

