

# **Cardboard Testimonies**



If you missed it, you can view the presentation on FBC Ramsey Facebook or YouTube.

Newsletter, May 2021



## **From Pastor Jeff**

"Summoning His disciples, He said to them, I assure you: This poor widow has put in more than all those giving to the Temple treasury." ~ Mark 12:43

Last month in our daily Bible readings, we came across a story which has always fascinated me for some reason. Jesus and the disciples are outside of the Temple courts and the people are gathering to go in and worship. The scene is a typical Sabbath day as the Pharisees, Sadducees, and religious leaders have their entourage and they create attention so everyone can see the bags of money they are putting into the tithe boxes for the temple treasury.

All of a sudden Jesus is absolutely <u>amazed</u>. So much so, that He tracks down His disciples and makes them observe what is happening. Jesus is completely astonished, not at the spectacle of the show of the religious leaders, but rather of the *humble, meager gift of a poor widow*.

She slowly makes her way to the tithe box and puts in what we would consider as pretty much worthless. (value would be less than a penny) No one would have even noticed her at all, I mean who is she and what good is that really going to do the Temple?

Jesus points out a couple things here. 1. It's not the monetary value of the offering that counts. We get hung up on numbers and assign importance to a higher number, but Jesus doesn't care. 2. They gave what they could afford. She gave all she had. She sacrificed in obedience. Her heart was not about the numbers but the One she was giving it to. This was an absolute *demonstration of trust*. And Jesus noticed!

This should remind us to give what we have to the Lord. And I am not just talking about tithes and offerings, but also of time, talents, and effort. Are we giving to the point that it makes Jesus hunt down some people and take notice? I pray I am, and I pray that you will too.

Following Him,

Jeff





Brooke Benhoff
Brooke plans to attend
LakeLand College then transfer
to a university to study
Agriculture Education and
become an Ag teacher and
FFA advisor.



Addison Eddy
Addison will be attending
LakeLand College on a
Presidential Scholarship,
majoring in Psychology.



Chloe Hill
Chloe plans to attend
LakeLand College, transfer to
SIUE to study Clinical
Psychology and get a job at a
big hospital.

## **Class of 2021**



Cade Schackmann

Cade plans to take a year off after high school, get a job, help his Grandpa, and then attend LakeLand College for Radio/TV

Broadcasting.

We wish our graduates the best and will be praying for you as you begin this new chapter in life!



Cheyenne Summerlott
Cheyenne is undecided at this time.

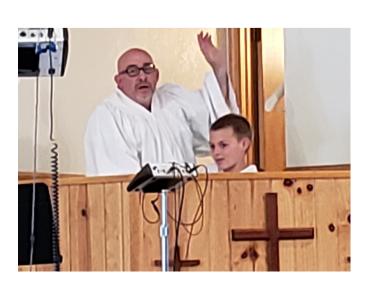
### **From Pastor Andrew**

Spring is here with summer quickly approaching. The dessert auction raised \$2,900 for the youth mission trip! I am amazed by the faithful support and generosity in our church family. On behalf of all the youth and parents, I want to thank all who donated and helped pull the lunch and desserts together. It is a blessing to serve in a church so eager to make the gospel known and willing to come together to make it happen.

The youth have been enjoying LIT at our home the past few weeks and we have concluded our character studies through Genesis. The youth mission trip is still in need of an adult leader for meal prep. If you are interested in helping with meals or joining us on the mission trip please contact me (Pastor Andrew) at (618) 699-8602. \*\*If you have a student planning to join the mission trip, please attend the meeting with them after church on May 23rd in the gym.

The children did great at the Easter Program as they helped me lead worship. The kids have been enjoying their time at Mission Kids and in Children's Church. We were all excited for Connor's baptism on Easter and filled with joy to have him as a brother in Christ. The last Mission Kids meeting will be May 5th with a trip to the Dairy Dee.

Welcome to our church family!
Connor Summerlott



#### **MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

1 Laura Hill

**4 Travis Elliott** 

7 Andrew & Jessica Runge

7 Becca Miller

**8 Koester Cook** 

9 Leah Miller

11 Diane Price

11 lazmvn Koski

11 Reece & Andrea Thoele

13 Madison Haves

14 Bill Eddy

15 Evelyn Sanders

15 Gene & Bev Daniels

15 Isaiah & Ashley Miller

15 Shanda Goldsmith

**16 Charlotte Beck** 

16 Kara Friesland

**18 Robin Hayes** 

22 Christy Jackson

23 Claude & Karen Willis

**24 Carol Roberts** 

**24 Cheyenne Summerlott** 

24 Jay & Laura Hill

24 Nolan Eddy

25 Chervl Staff

25 Don Price

**25 Gerald Casey** 

25 Tim & Christie Clark

26 Lila Christv

27 Sean McDonald

29 Kenny & Dolly Miller

29 Marshall Clark

**30 Andrew Lewis** 

**30 Loyette Brewer** 

# SAVE THE DATE Vacation Bible School June 7-11 More details later!



# OWN it 365 Reading Through the Bible Together

May 1 Leviticus 19

3 2 Peter 1

4 2 Peter 2

5 2 Peter 3

6 Romans 1

7 Romans 2

8 Psalm 19

10 Romans 3

11 Romans 4

12 Romans 5

13 Romans 6

14 Romans 7

15 Genesis 15

May 17 Romans 8

18 Romans 9

19 Romans 10

**20 Romans 11** 

21 Romans 12

22 Isaiah 53

**24 Romans 13** 

25 Romans 14 26 Romans 15

27 Romans 16

28 I Corinthians 1

29 Psalm 69

31 1 Corinthians 2



May 9th

MAY FOOD PANTRY

Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Canned Soup
Canned Tuna

Canned Chicken Canned Stew Dry Cereal

#### **SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP**

May 2nd @ 6pm
"Taco Night"
Church provides tortilla shells, meat,
toppings and drinks.
Bring a side dish or dessert.
Come join us for good food and
fellowship!

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[Sundays: SS 9am > Worship 10am > Bible Study 6pm]

MAY 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 Deacons' Mtg 5pm SNF 6pm	3	4	5 All activities 7pm	6	7	8
Mother's Day BCH Offering No service pm	10	11	Baccalaureate 7pm@school No activities	13	14	1.5
16 HS Graduation 3pm No service pm	17	18	19 Business Mtg 7pm	20	21	22
23 Church Council 7pm	24	25 8th grade Promotion 7pm	26 All Activities 7pm	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day Office closed	1	2	3	4	5