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*Our Mission
is to proclaim
the gospel of
Jesus Christ
and to serve all
people.*

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"Inspire"

What are you committed to? And by commit I mean: "to pledge or obligate one's own self," (as defined by the free online dictionary.) Do you find it important to commit? Is it possible to have too many commitments?

I think these are good questions worth considering. On the one hand it would be easy to say, "No. Commitment is no big deal. I want to enjoy as much of life as possible while I am here, so why tie myself down to one person, one church, one group etc." And you know, there is a part of me that "gets" that. My bohemian or gypsie soul wants to wander; however, I have learned in life that I don't really find fulfillment and enjoyment without some level of commitment.

And while there are so many directions from which I could discuss this issue of commitment (ie relationships, church, civic groups etc) I will stick for now with being committed to God. The reason I will do so is because I believe that if you are living a life that

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 15th

9:40 a.m. Elders
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

Monday, August 16th

8:30 a.m. Christian Yoga

"Commit"

is committed to God and you look to God in all things then you will make the right decisions regarding commitments to other people and to other organizations. I also believe that you will not get overwhelmed with commitments because if you are truly listening to God then you will hear God advise you to seek balance, so you can give the best of yourself to all those who you seek to be committed to.

In the 24th chapter of the book of Joshua in the Bible Joshua tells the people to choose who they will be committed to. He says, ¹⁴ "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and

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my household, we will serve the LORD."

Joshua's statement is an enormous one. He is telling all of those who are looking to him for guidance and his family that his family will serve the LORD. I wonder, do you have the guts to make this statement to your friends and family? When people are pulling you in all different directions because of their own needs and desires are you able to say, "Where is the LORD in the midst of all this? Let's begin there in our decision making?"

I hope that throughout your week you will think about what you are truly committed to. What do you use as your guide when making decisions? Do you feel grounded or do you feel off kilter?

As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD!

Susan



Pastor Susan will be gone August 16th through the 19th.

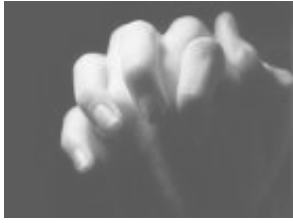
Thursday, August 19th

6:00 p.m. Board
8:00 p.m. Christian Yoga

Sunday, August 22nd

9:40 a.m. Elders
10:00 a.m. Worship

Prayers: Joys and Concerns



Sarah Unrein Lawrence, granddaughter of Hayes and Jane Holloway, is very ill and in Poudre Valley Hospital.

Gene Uhler had knee surgery. He's had some unexpected complications and needs prayers for healing.

Brunie Maylor (Peni Carson's friend) - brain Tumor, had surgery, but a portion of the tumor re-

mains.

Regan Murray (25 years old from Holyoke) has esophageal cancer.

Joshua Frank, 15 years old, malignant tumor, pressing against his heart.

Ted Tomes (friend of the Lindstroms) was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Bonnie Gross's son's wife's grandma, has bone marrow cancer.

Continued prayers for:

Ryan Miller , Koy McClanahan, Greg Davis

Kelly Hartman, daughter of **Carol Graybill, Carol and Paul Leightsey**, friends of Peni Carson, **Melissa**

Craddock, Russ Johnson,

Jeremy Hobbie, Elaine Lampley, Brian Sessions,

Harriet Kerndt, (Pat Crough's sister from Salida),

Lon Dickerson, Suzie

Mauler, Lindsay Boerner,

Starla Reed and her boys.

Daily Time with God



August 13th	Psalms	96-98
August 14th	Psalms	99-102
August 15th	Psalms	103-104
August 16th	Psalms	105-106
August 17th	Psalms	107-108
August 18th	Psalms	109-111
August 19th	Psalms	112-115

Sermon Schedule

August 15th

Reverend Susan Barton

Sermon Title: Commit

Sermon Scripture: Joshua 24:14-15,
I Corinthians 15:58

Thank You Ladies!



Thank you to the ladies of the CWF Executive Board for the wonderful Ladies Night Out! The food was delicious and the conversation stimulating. Again thank you for everything. Nothing could spoil it, even the rain!

Patty Ingraham, Evangelism Chair

Water Booth

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone that helped the 4 days of the water booth: Gene Russell, Boyd Glennen, Marty Royle, Gene Uhler, Stephen May, Joe Russell, A.J. Sonnenberg who put the tent up and took it down; Joe Russell, Nena Russel and Jennie Ferrel for delivering water and ice to the horse show; to everyone who signed up to work the 4 days; Marv Ferdig for picking up and filling jugs of water and Pastor Susan for being on call for ice. Could never have done it without everyone's help. This is how things get accomplished by everyone working together.

THANKS AGAIN!!!

Patty Ingraham, Evangelism Chair



Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastor relations committee will not meet again till sometime in September.

Frances Mason, Chair of Pastor Relations Committee

Pool Party!

Join us for one last splash before school starts.

Meet us at the Sterling Recreation Center on **August 24th** from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Cost for swimming is **\$1.75** for youth and **\$2.50** for adults.

Tammy Sonnenberg, , Membership Committee



Prayer Reminder

Keep the children and faculty in your prayers as they head back to school **August 25th**. Let's make this a good school year!



Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible study group will start **Monday, September 13th**. We will meet at **9:00 a.m.** in the parlor and as always, please bring a friend.

The Ladies

Navajo Mission Trip Update

I have had 18 people confirm that they will be going on our mission trip in September! We will leave **Wednesday, September 22** and come home on **Sunday, September 26**.

Please begin praying for our group's preparations now and continue praying for our safe travel and the work we will do.

If you would like send us off with well wishes, letters of encouragement, cookies for the road etc. please let me know.....that would be an awesome way to show your support of the ministry this group will be doing in Christ's name!

Pastor Susan



Serving Schedule for Sunday, August 15th

Elders: Boyd Glennen (Out)

Marty Royle & Maxine McFarland (In)

Deacons: Sandy VanDusen (Out)

Rita Sonnenberg & Dorothy Schreyer (In)

Marv & Pam Ferdig (In)

Lay Leader: Cynthia May

Guest book: Phyllis Jones

Children's Moment: Nena Russell

Greeters: Audrey Brownell

Acolytes: Josh Barton & Zachary Karg

Soundboard: Stephen May

Bread Baker: Dorothy Schreyer

Preparing Deacon: Dorothy Schreyer

Working Pews: The Worship Committee

Ushers: Margaret Bailey & Phyllis Jones



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