

*God reigns
over the nations.*



PSALM 47:8, ESV

From the Pastor's Desk

I have used the verse or should I say God has used this verse in my life on many occasions and circumstances. Sometimes when I have been jealous of another's success. Several times when I was developing a plan to make life move more rapidly toward my goal. Numerous times when I was dissatisfied with how someone else handled a situation and I was excited to set things straight. Basically, all the times I wanted to take control of things and do them my way.

The verse? Matthew 6:33 "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need."

I am quite sure the Spirit just now reminded some of you of several times he has used this scripture in the same way in your life. Praise the Lord, His word is still powerful and effective.

Right now this verse is guiding me as we look at how we are doing ministry at The Little White Church. It is noticed by all that there are quite a few new faces around here in the past year. God has been doing a unique work in creating new friendships and spiritual partners for our life journey. We have made numerous changes as we coped with Covid. Much of this involved creating an on-line presence and live-streaming our services. Now we make the move to two services, at least for the summer. In all these changes we as staff and leadership talk about what God is doing and how do we best represent him to our congregation and community. We have often spoken about our focus being Jesus. We desire our worship to focus on Jesus. Our messages use His Word to point us to how we better trust and obey Him.

We are well aware that we do this imperfectly but together we refine and encourage one another and keep pressing on. Each of us is called to "seek His Kingdom" personally, in our daily lives and activities and then come together to "seek His Kingdom and His righteousness" as a body/family.

With this new step we will have some challenges, but Jesus remains our focus and strength. Pray often that as His family we will see Jesus clearly so we can follow Jesus faithfully and serve Jesus diligently. Then, His promise is that our other needs and concerns will be met.

Praise to Jesus, Pastor Dennis

Youth Events

Summer Mission Trip

"Forgotten Ministries"

Enid, OK

June 7th - 11th

Cost: \$200 + \$ for 4-6 travel meals

We will be working with "Forgotten Ministries"
to minister to the community of Enid
and learn skills and Evangelical
techniques to reach our own community.

More info - Email: benlarsentlwc@hotmail.com



MARS unplugged

High School Youth
Sundays 6:30 pm

Have You Met....?

Adult Name(s): Clay & Marci

Children Name(s) and Ages: Wilder Jane (4) & Pearl (1 on May 9th)

How did you come to be at The Little White Church and how long have you been attending?

Clay: My family moved to Custer from Mariposa, California in 1994. Some friends (the Harvey family) who had moved here before us invited us to attend Little White Church with them.

Marci: When I moved to Hill City in 2007 the first people I met were the folks on the Young Life committee...the Walkers, Wiederholds, & Grovers. They invited me to attend and I never left.



How long have you lived in the Black Hills?

Clay: Since 1994, with the exception of six years when I lived in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Marci: I grew up in Rapid City and moved to Hill City in 2007.

List some jobs or careers you have had over the years?

Clay: Pizza tosser, barista, government intern, florist, Young Life staff, newspaper stuffer, wax museum manager.

Marci: Medical assistant, Young Life staff, coffee roaster, Granite Sports digital manager, mom!

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What is a spiritual story/testimony you would like to share?

Clay: The story of my walk with the Lord is one of him patiently and gently teaching me to place my trust in him for the things I cannot control or understand. He's brought me through some very challenging periods of crippling anxiety and depression and taught me that he is the only solid rock that is unshakeable throughout life's trials.

Marci: Growing up in the Church I thrived on being a rule follower and a "good kid." I was pretty sure that while I needed Jesus for my initial salvation, I could handle my sanctification on my own. But Jesus has been so gracious and kind to show me over and over, more and more, the depth of my own insufficiency and my need for him. He is using motherhood, especially, to teach me how sweet it is to abide in and rely on him - moment by moment.

In what ways have you been involved in ministry or serving over the years?

Clay: Youth ministry, leading worship, & audio visual volunteer.

Marci: Youth ministry & leading worship.

If you could only use one word to describe God, it would be...

Clay: truth

Marci: all-sufficient

What biblical figure best describes you and why? Clay AND Marci: Moses...because we have both frequently doubted our abilities for the tasks and roles God has called us to. But where he calls, he equips!

Want to be featured in "Have you met...??"

Email Stephanie at office@thelittlewhitechurch.net

Between the BookENDS

From Garden to Kingdom

God said, 'Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.'

Genesis 1:29 ESV

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:9-11 ESV

Some children books new to our library:

101 Questions Children Ask About God by David Veerman

102 Questions Children Ask About the Bible by David Veerman

Covenant Creek Kids: #2 Memorial Day with Granddaddy Meeks

by Whitney White

How Great is Our God by Lou Giglio

Indescribable by Lou Giglio

Night of the Long Knives by Hugh Steven

Some books new to our library:

Boundaries in Marriage by Dr. Henry Cloud

God Will Make a Way by Dr. Henry Cloud

The Way of the Wild Heart by John Eldredge

My Final Word by Charles Colson

Fountain Creek Chronicles Series by Tamara Alexander

Timber Ridge Reflections Series by Tamara Alexander

The Restoration Chronicles by Lynn Austin

To the Ends of the Earth by T. Davis Bunn

Underground Zealot Series by Jerry Jenkins

Return to Red River Series by Lauraine Snelling

The Sacrifice by Robert Whitlow

and lots more

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Between the BookENDS

Some CDs new to our library:

The Seed Principle by Tony Evans

Seasons of Grace #1&2 by Beverly Lewis

Creation, Judgment, Redemption by Alex McFarland and Bert Harper

Vanishing Grace by Philip Yancey

Some DVDs new to our library:

90 Minutes in Heaven

A Rush of Hope by Greg Laurie

Coexist by Erwin Lutzer

David and Goliath

Exit by Living Waters

George Washington, Man of Providence

Grace Card

Hermie & Friends: Skeeters and Mystery of the Last

Mosquito Treasure

I Still Believe

In His Image by AFA

Like Arrows

Overcomer

Persecuted

The Chosen – Season One

The Reliant

Tortured for Christ by VOM

and more...

Thank you for all the donations!

May Librarians: Pam Fowler and Millie Holle

Focus on Missions– BOLT

BOLT completes first year

BOLT, the after-school children's club under the umbrella of Pioneer Clubs, came to a close at the end of April with a meal and special program to acknowledge the accomplishments of children grades K-5. BOLT stands for Bible-centered, Outreach focused, Life skills learned and Transformation experienced. Despite the normal challenges of a first-year program, the leaders welcomed children who were excited to come each week and experience activities associated with the Bible, life-skills and games.

The elementary children were accompanied by two adult volunteers every Wednesday as they walked from the school to the Little White Church. After a snack, these children were ushered into the sanctuary for an opening, scripture memory, music and a Bible Story, told by Becki Groven. Then they were divided according to age, and went to either small group Bible time, games or life-skills.

The five Bible story units during the past year were: Who is God?, Unwrapping Christmas, Who is Jesus?, Putting God First and Easter. Children worked on several passages of scripture associated with the units, repeating the passages each week, sometimes learning them through special songs.

Life skills units were: Outdoor Cooking, Baking, Secret Codes, First Aid and Woodworking. Many knowledgeable, capable leaders from within the church were enlisted to give of their time and energy to teach the children valuable life skills.

During the course of the year, the average number of children each week was 38, with 25 percent coming from the Little White Church and 75 percent from the larger Hill City community. Involved regularly in the planning and teaching were Becki Groven, Sarah Walker, Cindy Dusing, Jacque Pernel, Lynn Edwards, Sherry Liddell, Kim Herman, John Bandel, Cole Kosmala, Carol Walker, Lauren, Jessica and Elise Row, Gavin Nonnast and Ben Schock.

Cindy Dusing commented, "The leaders have done an amazing job of sharing God's love with our elementary kids. Our prayer is that all the kids would know how much God loves them, and desire to follow Him."

Summer Camps

Kids...Get ready for summer camp!

The Little White Church provides a campership program to help our kids go to Rainbow Bible Ranch this summer.



Upon completion of our Campership Application the camper will have \$100 paid towards his or her Ranch Camp fees (ages 8-16) or \$50 towards Little Rancher's Camp fees (ages 6-7).

In addition, if your child completes a Campership Packet, which includes Bible studies, Bible verse memorization and doing a service project, they can earn a total \$225 towards Ranch Camp fees or a total of \$75 towards Little Rancher's Camp fees.

Pick up applications on the table by the bulletin board.

See Cindy Dusing for Campership Packets.

All applications and packets are due by June 1, 2021



**The Native Summer camps are scheduled for
June 21-24 (Boys) & July 5-9 (Girls).**

There will be a need of a lot of volunteers to be able to provide a good camp experience for these kids, from cooking meals, being with them on outings, drivers, staying with them at nights in the tents, and just being with them to show the love of Jesus that we have for them.

There will be a need for people to help setup and tear down the teepees and getting the camp sites setup, mowing grass setting up cook tents and a host of other tasks.

For more information or to volunteer contact Jeff Liddell, Doug Hamm or Ron Walker. Or email Stephanie at office@thelittlewhitechurch.net.

Halleluyah to the King of kings!

The brochure from a performance of Handel's Messiah said that King George was so moved by the Halleluyah Chorus that he jumped to his feet; of course, everyone else stood; beginning the tradition that audiences stand during the Halleluyah.



It would be perfect to praise the LORD with Handel's music before and after the feast that God is preparing for us.

From the writings of Isaiah: In Jerusalem, the LORD Almighty will spread a wonderful feast for everyone around the world. It will

be a delicious feast of good food, with clear, well-aged wine and choice beef. In that day He will remove the cloud of gloom, the shadow of death that hangs over the earth. He will swallow up death forever! The Sovereign LORD will wipe away all tears. He will remove forever all insults and mockery against His land and people. The LORD has spoken! *[the ultimate in making things right that God will accomplish]*

In that day the people will proclaim, "This is our God. We trusted in Him and He saved us. This is the LORD, in whom we trusted. Let us rejoice in the salvation He brings." For the LORD's good hand will rest on Jerusalem.

In that day everyone in the land of Judah will sing this song:

Our city is now strong! We are surrounded by the walls of God's salvation. Open the gates to all who are righteous; allow the faithful to enter. You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in You, whose thoughts are fixed on You. Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD God is the eternal Rock. *[the righteous and the faithful are described in the last two lines; the ones who trust in the LORD, the eternal Rock]*

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Church Body Updates



Birthdays

5-1 Patty Feddersen
3rd Anna Dean
9th Pearl King
13th Daniel Ferraro
14th Joanie Boone
14th Ethan Walker
16th Anne Case
19th Georgie Neff
22nd Dick Kessler
23rd Kathy Hales
23rd Kim Bell
25th Lorena Freis
25th Brenen Brown
26th Kendal Kolb
27th Keith Hayes
29th Lonnie Feddersen



Anniversaries

5th Pete & Alisha Kolb
(14 years)
6th Jim & Joyce Roth
(14 years)
7th Mark & Denise Nay
(40 years)
11th John & Verona Klimek
(19 years)
19th Jarod & Becki Groven
(20 years)
22nd Ron & Jenny Hiller
(17 years)
26th John & Ginger Olson
(48 years)
26th Chuck & Jenny Ferraro
(20 years)
27th Michael & Kelly Miller
(15 years)
30th Andrew & Janelle Schock
(17 years)

It's time for a new church directory!

Please email a picture of you/your family to Stephanie at
office@thelittlewhitechurch.net

OR see her on Sunday to get a picture taken! Thanks for your help!

Announcements



*On May 16th we will switch over to two services for the summer months!
Services will be held at 8 am & 10 am, with a Fellowship Time in between!
There is NO Sunday School in the summer*

Hill City Young Life Dessert Banquet will be held on
Monday, May 3rd from 6:53-8 pm at High Country Guest Ranch.
Please RSVP by April 30th by emailing abihaapanen@gmail.com.

SHE-Brews (Women's Coffee & Fellowship) is held on the second Saturday of
each month from 10-11 am. All ladies are welcome to join us on Saturday,
May 8th!

Black Hills Spring Revival—Uplifting evening of music & testimonials
Wednesday, May 19th from 4:30-7:30 pm at 25148 Bear Rock Rd, Custer
FREE hot dogs & sloppy joes — Bring a lawn chair or blanket!

NEW Summer Women's Bible Study! Relationship by Robert Morris, is a 10
week study of how you can grow deeper in your relationship with God as you
discover His heart behind the Ten Commandments.
Study begins May 26th and will be held on Wednesdays at 10 am.
Please sign up by the bulletin board!

Celebrate Recovery Children's Program Assistant Needed!
Must be a believer in Jesus Christ & be interested in Recovery & Teaching
Healthy Coping Skills to Children. Must have background check and LWC
Children's Program paperwork completed. Times needed would be Tuesdays
from 6:30-8:30 pm. Assistant can come early and eat with the CR group
also. Small stipend paid weekly. Please contact Stephanie in the office or
Alan & Annie Case if you are interested!

We are in need of Nursery Attendants! Please sign up by the bulletin board
if you are interested. You may need to have a background check done if you
have never served in a children's leader capacity. See Stephanie Larsen
if you need one done!

National Day of Prayer—May 6th, 2021

LORD POUR OUT YOUR LOVE, LIFE, AND LIBERTY

2 Corinthians 3:15: "*Now the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*"

Across the nation there will be thousands of events with millions of people fervently praying this year's theme: Lord, Pour Out Your LOVE, LIFE and LIBERTY!

LOVE that should never be underestimated or wrongly defined by what we have in mind or what we have experienced in 'earthly love.' LOVE that is not merely emotion, but that should set us in motion. Not fueled by earthly desires but eternal destinies that are at stake.

LIFE that is a gift of God, that we live not for ourselves but for Him and others. LIFE that is valued and treasured, LIFE that we ultimately give back to Him as a gift. LIFE that we recognize as sacred and holy, whether young or old, born or unborn. LIFE that is abundant and eternal.

LIBERTY that Jesus came to give. Not just freedoms in America, but true LIBERTY for all who are in bondage to sin and death. LIBERTY that breaks every chain and shackle, that turns our painful memories into praise-filled miracles!

TRUE LOVE, LIFE AND LIBERTY as designed and defined by God alone.

Last year at this time everything was shutting down, but we did not stop praying. We held prayer walks and virtual gatherings. Our nation needs MORE prayer! Pray for unified public prayer for America on this First Thursday in May and beyond! The National Day of Prayer is celebrating 70 years – seven decades of prayer for America, pressing into each day and the coming decades MORE FERVENTLY, knowing the challenges for our nation are INCREASING, not decreasing!

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National Day of Prayer—May 6th, 2021

Imagine what our nation would look like if God's people had not been praying. From the beginning, prayer has been woven into the very fabric of our nation ... it has been the thread that God has used to knit us together and to hold our nation together. Now imagine America without prayer – weary hearts tattered and torn into silence. We are the ones who are called to mend the fraying fabric of our culture, by appealing to our God who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above what we can even ask or think!

YES, there will be a National Observance in Washington, D.C. (limited by Capitol and Covid restrictions), which will be small, but It will be virtual at 8pm ET livestreamed on the NDP website and also on partner TV stations: God TV, TLN.

https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/2021_national_observance

YES, **our community** will be gathering in prayer for our nation and community! Please look for the posters and plan to join us at The Little White Church at noon for prayer and complementary lunch and/or at St Rose of Lima Catholic Church (5:00pm potluck supper, 6:00 prayer service). There will also be posted signs around Hill City so you can walk and pray individually, in groups, or drive to various sites. Maps and prayer ideas will be available at the churches. See you on May 6th – let's pray together!!

Submitted by Lynda Pringle



Newsletter Newsletter

Memorial Day

Is it enough to think today
Of all our brave, then put away
The thought until a year has sped?
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song
And deck a grave; and all year long
Forget the brave who died that we
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,
That we who live give heart and soul
To keep the land they died to save,
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

—Annette Wynne



Happening This Month!

May 6th

National Day of Prayer

May 9th

Mother's Day

May 16th

Hill City Graduation

May 31st

Memorial Day

Look ahead

“The spirit of complaint is born out of an unwillingness to trust God with today,” says Priscilla Shirer. “Like the Israelites, it means you are spending your time looking back toward Egypt or wishing for the future, all the while missing what God is doing right now.”



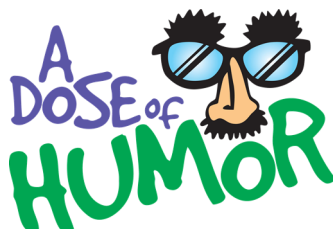
READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

Week 41 □ Jer 27, 28, 29, 24; James 4 □ Jer 37, 21, 34; Psalm 79; James 5 □ Jer 30-33; 1 Peter 1 □ Jer 38, 39, 52; 1 Pet 2 □ 2 Kin 24-25; 2 Chr 36; Ps 126; 1 Pt 3

Week 42 □ Lamentations; Psalm 137; 1 Peter 4 □ Obadiah; Jer 40-42; Ps 147; 1 Pet 5 □ Jer 43, 44, 46; 2 Pet 1 □ Jer 47, 48, 49; Ps 80; 2 Pet 2 □ Jer 50-51; 2 Pet 3

Week 43 □ Ezekiel 1-3; John 1 □ Ezek 4-6; Psalm 82; John 2 □ Ezek 7-9; John 3 □ Ezek 10-12; Psalm 83; John 4 □ Ezek 13-15; Psalm 136; John 5

Week 44 □ Ezekiel 16-18; John 6 □ Ezek 19-21; Psalm 84; John 7 □ Ezek 22-24; Psalm 134; John 8 □ Ezek 25-27; Psalm 85; John 9 □ Ezek 28-30; John 10



At our weekly Bible study, the leader asked an elderly gentleman, Walt, to open the meeting with prayer.

Walt did so in a soft voice.

Another man, straining to hear, shouted, “I can’t hear you!”

Walt replied, “I wasn’t talking to you.” —



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