

We are a church with one mission: to grow followers of Jesus through grateful worship, genuine community, and generous service to each other and our world. We believe by loving God and loving people we can have an impact that really matters, and would like to tell you more about that. If you are interested in being a part of what God is doing with us, or just have some questions, **fill out the contact card** or ask the person next to you. **Please feel free to call or email too if you have any questions.**

FAMILY NEWS AND NOTES

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GOD'S FAMILY TIMES

BIBLE CLASSES
Building—9:30 am Sunday

WORSHIP
Building—10:30 am Sunday

GROWTH GROUPS
Suspended for the summer
To resume in September
Grose's -- 6 p.m. Sunday
Irwin's -- 6 p.m. Sunday

BIBLE CLASSES
Building—7 pm Wednesday

Family Picnic: Sunday August 27th at Blue Spruce Park; Pavilion 4 (on the right) after services.

Thanks to Orpha and Sam for hosting the ice cream social last night.

Don Baker has volunteered to take over Ron Duriez's duties of scheduling men to serve for worship services on Sunday morning and Wednesday night. Let's give him our full support and thanks.

Trina (Hill) Flamm is asking for donations of old towels and washcloths. Please see Trina if you can help.

The Fasanyas will be moving to a new unfurnished apartment later this month. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board if you can donate any item(s) that are still needed. Sally Duriez is also taking monetary contributions to buy them 2 new mattresses. You can't image how much this is appreciated. Thank you all.

If you would like to attend and/or host a "meet and greet" for Mayleen Niehenke please sign up on the bulletin board. Two options are available: one for couples (which will include Bruce) and one for ladies only. Get-togethers will be in September through November if there is enough interest. Details of when and where will follow.

Happy Birthday

8/5 Emma Sesock
8/9 Larry Kruszka
8/10 Brenda Antonio
8/15 Doris Ruffner

Happy Anniversary

8/6 Jim & Sharon Yurky
8/10 Cliff & Vera Brown
8/16 Gary & Regina Minser
8/20 Henry & M.J. George

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

NOTES:

Family have now moved to North Africa from Lyon, France. Pray for a smooth transition into their ministry there.

Asylum request to be granted and for the girls as they are in the USA and father. Also for Ezekiel as he is in Nigeria without his wife and

FAMILY MATTERS

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Wise Words from a Rabbi

As long as there have been chase scenes – think Keystone Kops or Indiana Jones – movie heroes have been caught straddling danger while trying to get from one vehicle to another.

Inevitably, the road splits and the hero has to make a decision.

Religious believers now face a similar challenge after decades of bitter conflict in the postmodern world, said Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, in a recent lecture at the Chautauqua Institution in southwestern New York State.

For a long time, "we were able to have our feet in society and our head in religion, or the other way around. ... But today the two cars are diverging and they can't be held together any longer," said Sacks, who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 2005 and made a life peer in the House of Lords.

It's an agonizing dilemma that reminded the rabbi of a classic Woody Allen quote: "More than any other time in history, mankind faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness; the other to total extinction. Let us pray we have the wisdom to choose correctly."

Truth is, there's no way to escape the Internet, which Sacks called the greatest economic, political and social revolution since the invention of the printing press.

"I sum it up in a single phrase – cultural climate change," said Sacks, who from 1991-2013 led the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth. "It's not so much a matter of more religion or less religion, because the truth is that both are happening at once. ... The result is a series of storms in the West and even more elsewhere in the Middle East, in Asia and Africa."

For four centuries, European and American elites wrongly assumed the world would get "What we are seeing, and what we haven't seen for four centuries, is not religion as accommodation, but religion as resistance. It's not religion making its peace with the world, religion opposing the world, challenging the world or simply withdrawing from the world," said Sacks.

The rabbi stated his thesis again: "Half of the world is getting less religious and half of the world is getting more religious and the tension between them is growing day by day."

This crisis can be seen, he said, in renewed debates about moral philosopher Alasdair MacIntyre's 1984 book "After Virtue" and commentary linked to it, such as "The Benedictine