

# A Church that equips you to be “Faithful & Fruitful.”



## Pastor's Patriotic Ponderings...

If you spend any time reading, watching, or listening to the mainstream press, you might ask the question, “HAS AMERICA LOST ITS MIND?!” Violence in our streets, public crude language, homosexuality on proud display, transgender promotion, protection of abortion, public officials encouraging us to break our laws...only to name a few things that cause us to loudly ask once again, “HAS AMERICA LOST ITS MIND!?”

Maybe a better question is, “Has America lost its heart?” Some say that the heart of America is its people -- if that is true then the heart of America has turned away from God, because so many of our people have turned away from God. A new Gallup poll, “Values & Belief,” conducted in May found that America’s belief in God has continue to drop. In 1944 and in the 50’s & 60’s a consistent 98% stated a belief in God. In 2011 that number dropped to 92% -- in 2013 it dropped to 87% -- and now stands at 81%. More alarming are the ones who showed the largest declines. Belief in God was least likely among liberals (62% no big surprise) and young adults (68%). Ouch! Young adults! The ones that we are supposed to be mentoring / investing in / discipling with the gospel!! And this poll “decline” is only over the matter of a belief in God -- not to mention how that affects our view of Jesus, sin & evil, the depravity of mankind, our need for salvation, or how salvation is obtained!

Maybe the best question is, “Has America lost its fear of God?” It seems that so many are willing to “thumb their noses” (or display another finger) at God -- that is, if they even acknowledge that there is a God! Scripture reminds us over and over again how important it is to reverence God.

*Better is a little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble with it. (Prov.15:16)*

*The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, that one may turn away from the snares of death. (Prov.14:27)*

*The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm. (Prov.19:23)*

Believers, even though our picture of America seems dark right now, God is still in complete control and has great things in store for those who love Him! He is in the redeeming business! Give Him His rightful place in your heart & life and live to please & honor Him. Let 2Cor.7:1 be your aim -- *Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.*

One more encouragement: don’t idly sit by and let sin go unchallenged in our culture. Get fed up, stand up, and speak up. Don’t let violence rule the day...homosexuality be promoted without challenge...abortion “rights” be sold as valid...illegal activity considered legal...or civility be highjacked as abnormal. Over 60yrs ago President Kennedy falsely attributed a quote to parliamentarian Edmund Burke, but the quote has long stood as an ageless proverb -- “The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” Hey good men...women...children -- do something -- do everything you can to keep the fear / reverence of God before the hearts, minds, and lives of every American person! Most of all, share Jesus all you can -- after all, He is the only One who can change minds, hearts, and lives -- and heal our Land!

*Pastor Wade*



## CHURCH EVENTS

- July 10 Deacon's Meeting
- July 17 5PM Children's Camp Parent Meeting
- July 24-28 Children's Camp
- July 31 9:20 AM First Steps New Member Class

## FINANCIAL UPDATE: (7/1/2022)

Current Checkbook Bal	\$77,747.74
Designated Funds Bal.	\$11,998.21
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>\$65,747.53</b>
2022 YTD Total Giving Received	\$188,842.43
2022 YTD Total Giving Needed	\$176,965.62

### LADIES MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY AT 10:00

### "Steadfast Love" by Lauren Chandler

Psalm 107 is a call to worship. It reminds us that each season of life is an opportunity to reveal the anchor of our souls. In this 7-session Bible study from Lauren Chandler, learn to face each season of life with courage and trust in Jesus, and discover how tests in our journeys of faith reveal the true condition of our hearts.



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**ADVENTURE KIDS**  
MISSIONS JOURNEY CAMP

RIVERBEND  
JULY 24-28

*Splash*  
INTO SUMMER CAMP!

### CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE CAMP FOR BOYS & GIRLS.

A few campers are in need of financial assistance!  
If you could help sponsor a child, please see Scott or Tara.

**CAMP COST: \$240\* PER CAMPER**

All registration and camper forms are due on or before  
the camp parent meeting Sunday July 17 @ 5PM  
You can register at [bendcamper.org](http://bendcamper.org) camp code ak2022

We will leave for camp Sunday July 24, 1:00 pm (Lunch will be served 12-1:00)

# wow KIDS

- ✓ Bounce Party
- ✓ GAGA Ball
- ✓ Tour De Chru
- ✓ Swim Party
- ✓ Wacky Water War
- ✓ Nerf Battle
- ✓ Bowling
- ✓ Watermelon Games
- ✓ Worlds Largest Banana Split

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**6:30pm BEGINING**  
**JUNE 29**  
**THRU**  
**AUG 17**

**KIDS**  
PreK-6th

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