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JUNE

Blessed is the man that trusts in the Lord.  
Jeremiah 17:7

THE VISITOR

2026



HAPPY Father's Day

*Happy Father's Day to dads everywhere, including the ones up in heaven*

*The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.*

Proverbs 20:7



*That's why we live with such good cheer. You won't see us drooping our heads or dragging our feet! Cramped conditions here don't get us down. They only remind us of the spacious living conditions ahead. For we walk by faith not by sight – that's what keeps us going. Do you*

*suppose a few ruts in the road or rocks in the path are going to stop us? When the time comes, we'll be plenty ready to exchange exile for homecoming. 2nd Corinthians 5:6-8*

As you read this right now, I may not be close by but hiking on a trail. To guide us, we'll have a book and a trail app on my phone. But even with those aids, there will be times when the path doesn't agree with the tools and doesn't make sense. And during those times we will have to walk by something other than tangible signs.

At times, following Jesus is just that way as well. We'd like to always have traditions, preachers, and study guides to lead us every day – especially when facing hard decisions. All these can help.

But if we walk by faith, all we have at times are the loving promises God has made to His people and to us. Paul's words remind us – this promise is our joy. There is no reason to drag our feet. This is walking by faith and not by sight.

We can trust Him, even when we can't see the path we are on. Thanks be to God!

*Rodney*



*Come and experience worshipping the Savior together!*

*Every Sunday at 11:00 A.M.*

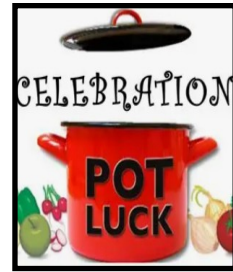
*We would love to have you!*



TASTE & SEE  
Bible Study Luncheon  
Wednesday, June 17 at 11:30 AM

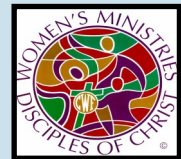
Come and join your friends and church family for a simple lunch as we dig in and study God's word over a delicious, simple lunch! Sign up in the Narthex. (There will be NO "Taste and See" in July)

## Summer Kick-Off Potluck Luncheon



Sunday, June 7 ~ 12:00 pm  
Downstairs Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to bring your favorite dish or delicious dessert to share as we enjoy a meal and fellowship together as a church family!



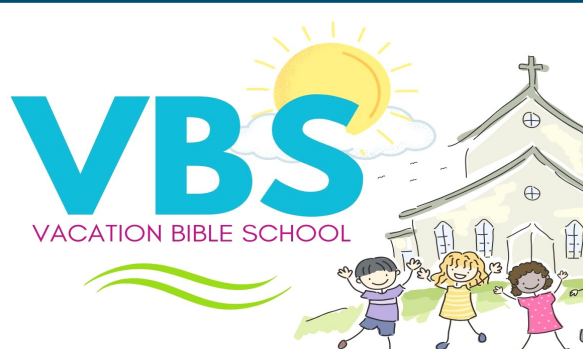
### CWF NEWS

Thank you to **everyone** who came out and helped with making the beautiful blankets that will be distributed through the WS Rescue Mission, Bethesda Center and the Salvation Army Center of Hope. A BIG thanks to Judy Gillespie in her efforts of heading up this project. The love and fellowship while making these blankets were truly a blessing and that blessing will be shared to others this Fall.

Our next CWF Meeting will be held on **June 16th at 6PM at the Sherwood Restaurant** located next to TJ Maxx in Winston Salem. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to come out and join us!



The Christian Men's Breakfast will be held on **Tuesday, June 23, at 9:00AM at Mama Zoe's Restaurant** on Reynolda Road. in Winston-Salem. ALL men are welcome to come and join us for a great time of food and fellowship!

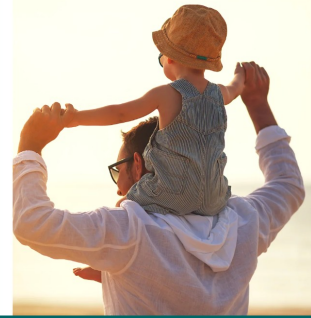


## SAVE THE DATE!

### Saturday, August 1st

### 9:30 AM ~ 1:30 PM

## The History of Father's Day



### Do you know how the recognition of Fathers even began?

In 1909, a Spokane, Washington resident by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd was listening to a Mother's Day sermon at her local church when she had the idea to try to establish a similar day to honor the hard-working fathers of the community.

Dodd was the daughter of a widower and Civil War veteran named, William Jackson Smart, who raised six children on his own after his wife died during childbirth.

She contacted local church groups, government officials, YMCAs, businesses, and other official entities, hoping to gather the community to recognize fathers around the state of Washington. The campaign Dodd embarked upon would eventually culminate in the first statewide Father's Day celebration.

While Father's Day always takes place on the third Sunday of June now, that date was actually a compromise after the original turned out to be unrealistic. Dodd's goal was for the holiday to be observed on June 5 to land on her father's birthday, but when the mayor of Spokane and local churches asked for more time to prepare for all the festivities involved, it was moved to the third Sunday in June, where it remains today. Officially, the first Father's Day celebration took place on June 19, 1910.

## Notes from Tim

HYMN STORY: Whispering Hope

*Whispering Hope* is a hymn composed in May 1868 by Septimus Winner from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who owned a music store and taught music lessons for various instruments. It was inspired by biblical themes of steadfast hope. He was a prolific composer, writing both sacred and secular songs like *Listen to the Mockingbird* and *Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?*

*Whispering Hope* also published in 1868 and is believed to be the last popular song Winner wrote. Interestingly, Winner did not originally intend it to be a religious hymn, but over time it became widely included in Christian hymnals. The hymn draws inspiration from biblical passages such as Hebrews 6:19, Hebrews 12:1, and 1 Thessalonians 5:8, emphasizing hope as an anchor for the soul and a source of comfort, light, and steadfastness.

The lyrics of *Whispering Hope* convey a gentle, comforting message. It portrays hope as a quiet, reassuring presence that encourages believers to persevere through trials, darkness, and sorrow, and emphasizes Christ's resurrection as the foundation of this hope, offering both spiritual comfort and an eternal vision:

*Soft as the voice of an angel,  
Breathing a lesson unheard,  
Hope with a gentle persuasion  
Whispers her comforting word:  
Wait till the darkness is over,  
Wait till the tempest is done,  
Hope for the sunshine tomorrow,  
After the shower is gone.*

Chorus: *Whispering hope, oh, how welcome thy voice,  
Making my heart in its sorrow rejoice.*

*If in the dusk of the twilight,  
Dim be the region afar,  
Will not the deepening darkness  
Brighten the glimmering star?  
Then when the night is upon us,  
Why should the heart sink away?  
When the dark midnight is over,  
Watch for the breaking of day.*

*Hope, as an anchor so steadfast,  
Rends the dark veil for the soul,  
Whither the Master has entered,  
Robbing the grave of its goal;  
Come then, oh, come, glad fruition,  
Come to my sad weary heart;  
Come, O Thou blest hope of glory!  
Never, O never depart.*

Blessings, Tim

## Prayer Requests

**Church Family:** Owen Clodfelter (great grandson of Steve & Betty Clodfelter), Bobby Joe "BJ" Carmichael, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

### Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell  
Faye Fincher: Jill Robertson's Aunt  
Carol Jean Hartman: Friend of the Fletcher's  
Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of

Helen Johnson

Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt

Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley

Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer

Darlene Stewart: Sister of Ann Fletcher

Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson

Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson

Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi

Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve &

Betty Clodfelter

Jean Wilkens: Friend of Shawn Widmyer

\*Lisa Winston: Friend of Connie Edwards in the unexpected death of her husband, Ben.

Please call the church office to add or remove someone's name from the Prayer List. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated. in our bulletin and newsletter publications.



### JUNE Worship Leaders

**Elder: Pam Backi**  
**Elder Backup: Judy Gillespie**  
**Communion: TBD**  
**Greeters: TBD**



The Crisis Control gift for the month of **June** is **Peanut Butter and Jelly**. Thank you, PCC, for your continued support of this local ministry.