

Ivy and Freedom Life Sustainment Team

The Sustainment Team consists of five members from Ivy and five from Freedom Life. They meet each month to discuss issues relative to the transition. We are in the process of forming the Operation Teams. The Ivy Sustainment Team



members are: Ruth Thomas, Peggy Wolfley, Bill Willshire, and Brian Williams. Please feel free to contact any of these members about any concerns or issues that will help advance the Kingdom of God through our partnership with Freedom Life.



August Missions Involvement

This month we are supporting
S.O.U.L. Project

The S.O.U.L. Project is collecting donations of school supplies in honor of the Back-To-School season. Financial donations are welcome, or people may place donated school supplies in the designated bins in the church foyer. Donations must be received by August 23 for distribution on the 26th.

We are collecting: large boxes of tissues, hand sanitizer, pencils/pens, spiral Notebooks, black/white composition books, wide ruled notebook paper, glue/glue sticks, colored pencils, scissors, yellow highlighters, 3 ring binders, notebook dividers, plastic folders with pockets and prongs

Giving Options!

Our online giving system is back and so much better than ever! Visit our website to give online. You can even give via TEXT or by scanning the QR code in Sunday's bulletin.



Text **IVYATCC** to **73256** to give to the Unified Budget using your text messaging. *Standard text messaging rates may apply.* If you have questions call the Office at 838-3107.

MINISTRY RESOURCES UNIFIED BUDGET

July 2018

Given this Month.....	\$28,929.77
Total Needed this Month to Meet Budget.....	\$30,498.84



Dear Ivy Family,

From time to time we all wish we could return to the way life was when we were children. For many of us, the world did not seem so cruel and harsh. The culture seemed more civil and neighborhoods were great places to grow up and raise families. We have fond memories of the way it used to be and often wish that our own children and grandchildren could grow up in the world that many of us grew up in.

We experience the same kinds of longings about church. My life is filled with transformative moments, vibrant worship services, a great youth group, and very fond memories of people and experiences. Churches in general were filled with people and the entire culture seemed to recognize the importance and significance of the church in the community. If it were possible to step through a magical door and re-enter that world, I imagine that many would step permanently back into that world.

It is clear to anyone that the world has drastically changed in our lifetime. Like all other institutions, churches have felt the dramatic shift in culture. Amid the many challenges that the church has faced, there is a great hope ahead of us. We cannot return to the mid and later twentieth century. However, in all of the cultural waves that we have endured since that time, a very unusual world has emerged. It is a world that in many ways looks far more like the first century than it does the twentieth century. The good news is that through the New Testament, we get a very good glimpse at the church in the first century.

What we clearly see is that the church of the first century was very organic. It was expressed as a movement of Jesus empowered by the Spirit. Those who were caught up in the movement made up the church. The church was a spiritual family that focused on making disciples and living out the mission of God in their culture. The church was not identified primarily by buildings, programs, and staff but by ordinary people who had encountered an extraordinary God and who shared their lives together as a spiritual family.

There is good news for those of us who would like to go back to the past. We are going to explore what church and community was like in the first century. Basically, we have the same choice as most churches that have been around for a significant amount of time. We can spend our time trying to reclaim what church was like thirty years ago, or we can invest ourselves in reclaiming our original charter as it unfolded in the first century. I am all for going back – but let's go all the way back so that we can move all the way forward!

Blessings,
Brian

Mark your
August calendars



12th – Boat Day with the Sava and Blanks families. We will meet in the kitchen for sandwiches and head to the docks. We will be back around 6:00

15th & 19th– York Convalescent Service Project. We will spend the afternoon spreading joy to the elderly. We will read, play games and enjoy puzzles. Meet at church at 12:30 and we will return to the church at 3:00.

24th – End of Summer Lock in at church

GRASSROOTS SEMINARY

Another semester is beginning Thursday nights running from September 13—December 13, 6:30pm—8:00pm. The Fall semester will cover Interpreting the Bible/the Story of the Bible. (No class on Thanksgiving Day) The Spring Semester covers the Story of the Church/Christian Theology.

Tuition is \$150. Full and Partial Scholarships are available. Please connect with Brian Williams for details and to reserve your spot.

Going Green Fellowship

August 15, 2018 @ 5:00pm

Join us as we gather on the lawn. Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, and drinks will be provided by the church. Please bring a side dish, lawn chair, and lawn games. You will have the opportunity to give as you wish to defray costs of hamburgers and hotdogs. If you would like to help with set up beginning at 4 pm, please contact Sharon Rossman or Brian Williams.



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays

- 9:30 am - Brunch
- 10:00 am - Small Group Bible Studies
- 11:15 am - Morning Worship Service
- 5:00 pm - Youth/ RA's, GA's (**Resumes September 12**)
- AWANA Jr. (**Resumes September 12**)

Monday

- 7:00pm - Volleyball

Tuesdays

- 8:00 am - Intercessory Prayer

Wednesdays

- 5:00 pm - Fellowship Supper (**Resumes September 12**)
- 5:45 pm - Children's Choir (**Resumes September 12**)
- Preschool Choir (**Resumes September**)
- 6:00 pm - Prayer and Bible Study (**Resumes September 12**)
- 6:15 pm - Mission Friends (**Resumes September 12**)

Thursdays

- 7:00 pm - Basketball in the Activity Center



August At-A-Glance Calendar

- August 8 - Norfolk Tides Game
- August 12 - Youth Boat Day
- August 15 - Youth Service Project
- August 18 - Going Green
- August 19 - Youth Service Project
- August 24 - Youth Lock-in

Mark your September Calendar

- September 8 - Riverside Men's Health Fair
- September 12 - Wednesday Activities Resume

Please check your Sunday bulletin and the weekly "Ivy Vine" message for calendar updates!

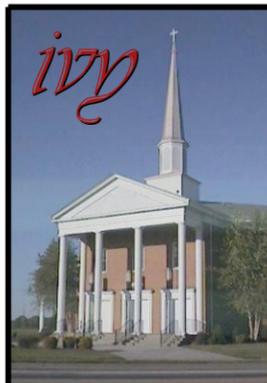
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We are seeking Sound / AV workers

If you have any electronic AV experience or have worked with any kind of electronic sound equipment, we are looking for you! Knowledge of Apple systems is very helpful. If you are interested in this very vital Church Ministry, contact Michelle in the office or contact Jim Brooks at jim_brooks@cox.net



Let's head to the ballpark!

Join us for a fun night out at the Ballpark! Wednesday August 8. Let's meet in the church parking lot at 5:00pm. We'll brave the traffic and catch the 7:00 game. General Admission Tickets are \$12/each.

