TODAY: May 20

8:30a—Deacon's Prayer

8:45a—Prayer Time (all ages)

10:50a — Honor 2018 High School Graduates

●May 16—June 2—Pastor Randy's Congo Trip with Sparky Clancy

May 13—June 17—Help Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center by participating in the Change for Life. Fill a baby bottle with pocket change, cash, or check. Sign out the bottles you take. Return the baby bottle, regardless if it is full or not. Questions call the church office. Thank You.

- Mon. May 21−7:00p Women's Ministries Coffee **Talk** at *Village Coffee* in the Village at Meridian
- ●Tues. May 22—6:30p Women's Ministries Leadership Meeting in Room #128
- ◆Thurs. May 24—7:00p Church Softball practice at Chateau Park in Meridian
- ●Fri.—Mon. May 25-28 Camp Pinewood Work Weekend

[weekly activities are listed on the back of the bulletin]



- May 31—7:00p Church Softball Game
- May 31—June 28 Ladies' AM & PM Summer Bible studies featuring Al Mohler's new book "The Prayer that Turns the World Upside Down"—AM meets at the church—PM meets at Donna Carman's home
- •June 1-2—4:00p—WM Prayer & Fasting 101 Retreat at Cook's Cabin
- ●June 3—12:30p Deacon's Meeting
- •June 5—11:30a J.O.Y. Group Potluck Lunch at the

018 MFBC High School Graduates:

- •June 9—9:00aa—12:00 Noon—New Members
- •June 9—1:00p Erin Saltzes' Baby Shower for Raphael at the church **American**
- ●June 26—12:30p—6:30p Red Cross

Blood Drive at the church—sign up today!

Kayla George / Mountain View (6/2)

Jake Hess / Boise Classical Academy (5/24)

Nikki Touchstone / Cole Valley Christian (5/20)

Hailey Hasenvager / Borah (5/23)

Tyler Ho / Mountain View 6/2)

●Aug. 6-9—6:30p-8:30p **VBS**







May 20:

Greeters: O'Hara (F) Granger (B) Ushers: James F./ Donn/ Carl/ Alan

Nurserv:

•AM: Amanda / Brian & Mary Ann

•SS: Steve & Brenda / Joanna

•PM: Glenda / Linda

Children's Church: Kara (Teacher)

Hailey / Scott (Helpers)

Junior Church: Viktor & Inna (Teacher) Children's PM Ministries: David & Jeanie Sound Booth: Audio/ Brent (AM & PM)

Video / Iyana (AM & PM)

Security: Luke (AM) Jim M. (PM)

May 27:

Greeters: Hendricks (F) Vivian (B) Ushers: Lloyd/ Jason/ Thane/ Al

Nurserv:

•AM: Donna / Katie / Nikki •SS: Marietta / Susan

•PM: Melissa / Allegra

Children's Church: Kara (Teacher)

Josie (Helper)

Junior Church: Viktor & Inna (Teacher) Children's PM Ministries: Zach & Kim Sound Booth: Audio/ Alex (AM & PM) Video / Christopher (AM & PM)

We still need approx. \$2,870 to fund our AWANA Camp

Scholarship program this year. If you can help please

designate offerings to Camp Scholarship. Thank You.

Security: Dave (AM) Dick (PM)

May 20, 2018 9:30 AM Service

Pianist: Priscilla Song Leader: Jim

Welcome/Announcements

Hymn #19—To God Be the Glory Hymn #185—Here Is Love Hymn #318—Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Greetings

Prayer & Offering: Kevin A. Welcome Guests

Special Music: Niccole

Song—On Pentecost They Gathered [Dismiss Children]

Message: PENTECOST: What's It All About Text: Various Jim Cornell

Hymn #319—Breathe on Me, Breath of God

6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Scott Song Leader: Kelly

Hymn #129—Crown Him With Many Crowns Song—Psalm 2

Song—Oh Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Special Music: Fifes

Message: The Ascension of the Lord Jesus

Christ

Text: Various Jim Cornell



There is a link on the Camp Pinewood website to register kids for camp. Any questions please call our church office. Register before June 15th to avoid a \$20 late fee. Thank you.





Robb & Sherry Kensinger Honduras

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- •Blessing to have a recent visit from Sherry's
- •Robb's dear friend from seminary days visited us recently as well.
- •Our house is close to being done with the renovations, and we are now living on MEDA property.
- •Our junior high age Sunday School class is going well and we are loving it.
- •Pray for the short-term teams coming this summer as well as a young lady coming for long -term to work in the area of biblical counseling.
- •We remain at 60% of our needed support, but have opportunities to share our ministry in OH in Mav.
- •Pray for our fellow missionaries at MEDA—the Montoyas, the Nelsons, the Nuñez family, the Pattersons, & the Zelayas.



Deposit Report 2018 General Fund Budget: \$39,388.92

WEEK: May 13, 2018 General Fund: \$9,833.14 Special Fund: \$936.61 Deposit: \$10,769.75

MONTH: MAY

General Fund: \$22,869.39 Special Funds: \$3,557,64* Deposits: \$26,427,03

*YTD \$1,710.00 AWANA Camp Scholarships

Cleanings from our Seasons

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons. and for days and years," Genesis 1:1



Shavuot Quick Facts

•Hebrew Meaning of Shavuot: "Weeks"

•Transliteration: Shavuos

- •English Name: Pentecost; also known as the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Harvest and the Feast of Firstfruits
- •Western Calendar Month: May/June
- ●Jewish Calendar Date: Sivan 6-7
- •Duration: One day in Israel: traditionally two days in the Diaspora. Some Diaspora Jewish communities celebrate only one day.
- •Established: In biblical times. See Exodus 23, 34; Leviticus 23; Deuteronomy 26

Purpose of Shavuot

Shavuot concludes the counting of the Omer, a sevenweek period that falls after Passover. The Feast of Weeks is so called because it takes place after this seven-week interim; it is also known as Pentecost, which in Greek means "Fiftieth" (i.e., the fiftieth day after Passover). In current practice, the readings and practices of Shavuot largely pertain to the giving of the Law rather than the offering of firstfruits.

Shavuot Spiritual Application

Bringing the first of the crops was an important way for the Israelites to show gratitude to God and trust for His provision for a good harvest to come. Pentecost was a time to express tangible thanks for the basics of life, and to emphasize that God was the ultimate Giver.

During this festival when the people thanked God for giving them grain and for giving them His law, the Lord gave the Spirit of life (Acts 2:1-4). Jesus rose from the dead the first day after the Sabbath during Passover (Matthew 28:1-10). The firstfruits offered to God in ancient times anticipated the fuller harvest to come. The resurrection of Jesus anticipates the bodily resurrection of His people first promised under the old covenant (Job 19:25-27) and in the new covenant: "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep . . . For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive" (I Corinthians 15:20-23). Christ is the firstfruits of those who will be raised from the dead and His resurrection. fulfilled the Feast of Firstfruits.

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