

**DATES AHEAD:**

**April**

23rd Ladies Spring Luncheon

**May**

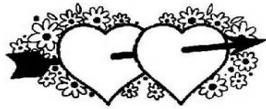
8th Mother's Day

30th Memorial Day

**June**

19th Father's Day

20th First Day of Summer



**April Anniversaries**

7 Bud & Janet Combe

**May Anniversaries**

12 Jerry & Cari Dietrick  
23 Darrel & Vickie Prose  
24 Mark & Debbie Sosey  
26 Tom & Barbara Keosababian

**June Anniversaries**

12 Logan & Amy Eldred  
20 Pat and Candie Courtney  
22 Mike & Dolores Joyce  
28 Darren and Margaret Goheen

**April Birthdays**

17 Kendon Leet  
17 Kadon Leet  
23 Candie Courtney

**May Birthdays**

2 Kensie Leet  
6 Darrel Prose  
8 Bob Belanger  
9 Molly Guy  
10 Logan Eldred (jr)  
12 Josh Dean  
16 Pat Courtney  
18 Kelly Johnson  
19 Jackie Hill  
21 Tom Keosababian  
23 Ian Guy

**June Birthdays**

2 Dolores Joyce  
4 Bill Zimmerman  
7 Katy Johnson  
9 Bud Combe  
11 Janet Combe  
11 Leta Neiderheiser  
16 Jerry Dietrick  
18 George Butcher  
23 Judy Slater  
28 Jessie Leet

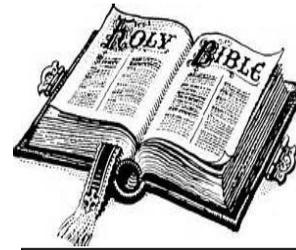
**MERCY FLIGHTS RENEWALS:**

**Mercy Flights renewals will be in May as our expiration date is MAY 31, 2016. The renewal fee is \$63 for land and air transport for the household for a year. New members are welcome but only those living in Jackson County.**

**Josephine County members are okay, no problem for renewal. Louise Isbell will have a letter in the Church Foyer in April, as well as the necessary paperwork.**

**If you are renewing only— Louise needs a check made out to "Mercy Flights" and left in the Box which will be on the Foyer table.**

**Questions? See Louise Isbell**



# NEWSBREAK

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## *A New Pastor?*

I trust that each of you are joining with our men in praying that the Lord will direct them to the man of His choosing as we look for "a new pastor." A word of reminder, though: you don't find anywhere in the New Testament wherein a single man is referred to as *the pastor* of the church at Philippi, or *the pastor* of the church at Corinth, or *the pastor* of the church at Colossae. Instead, Paul is found meeting with "the elders of the church" of Ephesus (Acts 20.17).

You find that it is a plurality of godly men who are called to lead and serve in the context of the local church. We have seen that they are sometimes called "pastors" (a word most often translated "shepherd" in the Bible). Other times they are called "overseers" or "elders." These three terms are used interchangeably to refer to the same office (Acts 20.17, 28; 1 Pet 5.1-2).

Paul once instructed Titus not to find "a pastor" for each local church in Crete, but to "appoint elders in every city" (Titus 1.5). Titus must have wondered, "How will I know which men are fit to serve in that way?" Fortunately, Paul immediately gave a list of character qualities and abilities by which such men would be distinguished: "If any man is above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion ..." (v. 6; and see vv. 7-9). He gave a virtually identical list to Timothy (1 Tim 3.1-7).

These, then, are the character qualities and abilities for which we look in "a new pastor." But we also understand that he will not be "the pastor" of ACC. Instead, he will be one of the pastor/elder/overseers serving the body of Christ here. It may be that the other elders will recognize him as an elder who will "work hard at preaching and teaching" (1 Tim 5.17). It may be that you will see him more in the pulpit than the other elders, but he will nevertheless be one of several men here who are called to shepherd this flock.

Pray, then, that God will lead us to a man who will meet the biblical qualifications and will humbly serve and love the people of ACC.

Brian

## **AWANA Store Supplies**

If you have any new or good quality used items for the AWANA Store, we'd love to build up our inventory of trinkets, gadgets, toys, hats, gloves, other gift ideas, etc.

See Kendon Leet for details.

Thank you!!

## Deacon's Report: March 2016

If you were to go outside, behind the church, you would see a bridge connecting the upper parking lot to the second floor of the building. Most likely, your first impression would be about the condition of the bridge. It is in desperate need of repair. The paint is peeling and much of the wood is rotten.

The bridge is one of the larger projects we will undertake this year. It needs support beams replaced, all of the decking replaced, a new railing and paint. One of the reasons the bridge fell into such disrepair is due to the cost to fix it. We would like to repair the bridge using materials that are nearly maintenance free, such as composite decking and a metal railing. Our intention when we make repairs is to do it in such a way as to minimize future demands on the congregation.

Another structure needing repair is the stairway at the end of the CE wing. Several of the support posts are rotten at the base. And like the bridge, the decking needs to be replaced.

Both of these projects are expensive. If you would like to help with a financial gift, please direct your contribution to the building fund.

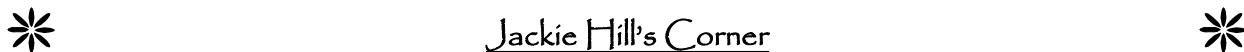
We are working to upgrade the ventilation system. Vents have been installed in several doors. The next phase is to install a large fan that will turn on late at night to exhaust hot air and draw in cooler night time air. Our aim is to reduce summer cooling costs. Another purpose is to reduce electricity use by the refrigeration system in the kitchen. During the summer months the temperature in the kitchen can reach 80 degrees. This makes the refrigerator work harder to stay cool. It can also cause the unit to fail prematurely. Recently, we had to replace an expensive condenser unit. Cooler temperatures should lower electricity and repair costs.

The deacons are grateful for your help during the All-Church Workdays and the 2nd Saturday Servant Workdays.

For His Glory,  
Mark Sosey



### Jackie Hill's Corner



#### Women's Outreach Meetings:

We are having our Spring Luncheon on April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. here at the church. Our Theme Jeremiah 32:17 "Ah Lord God, nothing is too difficult for Thee." We will have a Salad Luncheon & Our Guest Speaker: Nancy Hale, Pastor's Wife from Provolt Church some years ago! Vickie Prose is planning music. Look for Posters coming Soon! Bring your friends and family!

#### Ladies Bible Study:

Every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the church. We're enjoying our study in the book of Philippians. All ladies are cordially invited to join us!



## AWANA Update

Our first semester of AWANA has come to a close, with verses memorized and Bible lessons taught. As I reflect on this year I find myself in the position of a gardener at the end of May. We are doing what we can to prep the soil and plant the seed, but we are waiting for the our Savior to bring the harvest in His time.

As Paul said in **1 Corinthians 3:6-7** "I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth." We look forward to seeing the growth He causes!

Please continue to pray for AWANA. Ask the LORD to do a genuine work through His Word and by His Spirit to transform these young lives. Also, please continue to pray that He would bring unsaved families to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ through this program.

Working for the One who is Worthy,  
*Kelly*



## Men's Fellowship on Saturday Mornings

Breakfast at 8 am,  
Followed by Prayer Time, & Bible Study Time  
See Les Hill for questions.