September 25, 2016

#### Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Life Group

Monday

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Ladies Bible

Class

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

#### Missions Support

Disaster Relief Effort

Aschcrafts in Africa

Mt. States Children's Home

**Spanish Literature Ministries** 

#### **Focus**

This week we continue our "I Will" Sunday series. The subtitle of the book is "Nine Traits of the **Outwardly Focused** Christian." I found myself drawn recently to discussion about where our focus lies. Obviously, our primary focus is on God and His Son, but where is our focus when it comes to people? This week I ran across an article by Carey Nieuwhof entitled, "5 Tell-Tale Signs Your Congregation Is Insider-Focused." His feeling is that of all the reasons churches don't grow, there is a primary cause: insider-focus. These are the five warning signs he gives:

- Personal preference drives decision-making. In other words, the main standard as to whether or not to do something is whether people like it. Unfortunately, we all know it's impossible to please everyone.
- 2. Emotion trumps mission. This one relates to #1, but it is tied to emotional reactions rather than likes or dislikes.
- 3. Sacrifice is non-existent. People take the opposite attitude of Jesus in Philippians 2.
- 4. Any growth is mostly transfer growth. Although we welcome all who want to serve alongside us in the kingdom, we must maintain a heart for the lost.
- 5. Innovation is dead or on life support. Nieuwhof describes this as a combination of clinging to the past and fearing the future.

His prescribed answer to the problem of insider-focus? "Focus on who we need to reach." I think most Christians I know would agree with that statement, but we're still human beings with preferences. It's very easy for us to fall into the trap of any or all of those five signs. We have to be intentional about focusing on those in our community who desperately need the gospel while we continue growing, working, sharing...TOGETHER. - Brian

Eugene Church of Christ



## Please sign up in the foyer.

# Praise & Harmony Singing Night With Keith Lancaster



Wednesday, October 19 6:00 - 8:00 Keizer Church of Christ

We will cancel our Wednesday evening class to join in this great night of worship with our family in Keizer. The church van will be going for any needing transportation.

## **Teacher/Preacher Appreciation Sunday, October 9th**

The education committee and the entire congregation would like to honor Brian and all our Sunday & Wednesday night teachers by hosting a potluck lunch after services. Meat, bread, & drinks will be provided.

Please bring a salad, vegetables, or dessert.

#### September 18, 2016

Sun. A.M. Bible Study62	
Sun. A.M. Worship157	
Life Groups40	
Wed. P.M. Bible Studyxx	
Contribution\$1,441	
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Weekly Budget\$3,269	



celebrating
Dorothy Key's
90th
birthday next
Sunday after
worship.

We will be



September 28th Lesson

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## Pray Without Ceasing. - I Thessalonians 5:17

• Steve Zeller Kidney Stones

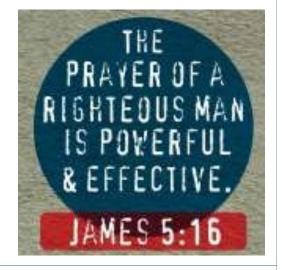
Ann Zeller Breast Cancer

• Shannon King Breast Cancer

• Brenda Chandler Breast Cancer

• Judy Weemes Breast Cancer

Rebecca Kidney Cancer



## Operation Christmas Child: Needed Items



Soccer Balls & Pumps Jump Ropes

Flashlights

Flashlight Batteries

Small Balls

Pencil Sharpeners

Small Blank Notepads

Toothbrushes/Holders

Chapstick Bar Soap

Soap Holders

Boys T-Shirts (10-14)

Girls T-Shirts (10-14)
Hair Brushes

Combs

Bags of Hard Candy

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	
			Bethany Koehler	Luis Hoffman	Dorothy Key			
			Staleys		Joelle Zeller			



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#### **Wednesday Evening**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mike** 

PRAYER: David Staley

SONG LEADER: Josh Duffield

#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

#### **SONG LEADER**

Tyler Boorman

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

Freddie May

#### COMMUNION

Tyler Claxton

Servers: Roy Gotzman, Bret Foreman,

Dan Herold, Tony Irish, Mel Johnson,

Sub: Freddie May

#### **CHILDREN'S HOUR**

Nettie & Dillon: Jesus cleansed the temple

#### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Ken Latham

# Leadership & Staff

#### **Elders**

Michael Duffield\* Roy Gotzman Carl McGlothin

#### **Deacons**

Bret Foreman Larry Honaker Freddie May David Staley

### Minister

Brian Lewis

#### **Office Staff**

Denise Foreman Darlene Gotzman

# **Greeters in September**

- 4 Bret & Denise
- II Mel & Janet
- 18 Jerry & Deb
- 25 Bret & Denise

# Nursery in September

- 4 Randey & Nettie
- II Corinne & Emma
- 18 Corinne & Emma
- 25 Nancy & Katherine

# Congregational Reading this Week

Luke 19

# SUNDAY SERMONS and Bulletin Archives

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In Search of The Lord's Way: Television
Broadcast Schedule:

www.searchtv.org KMTR17— Sun 7:30am

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