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Mark your Calendar

Rally Day & Swim Party is coming September 10th.

Invite your neighbors to come with you as we kick off a new year for Sunday School! We start back on September 10th, 9:15. We will have a Swim Party on that day after church at 2:00 pm. The address is 14341 CR 1113, Tyler, TX (Don't take the toll road, GPS is wrong.) Hot dogs, chips and dessert will be provided. Call Carmen with any questions 972-533-9935.



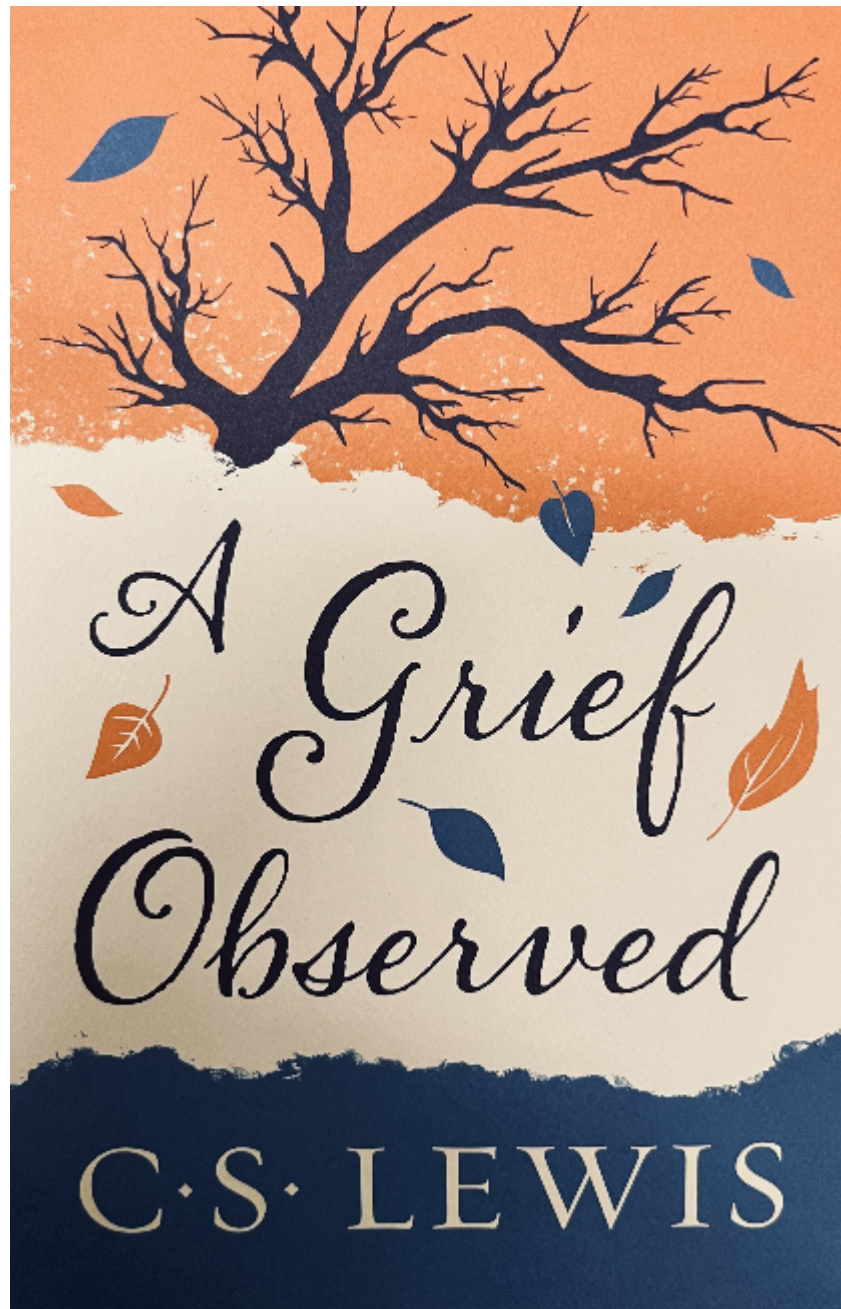
Aloha PrimeTimers!

PrimeTimers kicks off with a new day and time, Friday, September 8th at noon!

Theme: Aid for Lahaina – we will collect funds to help with the recovery in Hawaii.

Activity: Bring your favorite memory/picture of Hawaii to share at your table during fellowship time

Food: Pulled Pork on Hawaiian Sweet Rolls (Provided). Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.



OSLC Library Book Review

C.S. Lewis (1898-1963)

***A Grief Observed* (1961)**

Audience: Recommended for 18 years and older, people supporting others who are grieving, and spousal loss survivors.

C.S. Lewis was an academic, writer and Christian apologist, best known now for his children's book series *The Chronicles of Narnia*. This slim (76 page), volume gives readers insight into a more complex, private, and tormented Lewis than any of his other work. It is best seen as an almost accidental memoir made up of entries from

Lewis' private journals following the loss of his wife, poet Joy Davidman, who died of cancer on July 13, 1960. Comprising four chapters, the book recounts Lewis' progression through the stages of grief as he struggles to come to terms with his wife's death. Each chapter explores a new phase of mourning as he openly and honestly sets out his deeply personal feelings that involve shock, anger, despair and ultimately acceptance.

Click the Book Review button to get the whole review from the Miscellaneous Documents Section.

Book Review



Welcome New Members!

Betty Haskins

Betty Haskins spent 30 years in Longview, 5 years in Dallas, and moved to Tyler in February to be closer to her daughter and grandchildren. She had 3 children, her youngest son passed 2 years ago, and has 10 grandchildren. Her oldest son and wife are in the Air Force. She is an Uber driver and when she isn't driving people around, she enjoys sewing, cross stitching, crocheting, and decorating cakes. She has also joined our OSLC Choir.

Brent & Karen Boyle

Brent & Karen were both raised in Texas - Brent in Richardson and Karen in Fort Worth. Brent was raised in the Lutheran Church where his mother was the organist for many years. Karen became Lutheran when they married 32 years ago. Together they raised 3 children in Grapevine - a daughter, Lauren (30), and twins, Rachel and David (27). They love to travel and took many family road trips and vacations visiting all 50 states. Karen also enjoys reading and gardening. Brent is an avid sailor and is a member of the Lake Palestine Yacht Club. One of their favorite trips was chartering a sailboat in the British Virgin Islands with Brent at the helm. They moved to Bullard for their anticipated retirement and bought a house and a boat on Lake Palestine. Brent is still working part-time for Lockheed Martin as a software project manager. They are happy to have found a new church home and look forward to getting involved. Brent has sung with the choir and Karen has joined the quilting group.



Updates for your Directory

Please add to your OSLC Directory the following:

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Youth Sunday School

This Fall our Sunday Bible Class for grades 7th - 12th will be led by Pastor Martin. Each Sunday, starting September 10th, we will gather in the youth room. Class will run from 9:15 to 9:45 (the same length as our other classes that meet on Sunday mornings). However, youth may wish to come to the classroom early to enjoy a spirited game of ping-pong, catch up with one another on how the week has gone, or to prepare for class. Snacks will be available!

Parents I get it. Time is limited. Your teens are inundated with options: school projects, sports, social media, peer events, and good, old-fashioned homework! It's easy to 'opt-out' of church and even more so with Sunday School. But I hope you will pray for wisdom as you lay out your weekend plans this Fall. The responsibility to disciple your children, to **"bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"** (Ephesians 6:10) falls to you; but the church is here to help. The following quote by Dr. Andrew Root (Professor of Youth and Family Ministry at Luther Seminary) will inform all of our efforts this Fall as we build our youth group:

I think the question that drives youth ministry is not "How can we capture/keep the young for the church?" but rather "How can we encounter the living God with and alongside our young people?"

Those 35 words can help us see revival in our youth and family ministry! I hope you will join us in this exciting ministry initiative. Pray for our students, your pastor, and our ministry team. If you are interested in joining this team or learning more about it, please contact Pastor Martin.

In fast-paced and frantic times, Christian teens are becoming increasingly overwhelmed by the problems, challenges, and temptations of life. Many teens feel completely lost in life because they also feel unloved, guilty, worthless, weak, alone, anxious, and afraid. Before they know it, teens quickly become so overwhelmed that these feelings can become their new reality and identity. Teens become so lost that they can't answer one crucial question, "Who am I?"

Therefore, one of our studies this Fall will help teens understand clearly the answer to that question. We will work through three brief videos in class and discuss the Bible texts presented. These texts will help our teens to understand that their identity can be found in Jesus Christ and the facts of who He is, what He has done, and what He has said. Those facts will provide a sure foundation for life and in turn will bring true feelings of happiness, joy, and peace.

An additional resource on this topic is **"Who Am I? Understanding Your Identity in Christ Through Facts Not Feelings"** by Dr. Phil Huebner. This book will be available

to our teens and a copy will be placed in our church library. Teens who read this book will find help in living with certainty and confidence because they know the answer to the question, "Who am I?"



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