

Cross of Christ

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June 2018



Our Mission Statement

To know Jesus Christ as Lord and make Him known.

Our Vision Statement

We are committed to reaching out to the local community and supporting world-wide ministries, as we embrace and nurture current and new brothers and sisters with our Savior's own forgiveness and love.

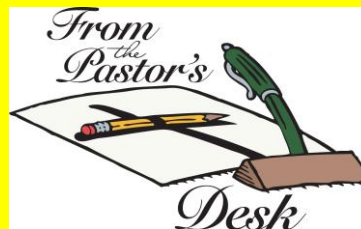
Statement of Faith

Cross of Christ is a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. We accept and teach the inspired word of God from the Bible.



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**MARCHING
ORDER FOR
THE CHURCH...
“MOVE OUT!”**

The last two Sundays in May were special days for Cross of Christ Lutheran and for Christians across our country. We celebrated the Birthday of the Church, recognized the triune nature of our Heavenly Leader, and gave thanks to the Almighty on America's annual remembrance of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms. In case you've never thought about it, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day do have something in common, as the shouted order to “Move Out” relates to all three.

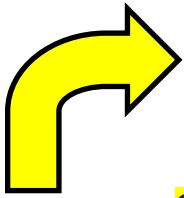
Empowered by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and confident of the continuing presence and blessing of the Holy Trinity, the Apostles were to move out of their quiet waiting in Jerusalem, in order to boldly proclaim the truth about Jesus' death and resurrection. In similar fashion the command to “Move Out” is the historic order given by one's commanding officer to kick off a new mission in the military. Now we, who are members of our Savior's Church in this present day, still have the standing orders to go out as His witnesses to proclaim the Good News of salvation and peace as on that first day of Pentecost.

Therefore, as we continue to remember the sacrifice of our Lord and recognize the sacrifices of so many in our Armed Forces, may we provide ongoing thanks for the blessings they have provided. And speaking of blessings, let us never forget all that is ours through the Church: the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the proclamation of God's Word of truth, the mutual support and encouragement of brothers and sisters in the faith, and the joy of knowing of our Savior's loving presence.

So join us this coming weekend as we move out into the summer months with worship opportunities for you and your neighbors and friends at 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 9:00 a.m. on Sundays. God has brought us into His Family, and now He provides us the means by which we can grow, as we gain a greater understanding of His good and gracious will. Hopefully, you and your family and friends can gather with us soon and often!

~Pastor Hildebrandt

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

GOD AND YOUR MONEY

What money?

That's a good question. The sad reality is that many American families spend more money than they make. That should be a shocking fact for Christians. Why? Because Christians are supposed to be good stewards of all that we have: our time, talent, intelligence, energy and possessions, including money.

Let's consider money from the Christian standpoint:

1. It is not sinful to earn all the legitimate money one can garner. In itself, money is not evil. It is the love of money we must resist.
2. It is important to save as much as one can — at least 10 percent.
3. It is vital to make a budget and stick to it.
4. God owns the world and gives us the responsibility to take care of it. It takes money to care for home and property.
5. We should strive to give at least 10 percent to God's work, which includes the church.
6. **One reliable fact about stewardship: There is no way we can out-give our loving God. Ever!**

THANK YOU... We would like to take this opportunity to thank Judy Zehnder, the Handbell Choir, and the Adult Choir for their numerous talents and the beautiful music that has graced our services these last nine (9) months. These groups will be taking a greatly deserved break for the Summer and return refreshed and renewed this Fall. If anyone would like to join either or both groups, or has questions regarding joining, please contact Judy Zehnder (875-3529) as both groups are always looking for new members. Thank you all for your dedication and joyful praise during our services!

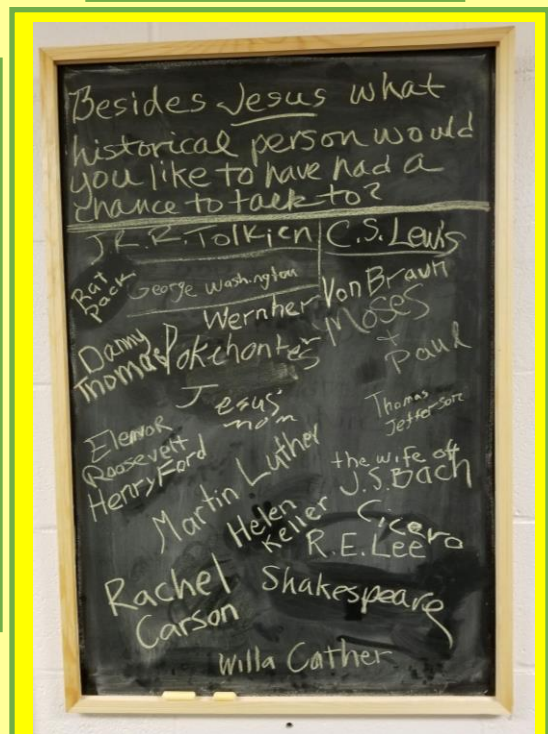


We would be remiss if we did not also acknowledge and thank the Praise Band for their contributions to the Saturday and Sunday worship services. We are blessed with some very talented musicians and singers in this group. If you would like to sing or play a musical instrument with this group, please contact Sylvia Hildebrandt (423-227-4784). Thank you for the talents and treasures you share with our congregation!



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FACILITIES COMMITTEE: At the May Voters' Meeting, Larry Zehnder introduced the newly formed Facilities Committee. Joni Rennhack will be chairing this committee.

They will be having their first meeting this weekend, on **Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Church Library. They will be discussing proposals regarding the Church property. If you have an opinion as to the direction you would like for us to take, or are interesting in being a part of this committee, please contact Joni or join us and attend the Sunday meeting.

Thanks! ~ Joni Rennhack
joni.lee.rennhack@gmail.com or 521-8839

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CHURCH NOTES

➤ The **2018 Mid-South District Convention** will be held in Memphis, TN from Thursday, **June 28th thru Saturday, June 30th**. Pastor, Larry Zehnder and Tony Pessini will be attending the conference representing Cross of Christ. If the need for pastoral care arises during this period, please call your Elder so he can contact Pastor. The church office will also be available to take your call.

➤ Due to various conflicts in scheduling, there “will not” be a Board of Directors meeting on June 14th.

➤ Along the same lines, due to various conflicts in scheduling, there “will not” be an Elders’ meeting in June.

➤ We continue to ask for 1-2 volunteers to count the offerings one Sunday a month “or” to be a substitute when one of our regular counters is not able to make it (illness, vacation, etc...). The usual time to count is after Bible Class on Sunday (taking approx. an hour), but the day and time can be adjusted. Contact Barbara Wyatt with questions and to volunteer your assistance (309-5286). Thank you.

➤ It was voted upon at the May Quarterly Voters’ Meeting that future Voters’ meetings will be held during the Sunday School Hour, coffee & snacks will be made available to those attending, and we will not hold a Voters’ Meeting on a communion Sunday. On these Sunday’s, Elders will also be available to help those needing assistance get downstairs to attend the meeting, by driving them around to the back of the building to use the ramp before and after the meeting. Exploration into various options for Children’s Sunday School and Nursery helpers will be undertaken, in order to allow parents and teachers the opportunity to attend the quarterly meetings.



**Celebrating
JULY/AUGUST Birthdays...**

**Watch here next month for updated
information regarding our luncheon!**



Cross of Christ Reads!

Cross of Christ Reads! is taking the month of June off, as summer activities and family vacations are upon us. We hope to meet again on the third Thursday in July. The book of choice for July 19th will be “Language of Flowers” by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

We will meet at Panera Bread Company in Hixson from 6-8 p.m. Come one, come all! It would be great to meet a few more readers and we welcome you to join us at our next meeting. Stay cool and read a good book this summer!

**~ Sylvia Hildebrandt
HTexasNatives@gmail.com**

AND NOW A WORD FROM... Summer is here, but your church is NOT on vacation. Far from it! As one could easily detect from the **Quarterly Voters’ Meeting** on May 20th, there are many issues facing our congregation. Your leadership really needs and wants your opinions, so decisions can be made that best reflects the wishes of our congregation.

Having said that, I apologize for the inconvenience of completing sooo many questionnaires, but it seems the lesser of two evils. It is hard to get people to attend meetings with the busy schedules we have, but we need to move forward. Our church is a very important part of our lives, so we need to give it some time and effort to be the good stewards we are called to be.

Please be patient and do your very best to convey your opinions to us, your leadership, as best as you can on our surveys that will be brought before you in the next few months. The various committees of your Board of Directors will be asking your opinion to gain a better feel of the “pulse” of our congregation. Some surveys are quick and easy (place a dot on a board, checkmark your answers) -- others will need your written opinion of a variety of subjects and/or topics.

Your efforts are very much appreciated. Thank you in advance as we take this next step forward in the life of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church.

From your Head Elder, Bob Timm

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Celebrating Mother's Day 2018 at Valley View with Arlene McCarty are Joyce Skiles and Eunice Timm.

Pictured Are Only Half of the Uganda Children's Choir. What wonderful voices they have and such a powerful message. (The concert was held at First Lutheran.)



MAY 2018 HAPPENINGS



Going... Going... Gone... If you see something in this close-up view of our "Lost and Found" basket, please let Lorilynn know ASAP, as on June 5th the items will be donated. Items still remaining... dark blue neck pillow (found in the parking lot), green sippy cup, green headband bow, white scrunchie, Mexican CD, small green leather Bible, and FYSH Urban Kool Eyewear holder. Check out the basket anytime you are missing something or call the church office.



We have made new name tags for those who signed up a few months ago and they are hanging on the wall with the others nametags. If you currently don't have a name tag, have misplaced yours, or need a new one for some reason or another, please note your name on the "Name Tag" sheet attached to the door of the Ushers cabinet in the Narthex.

ALTAR FLOWERS – There is still one open weekend during the months of July, October and November for flower donations. You can note on the sign-up sheet if the flowers are "In Memory Of..." or "In Honor Of..." a loved one or just put your name and we will note "Given By" or whatever you write down. Cost is \$25.00 per bouquet. Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary.



God has cast our confessed sins into the depths of the sea, and he's even put a "No Fishing" sign over the spot. –D.L. Moody

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June Worship Ministry

Acolytes (Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service)

03 Nathan Pugh
10 Zachary Land
17 Nathan Pugh
24 Zachary Land

Altar Guild

Donna Flippin and Karen Miller

Elders

Saturday Evening Service:

Scott Brewster

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service

Larry Zehnder and Tony Pessini

Greeters

Saturday Evening Service

Jane Sanders

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service

Alison/Nathan Pugh and Jane/John Rudat

Readers

(Saturday 6:00 p.m.)

02 Mark Wachholz

09 Rhonda Duncan

16 Jamie Mofsky

23 Mark Wachholz

30 Jane Sanders

(Sunday 9:00 a.m.)

03 Monica/Mike
Witherby

10 Tony Pessini

17 Dave Hook

24 Nikki Holcomb

Ushers

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Service

Scott Brewster

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Service

Jim Walpert, Bob Pinkerton, Tony Pessini



YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adult Bible Study, **Bibles & Brews**, meets
every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the
Terminal Brewhouse

for Christian fellowship, encouragement in the
Word of God, and a good brew!

We welcome young adults from across the city!

If you are interested or know of a young adult who
would enjoy this time of fellowship, follow us on
Facebook to get the latest updates on the group.

Questions... Rebekah Hildebrandt (314-2044),
Nyssa Hunt (991-5891) or Pastor.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Mark your calendar as the dates and times have
been set for VBS 2018!! July 9th - July 13th from
6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The theme will be
revealed soon! A big hint... a garden will be part
of VBS this year.

We are collecting child sized garden gloves,
small gardening tools, gardening supplies and
plans.

Would you like to help, but not sure how?
Please contact Nikki Holcomb (770-356-1202) for
ways you can participate.



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** Tuesday mornings, at 9:30 a.m., the place to be if you enjoy fellowship with other women and quilting for a couple of hours is in the CoC Fellowship Hall. Sewing machines are humming along, knots are being tied on the quilts, battings and quilts are being pinned together, plus much more. Laughter, fellowship and occasionally a new recipe treat is shared on these mornings. You can access the Fellowship Hall from the Office entrance (via steps) or use the Nursery entrance (ramp). The downstairs hallway and the quilt rack in the Fellowship Hall are already filled up with many beautiful quilts!

** Check out the downstairs hallway and the quilt racks in the Fellowship Hall for a wedding, graduation, anniversary, birthday or special gift. Quilts are available for purchase any time throughout the year for \$50.00. (Take a look at the quilts, then talk to any lady in the congregation and they can get you hooked up with a quilter.) All money received gets reinvested into quilting supplies.

LWML Planning Ahead:

- It's almost here!! **June 22-24** is rapidly approaching! We are continually moving forward with final plans for the **2018 LWML District Convention**, held in *Chattanooga, TN this year!* The next **Planning Meeting** is **June 6th**, 1:00 p.m., at Cross of Christ.
- Registration for the **LWML 2018 Convention (June 22-24 in Chattanooga)** is still open. Announced speakers for the convention will be a local pastor, *Rev. Josh Woodrow*, Pastor of Bridge City Community (a Lutheran mission startup church, located in South Chattanooga); and *Jan Struck*, National Christian humorist and motivational speaker. Questions... contact Donna Flippin or Irma Pinkerton. For more information on other events being held during the convention, along with a registration form, go to <http://www.midsouthlwml.org>

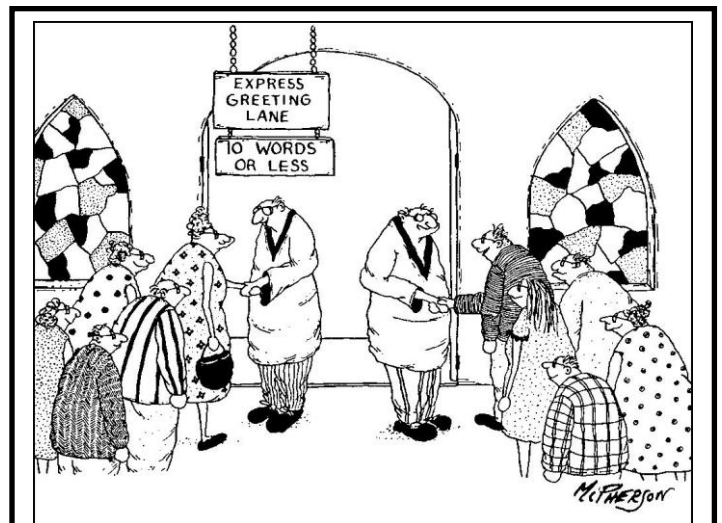


**2018 LWML Mid-South
District Convention
June 22-24 DoubleTree
Downtown (Chattanooga)**

LWML CONVENTION NEWS - At each convention, the LWML Board selects a local charity for an in-gathering at the city in which they meet. Selected for the **2018 In-Gathering Event**, being held in **Chattanooga on June 22-24, is Chattanooga Room in the Inn (CRITI)**. All items CoC collects will be taken to and combined with others at the Convention, benefitting and stocking the shelves at Room in the Inn. If you would like to donate any of the below noted items, it would be greatly appreciated: **(please bring regular size items, not travel size) Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Dish Detergent, Flip Flops, and Feminine Pads (all sizes)**. Collection boxes are by the Church Office. Thank you to those who have already contributed!



GREETERS AND READERS NEEDED - It's that time again! We need volunteers to sign up for the next six (6) months. It's a great way to participate in our weekly worship services. (The readings are sent to your home for review, so that you have time to read through them before church.) The current sign-up sheets are for "July 1st thru December 31st" and are on the board. Please note that there are separate sheets for **Greeters** and another for **Readers**, with both services listed on each sheet. (Weekend dates are noted for your convenience.) Thank you in advance for volunteering your assistance! A copy of the final schedule will be sent to you later this month.



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Belvoir Christian Academy

Dates to Remember!

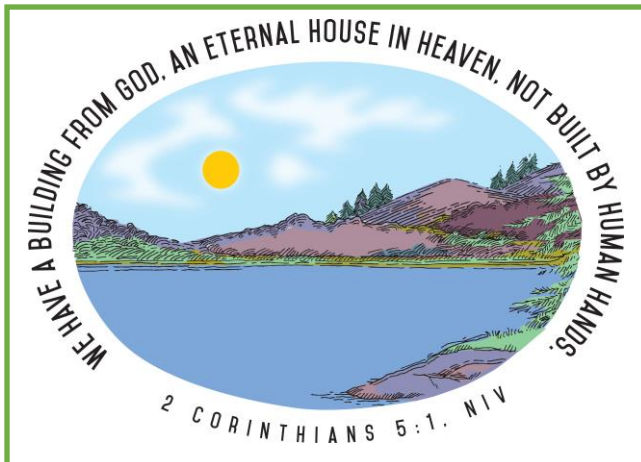
June 5 Summer Open House for Prospective Families (Visit any time between 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.) Please join BCA to learn more about the Infants-8th grade programs. Parents are welcome to bring their children to visit as well!

Families may also schedule a school tour during daytime office hours by calling Emily Patton in Admission at 423-622-3755, ext. 12 or contact admissions@bcalions.org

Pre-K2, 3rd and 4th grade classes are filling up quickly!

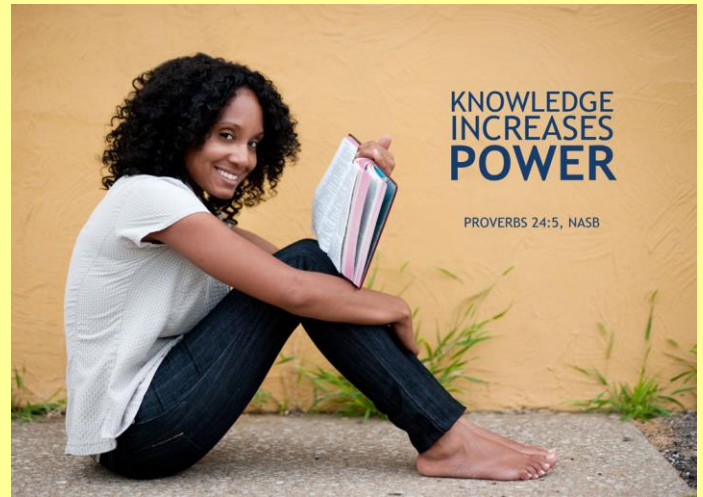
SUMMER CAMP is open through August 3rd for rising Kindergarten-8th and August 10th for Pre-K3/4. Spaces are still available for each week! Call 423-622-3755, ext. 12 for information.

Belvoir Christian Academy continues to seek two (2) Pre-K3 teachers for the 2018-2019 school years. Minimum requirements: Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. Expected hours: 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please pass on this info. to any teachers you know. They can contact BCA (423-622-3755) for more info. or check out their website www.bcalions.org



Newsletter Information

For your newsletter submissions, please send them to newsletter@cocluth.com by **June 20th**. (The 20th of each month will be our usual newsletter deadline date.) Please continue to submit photographs for the newsletter, as these are greatly appreciated by all! Send any updates/information for the web site to the church office church@cocluth.com and they will be processed. Thank you!



Knowledge is Power. Now, A New (Free!) Tool Is Available To Increase Your Financial Knowledge!

Sponsored by Lutheran Federal Credit Union, the Lutheran FCU Financial Education Center is available to learn more about everyday and extraordinary financial decisions. Short, online, educational modules on nearly 40 different financial topics can be viewed at your convenience and pace.

Credit card bills, debt, and saving may not be top of mind for you, but the financial decisions you make today will have a long-term impact on your life. These short interactive learning experiences will prepare you with the right skills to manage your financial future! Get Confident About Your Personal Finances... Explore These Topics...

- Financial Basics (Take control of your finances!)
- Major Life Transactions (Prepare yourself to handle life's biggest moments!)
- Paying for College (Explore how to finance education for you or a loved one.)
- Planning for Retirement (Plan now for a secure and happy retirement.)

Each of the above modules has 8-15 topics you can choose to explore. The presentations are usually 5-8 minutes in length. (Even if you are not a member, you can use this website. Lorilynn has checked out some of the modules and they have some very useful info. in them. She may have even learned a thing or two!)

Go to <http://www.lutheranfcu.org> Click on the header box labeled... Spotlight: Financial Education Center

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Evangelism Corner - June 2018

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

~Matthew 28:18b-20

In May, we celebrated Ascension Sunday. While this reading was not part of the Scriptures read this year, many of us were probably thinking about the Great Commission as we likely had to memorize it at some point. However, like many popular passages in the Bible, we like to hear it but don't often think about it. So let's take some time to explore this passage.

Jesus opens with a statement, a profound statement. All too often we rush on to what we are supposed to do, the going and the disciple-making, and we skip this first remark. But it is the groundwork for everything we do.

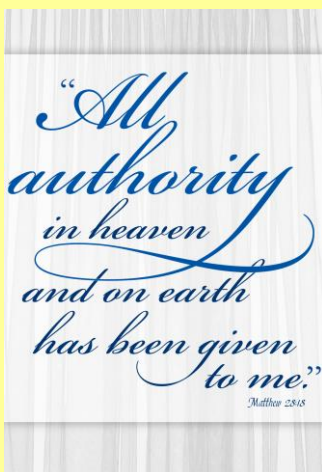
Christ is risen from the dead, defeating the Devil and giving us justification so that we don't have to die eternally for our sins. He indeed has all authority in heaven and earth, shown in the most remarkable, history-changing way. So it is not a light remark He is making here. *All* authority is His.

What does that mean for us as we prepare to share the Gospel? It means that we speak from the most secure place in the world: the knowledge that Jesus is in power over all things. As Paul says in Romans, whom shall we fear? Coupled with this, though, let us not forget that what follows this remark is a command. Our King has told us to do something. We would be foolish to take that lightly.

Don't hurry past and forget on whose authority all of this rests.

(Next month we will explore the next portion of this passage.)

~Board of Evangelism

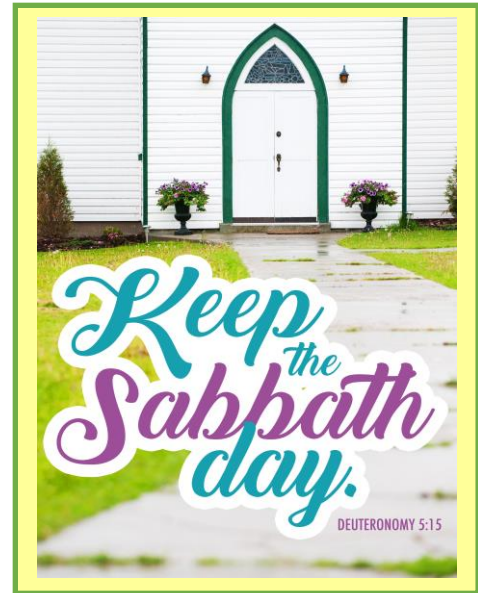


RESTART YOUR HEART... Pain and loss are inescapable on this earth; fortunately, the Great Physician specializes in fixing hearts. Our participation is vital to recovery, though, as Danny Gokey sings in "Tell Your Heart to Beat Again."

The song was inspired by a pastor asking to watch a cardiac surgeon – one of his congregants – in action. When the doctor attempted to restart the patient's heart after repairing it, the organ wouldn't cooperate. The surgeon knelt to speak to his patient: "We have fixed your heart. We have repaired it. There is nothing wrong with your heart. If you can hear me, I need you to tell your heart to beat again." And it did – because she did.



"You can get back up again," says Gokey, who faced loss when his first wife died. "You can move forward with your life, and you don't have to walk with a limp." God has fixed our hearts, Gokey says, but we need to recognize that – and begin to hope again.



WALK THE WALK... Do you rush, push, shout and become generally unpleasant on Sunday mornings? Do you complain about church? Are you irregular in your attendance? Are you over-conscientious about matters that are not really important? Do you always criticize the pastor, the choir, the length of services and the usher crew? Then don't be surprised if your children grow up to look at Sundays as the worst day of the week.

~Karen Burton Mains, author of *Making Sunday Special*

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