

2021 Sunday Night Movie Nights

Join us for a casual movie night in Hardin Hall. The movie will begin at 6:00 p.m. Bring your own soda and enjoy free popcorn. Movie nights are open to all. Invite your friends.

January 10 – Breakthrough

“When Joyce Smith’s adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost as John lies lifeless. In the face of every bleak medical case history and dire scientific prediction, Joyce’s unwavering belief inspires her community to pray for John’s recovery. Based on the incredible true story, *Breakthrough* is an enthralling reminder that faith and love can create a mountain of hope, and sometimes even a miracle.”

January 24 – I Still Believe

“The uplifting true-life story of Christian music megastar Jeremy Camp. This inspiring tale follows Jeremy’s search for his artistic voice, leading him to his wildest professional dreams, as well as the love of his life. But Jeremy’s hope and faith are put to the test when tragedy strikes. *I Still Believe* is an incredible story of musical stardom, the heights of love, the depths of loss, and the healing power of the human spirit.”

Watch our monthly newsletter for more details on upcoming Spring, 2021 movie nights:

February 14 – Fireproof (A Valentine’s Day special event)

February 28 – War Room

March 14 - Miracles from Heaven

April 11 – 90 Minutes in Heaven

April 25 – Courageous

(We will continue to follow CDC guidelines concerning COVID-19 as needed. Please practice social distancing and wear a mask)

Women’s Ministry Spring Bible Studies

Two six-week studies will be held this Spring. Each six-week study will be held in person in the church on Monday’s at 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study participant books can be purchased through the church office or you can purchase online yourself. (Kindle versions and used copies may be available on Amazon or other online vendors). Please sign up if you plan to attend and let us know if you would like the church to purchase books for you. The cost of the first book is \$14 and the second is \$16 if purchased through the office. Please invite friends to join us for these studies.

The first study will be on February 8 and 15 and March 1, 8, 15 and 22 and is called *Forgiving What You Can’t Forget* by Lysa Terkuerst.

“Have you ever felt stuck in a cycle of unresolved pain, playing offenses over and over in your mind? You know you can't go on like this, but you don't know what to do next. Lysa TerKeurst has wrestled through this journey. But in surprising ways, she’s discovered how to let go of bound-up resentment and overcome the resistance to forgiving people who aren’t willing to make things right. This study will help you discover what the Bible really says about forgiveness and the peace that comes from living it out right now.”

If you are interested in the study but do not want to join us in-person, you can watch weekly podcasts that begin on January 19 by going to Lysa’s Proverbs 31 Ministries website (<https://www.p31bookstore.com/collections/online-bible-studies>), clicking on the book and joining the study. You can also sign-up to participate in an on-line small group study on this site.

The second study will be on April 12, 19, 26 and May 3, 10 and 17 and is called *Now That Faith Has Come: A Study of Galatians* by Beth Moore and Melissa Moore

“The apostle Paul didn't plan to go to Galatia. God used a physical ailment to direct him there, carrying the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The relationship Paul would build with the Galatian converts--and his determination for the truth of the gospel to be preserved among them--led to one of the most passionate letters in the New Testament. Paul would not sit quietly by and let those who'd been liberated by Christ's glorious gospel submit again to a yoke of slavery. He'd send a letter with the volume turned up, calling believers to stand firm in the truth, stay bold in love, and walk by the Spirit. He'd remind them what it looked like to live for God's approval rather than human approval. The eternal words God entrusted to Paul for the churches of Galatia are as needed today as they were when the ink was still wet on the ancient pages.

Dive into Paul's captivating letter to the Galatians. Come to know the letter's original recipients. Study its original context and embrace its timeless relevance. Discover--or perhaps rediscover--what makes the gospel of Jesus Christ revolutionary to those who choose to believe. Find out how everything has changed, now that faith has come.”

Goodbye 2020

A brief recap of our life together during this very strange year

We worshipped: pre-recorded services from home and at church, with and without the congregation present in person, live streaming, on-line, on Facebook, on You Tube, outside, in the sanctuary, in Hardin Hall, one service or two services

Events cancelled or not scheduled at all – too, too many to count

Pandemic letters mailed – 16 letters plus photo pages, coloring pages and other handouts

Newsletters sent out - 12

Days the office was closed due to Covid 19 – Zero

Days the food pantry closed due to the pandemic - Zero

Lots of other things did happen: building renovations were completed; the building on Hubbell was sold and the lot was leased; the office moved and two months later the phones actually worked; landscaping was redone at church and in the prayer garden, a few changes were made in the sanctuary, new equipment was purchased for worship and the sound booth received a facelift, meetings restarted, summer movie nights were held, five fundraisers including Christmas Under the Palms did take place (but we sure missed the Pumpkin Patch), no hugs, no handshakes, no choir and the horrible masks are still driving us crazy!

How we coped: Not always well but always with God and each other