

# THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER AND THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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## A WORD FROM PASTOR JON



### **The Purpose of the Law**

As we have been looking at Paul's letter to the Church of Rome and his reflection on the Law, we can't help but ask what is the purpose of the Law? To get a more complete understanding we must go back to when God delivered the Hebrew people out of slavery in Egypt.

This was, as Timothy Tennant says, "a central orienting event" (p24). This event is remembered and celebrated to this day as Passover and it is the focal point of their identity as a people.

The Hebrews were delivered from slavery not just to be liberated, but also to live as God's chosen people, which was a greater service by living a life of holiness. They were going to model what it meant to be a covenant people and the Law provided a picture of what life was meant to look like for a covenant people.

All the commandments of the Old Testament are a summary of God's Law and teach us how to live and be faithful to God and our neighbor. These commandments are God's way of showing us the need for a human reorientation or as mentioned in our coverage of Romans 8, a "rebrand".

The best summary of the Law was given by Jesus when he summarized them into loving God and neighbor. But it was our inability to live out the Law that demonstrated our need for salvation. Paul said in Galatians 3:24 that the Law was a "tutor to lead us to Christ".

So, Jesus has led us out of even a greater captivity (sin & death) and brought us into a new creation. So, we see that the deepest purpose of the Law was to lead us to Christ.

I highly recommend the book *Thirty Questions* by Timothy Tennant. It has 30 chapters each only about two small pages in length. All foundational subjects of our Christian faith. There will be some at each church if you would like to purchase one.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

\*Timothy C. Tennant, *Thirty Questions: A Short Catechism On the Christian Faith*, (Wilmore, KY: Seedbed Pub., 2012), 24-26

**Newsletter Deadline for September 2017**  
Newsletter Articles due in Office Tuesday, August 15  
Newsletter Folding Party Wednesday, August 23 (tentative)



### AUGUST LECTIONARY READINGS

August 6, 2017 9th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
August 13, 2017 10th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
August 20, 2017 11th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28
August 27, 2017 12th Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

### PASTOR'S PREACHING SCHEDULE

**August 6, 2017** Romans 9:1-5 *All-Inclusive Grace*  
Communion Sunday. God chooses us all, despite human differences  
**August 13, 2017** Dillion Fawcett – Guest Speaker  
**August 20, 2017** Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 *God Is in Control*  
Though brokenness remains, we can trust in God's mission of restoration.  
**August 27, 2017** Romans 12:1-8 *What Gifts?*  
God's gifts are constantly being renewed and transformed.

**INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH?** I would love to talk with you about Church Membership. If you would like to learn more about church membership and what it means to be a member, please let me know or call the church office, leave your name, contact information, and say "I'm interested in membership" and we'll take it from there! ~Pastor Jon

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please let us know your new address, so we can keep sending you the newsletter! Would you prefer to receive the Newsletter by email? Fill out the back of a prayer card, drop a note to the office or leave a message or email. Thanks!!

Alburnett: alburnettumc@fmtcs.com or 319-842-2388

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### FINANCIAL FACTS

Fact: 2017 Expenses Budget: \$85,000  
Fact: needed per Month for Expenses: \$7,083  
Fact: needed per Week for Expenses: \$1,635

Contributions		Attendance	
7/2	\$1505.00	7/2	33
7/9	\$970.00	7/9	38
7/16	\$1331.00	7/16	50
7/23	\$846.00	7/23	47
7/30	n/a	7/30	n/a

**Parking Lot update:** We are so thankful for your response to the parking lot fund which is at \$12,272 which is just \$2,728.00 from our goal of \$15,000. As of the time of this Newsletter we are anticipating the work to begin in mid-August. Everything is dependent on the street repair in process.



Thank you again for your generous support.

Pastor Jon

**"Like" Pastor Jon's Facebook Page:** It will have Information on Alburnett Services & Activities.

**Like page:** [www.facebook.com/PastorJonIA](http://www.facebook.com/PastorJonIA)

His posts on Parish information will also appear on the Prairie Chapel Facebook Page.



Find us on  
**Facebook**<sub>4</sub>

The Church Chatterer...

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

2 KATIE JOHNSON LEFEBURE  
3 ADAM SLOAN  
3 KRISTI CAVES  
4 ROBERT MIELL  
5 HUNTER CAVES  
9 JENNIFER SLOAN  
10 FREIDA HITE  
10 SHIRLEY ANDREWS  
10 TOMMY MOORE  
11 KELLY KIRK  
14 SHARON ROBERTSON  
15 MICHAEL KADLEC  
17 DAVE MACHACEK  
17 NEVA LANNING



18 GREELY SLOAN  
18 KASSIE LAWRENCE  
23 CYNTHIA SMITH  
23 CHRIS SARGENT  
23 WENDY WIEBOLD  
25 BELINDA HENLE  
27 ERIC SLOAN  
28 KRISTEN MACHACEK BAKER  
30 KATIE GRITTON

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

3 KEVIN & TERI JOHNSON  
17 JOSH & KRISTI CAVES  
21 RANDY & ROBIN MORRISON  
31 RONALD & JULIE HOOVER

If your special day is not listed here, please contact Virginia Lyttle at the church office.

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**MISSIONS:** Our mission for August is to create Lit Kits. The Iowa Methodist Churches are in partnership with Nigeria to assist the Nigerian church with their educational pursuits. We are helping by developing Lit Kits with these specific items:

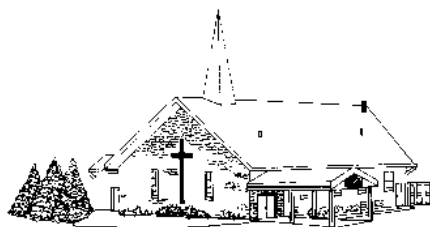
- 1 spiral wideline notebook of 70 sheets
- 1 pkg. 3"x5" white index cards
- 2 #2 pencils with eraser
- 1 hand pencil sharpener
- 1 Dry Erase board (approx. 8"x11")
- 1 pkg. Dry Erase crayons (8)

Your monetary or item donations are greatly appreciated.  
Thank you.

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be August 7-10 from 6:00-7:45PM. The theme is Maker Fun Factory. Register Early! Registration forms are available Sunday morning at the church. Volunteer help is always welcome; let Lori Sperfslage know if you can help.



# THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

Visit our Web Site at [www.prairiechapelm Marion.org](http://www.prairiechapelm Marion.org)

## STEWARDSHIP

*When I became a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church I promised to be faithful with my...***PRAYERS:** Pray for Peace. Pray for **safety for farmers in the fields and on the roads.** Pray for those recovering from illness and surgery, and undergoing treatments or in hospice care. Pray for the safety of all military, police, firefighters and EMT personnel. Pray for our elected officials, that God may give them wisdom.

### PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

7/2	25
7/9	43
7/16	46
7/23	54
7/30	n/a

**GIFTS:** Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

7/2	\$1417.00
7/9	\$2352.50
7/16	\$1908.00
7/23	n/a
7/30	n/a

**SERVICE:** BIG THANKS.....to all who helped with the Ice Cream Social! And to everyone who helped with VBS, teachers, workers, leaders, and those who donated money & supplies!

### August Mission Project – School Kits

School bags 14" x 16" finished size straps 1" x 19" finished

(Fabric available at the church)

- 3 spiral or bound notebook 8 ½x11" wide rule or 250 sheets loose paper
- 1 - 30 cm metric ruler                      •1 box **24** crayons
- 1 - 2½" eraser                                      •1 blunt pair scissors
- 1 hand pencil sharpener                      •6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- No political or religious icons, slogans on any items. (WE HAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF PENCILS AND SCISSORS AT THE CHURCH)

PRAIRIE CHAPEL NEWS...

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

3 BARBARA TRUMM  
4 MARY ANN BECKNER  
7 SABRA EHLERT  
8 ANGIE BACH  
10 BECKY SEJKORA MILLER  
11 MATT WITTENBURG  
13 KAREN MARTIN  
14 MICHAEL SEIBERT  
17 HEIDI CLEMENS  
17 LOGAN BLACKFORD  
17 CASEY ROBERTSON

18 ALEXIS MARIE DIETIKER  
19 ALLISON BECKNER  
20 LOGAN MASON  
21 NICK RITZE  
23 DEBRA BECKHAM  
23 WHITNEY THOMPSON  
25 SHARON SEJKORA  
26 KEVIN BANASIK  
26 MEGAN BANASIK

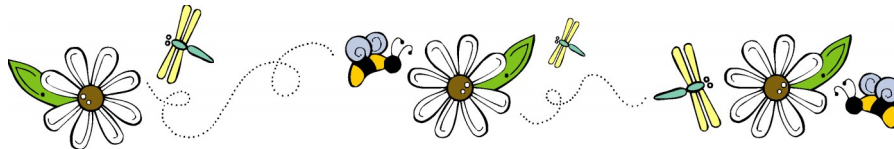


26 BRET BLACKFORD  
27 TRAVIS ROBERTSON  
29 JULIE MILLER  
29 JAYDA BOWMAN  
31 TWYLA HUTCHINS

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

1 DEWAYNE & MARY ANN BECKNER  
1 ANTHONY & STACY MASON  
7 KEVIN & ALLISON BECKNER  
10 TIM & KATHY CLEMENS  
26 BECKY & STEVE MILLER

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# Puzzle!

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once — without numbers.

T H D N A I M  
H A D I A H A  
C E I G A D U  
C L E R S E A  
S E L G T H O J  
I N Y T B A I J  
S E S T M I C E  
A I N S U L C H  
I E S T M I C H  
S A R E E S L C  
D R E E S L C H  
T S E E S L C H  
J O S E S L C H  
S E J O S E S L  
O N G E S L C H  
O R H Z S L C H  
F E U E S L C H  
S M A C I A T  
O L A H N E C  
M I A Z G K U  
O N C I N G S  
K V D P S A L  
J U D M S I S

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UMW: No Meeting in August**  
The Nominating Committee will meet.  
**Mission Project-Catherine McAuley House Pantry**

**COMMUNITY CLUB** will meet on Thursday, July 6 at 6:30PM at the church. Everyone is welcome for this monthly potluck supper. We have lots of conversation and laughs and would love for you to join us!. See you there!