

The Newsline

Our family reaching out to your family

July 2021

Dear friends,

It's Thursday June 24 as I write. 145 years ago tomorrow the Battle of Little Big Horn was fought. It is named after a small river that flowed nearby. Custer and his soldiers, whose numbers vary between 210-268, sought the Sioux warriors believed to be in the area.

Within an hour, Custer and every one of his men were dead. How did one of the Civil War's great strategists fail so miserably? There are two reasons.

One, Custer thought they would face a much smaller number of enemy troops, perhaps a couple of hundred including women and children. But they faced instead at least 1500 warriors.

Mistake number one. Underestimating the force of our enemy. 1 Peter 5:8 - NIV - Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

This is a constant, persistent, powerful and active foe. Satan wants you to underestimate him and his abilities.

Mistake number two for Custer. There were two other units of soldiers containing nearly 600 men who were supposed to swoop in and fight with Custer. But when Captain Benteen and Major Reno saw the size of their foe, they coward, ran away, or hid in the hills, leaving Custer and his men to fight alone.

Mistake number two for us has two parts. One, looking at the size of our foes rather than the might of our Lord. Two, like Reno and Benteen we leave our allies to fight alone.

We must support our brothers and sisters in Christ from our knees. Cover each other in prayer.

And we must be like the warrior David. Oh he wasn't a warrior when he showed up to fight Goliath. But he knew that he wasn't the one fighting the Philistine. His God was. He knew God had his back. He knew that all of Goliath's rants and screams and cursing and insults were just smoke and mirrors.

Rich Mullins...

Now there must have been some laughter
Among the Philistines
At the sight of this scrawny little shepherd
Coming out to meet the record-breaking mammoth
of a man
Who was a killing machine

But it didn't shake David
'Cause he was smart enough to know
It's more the size of who you put your faith in
Than the size of your foe

I love you guys,
Pastor Brian

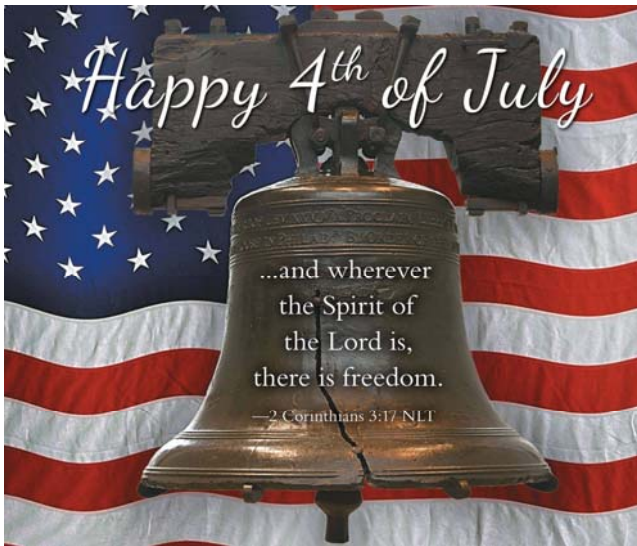
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We will be participating in the **Fun Days parade on July 17th**. Line up is at 10:00 at Reeves farm. We are handing out ice pops. For those who don't want to walk that far meet at the Marathon and join us from there. **Let Brenda know if you can help out with this great community outreach!**



July 18th will be our quarterly business meeting right after church. Following the meeting we are having our church picnic. Please bring a covered dish and a dessert. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring lawn chairs, outdoor games...come enjoy some fun and fellowship.



3rd Quarter mission is Adam & Amy Burkey-Cru Coaching Center

GOAL: \$1000.00

Reaching the Next Generation with the Life Changing Message of Jesus Christ We consider it a privilege to be in full time ministry. We feel that the Lord has called us to influence young people through the ministry of **Cru's Coaching Center**. We get to be a part of **Jesus transforming lives** as we mentor college and high school students in their walks with God and help enable them to build movements to reach their peers.

EACH & EVERY: Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples of ALL nations. Today's students will be the leaders of the nations tomorrow. That is why Cru focuses most of their energy on students, because students have so much **potential to influence**. Also, students are at a time in their lives where they are making decisions that set the course of the rest of their lives. High school and college is such a **crucial time in the life of young people** to have opportunities to put their faith in Jesus and learn to walk with Him. In light of these truths, we have strategies in place to help the body of Christ get to **each** school and **every** student.



July- August Mini Mission
Our mini mission for July & August is.....
School Supplies for students in our area



12 pkg. #2 pencils, 2 pkg. glue sticks, pink erasers, Fiskars scissors, pencil cases, wide ruled spiral bound notebooks, red & blue pens, 1" binders, white glue, rulers, pencil crayons, pocket folders, lined composition notebook, subject dividers, wide ruled notebook paper, pocket dictionary, scientific calculator, 24 pkg. crayons

Have supplies to the church by August 15th!