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FCC GOES TO THE MOVIES



We have a special treat in store during the lazy days of Summer 2016. During June and July you are invited to be our guest at the movies. FCC will offer a new feature film every week. Choose the Thursday matinee at 3 pm in the Movie Room or the Saturday night showing at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. Then join us for worship on Sunday morning when the sermon will explore a theme from the movie.

For the opening night of FCC Goes to the Movies on June 4, we'll fire up the grill and serve burgers and hot dogs at 6:30 pm. And of course we'll supply plenty of hot popcorn every Saturday night.

Friends and neighbors are always welcome. It's the cheapest date in town. We'll see you at the movies!

Movie Schedule for June-July

"Les Miserables"	June 2 at 3 pm/June 4 at 7 pm
Original "Star Wars"	June 9 at 3 pm/June 11 at 7 pm
"Up"	June 16 at 3 pm/June 18 at 7 pm
"The African Queen"	June 23 at 3 pm/June 25 at 7 pm
"Mr. Smith Goes to Washington"	June 30 at 3 pm/July 2 at 7 pm
"Hoosiers"	July 7 at 3 pm/July 9 at 7 pm
"Year of Living Dangerously"	July 14 at 3 pm/July 16 at 7 pm
"Inside Out"	July 21 at 3 pm/July 23 at 7 pm



PENTECOST OFFERING May 15 & 22

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's been a few months since you welcomed me in person, and so much has happened at Galileo Church since then. Our worship attendance has grown by another 20% to 60 or more people on Sunday evenings. We have added another weekly Bible & Beer gathering for conversation, Bible study, and making Christian friends. We have ordained our first ministry candidate. We have hired a babysitter to help with all our babies and toddlers, with more on the way in months to come! We're hosting the TBA Assembly on May 15, and we are getting ready to welcome at least one, and maybe two, ministry interns from Brite Divinity School in the fall.

Most of all, though, we continue to welcome people who thought God didn't want them – or that the people of God would not be a good fit for them. Just this morning, our weekly G-Study group sat in a coffee shop discussing how we read the Bible in a post-modern age. A young woman interrupted our gathering to say, "I have been looking for a church just like this. I haven't been in church in so long, but from listening to your conversation, I feel like I could bring my daughter and we could finally feel at home." She has her reasons – and I don't know what they are yet – but she has been seeking, waiting, and wishing for a church family to call her own. Now, thanks in part to your support and encouragement, she has a chance to have what we have all enjoyed for so long.

Galileo Church is a missionary outpost to a generation that is hungry for God, and hoping for the people of God to welcome them home. Thank you for going with us on this journey. Please keep us in your prayers, as we pray for you.

Rev. Dr. Katie Hays,
Galileo Church planter-pastor



The Heavens Proclaim God's Righteousness!

By Rev. Renee Hoke

After describing my overnight trip to Goblin Valley State Park in my Mother's Day sermon, I knew I wanted to share some photos with you since it is difficult to imagine sandstone formations that look like goblins. See what you think! Of course, the photos online are better than mine. (These are online.)

I must admit that I might never have discovered the breathtaking scenery of Utah if not for my son Ben and his wife Hailey who moved to Ogden, Utah, after graduating from West Virginia University. Ben got the idea last September that we could rent an RV and take three generations (my mom Margaret went along) on a sightseeing tour of Utah. (I've been told that park rangers in Yellowstone warn all visitors that the greatest danger in the park is anyone driving a rental RV!)

The nights are so quiet in the high desert. After the 8 pm curfew for generators, the only sounds were other campers settling down for the evening. Everyone seemed respectful of the silence. In preparation for the lunar eclipse, we parked our RV at the observation center so that we could look out over a valley filled with hundreds of goblin formations. It didn't take much effort after the moon began to change to imagine the goblins beginning to dance.

At the peak of the eclipse, with the moonlight subdued, the stars took center stage. For almost an hour we admired the handiwork of the Creator. We searched for constellations and counted shooting stars and tracked satellites across the night sky.

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, says the psalmist. That night we were reminded of God's glory. The Lord is King! Let the earth rejoice!



These three sandstone formations are like the deacons of Goblin Valley State Park, standing near the entrance to greet guests.



Overnight camping space is limited in this remote park. We're lucky Ben and Hailey made the reservations early. The campsites are located alongside a spectacular rock formation.



My simple camera is not capable of this advanced photography. So enjoy the night sky over Goblin Valley as captured by a real photographer!

OPEN FLOWER DATES

If you would like to donate the flowers for the worship service in the Sanctuary, the following dates are open: **May 15 & 22**. To donate or for more info, call Peggy Fitts, Flower Coordinator, 781-2426.

**TRINITY-BRAZOS AREA
 ASSEMBLY 2016**

Sunday, May 15, 3 p.m.

Red's Roadhouse/Galileo Register at
 1170 E. Kennedale Pkwy TBA2016.eventbrite.com
 Kennedale, TX 76060 \$15 per person
 Includes dinner

Deep conversation. Beautiful worship. Tasty food.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
 GROUP MEETINGS**

CWF Group Meetings will be as follows on **Monday, May 16**: **Group 1** will meet at 11:30 am in the Chapel parking lot to go to Jane Ridenour's, 445 Eagle Drive, Holiday TX. Don't forget to bring your covered dish.; **Group 2** will meet at 12:00 noon in Rm 405; **Group 3** will meet at 11:30 am at Applebee's on Kemp.

PERSECUTED CHURCH

The Prayer Team for the Persecuted Church will meet on Tuesday, May 17th, at 5:00 pm in Room 310.

MAY MINISTRY MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
 Education & Membership

6:00 pm, Room 310
 Stewardship

7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
 Worship

If you will need childcare, please RSVP to the church office, 692-2282, by noon on Monday, May 16.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER
 Thursday, May 19
 6:30 pm
 Fellowship Hall
 Program: Wichita Falls Police Department

**Congratulations GRADUATE SUNDAY
 MAY 22**



We will be honoring our high school & college graduates on Sunday, May 22, during the 10:45 worship service and we will also celebrate their achievements with a Graduate Luncheon of Indian Tacos (a fundraiser for the Youth Summer Mission Trip) following the service.

Graduates Please make your reservations in worship this Sunday or by calling the church office, 692-2282.

We need parents of high school graduates to collect 10-15 photos of your graduate from birth until present and a wallet-size Senior photo, and turn them into the church office by Monday, May 16, in digital format.

We also need college graduates or their parents to please call Susan in the church office, 692-2282, with the following information: graduate name, college, degree receiving (BBA, BS, MBA, etc.), and their major and minor.

MEMBER NEWS

♥Hospitalized: at URHCS is Ashley Burross & baby girl.

♥Our sympathies are extended to Joy Robbins & Family on learning of the death of her mother, Doris Robbins, on May 5th. Services are pending.

♥Our condolences are also extended to Ed Diaz & Family on learning of the death of his mother, Hilda I. Diaz-Figueroa, on May 3rd.

♥Congratulations to Ashley & Kyle Burross on the birth of their daughter, Kinsley Jean Burross, born on May 9th. She weighed 8 lbs 12 ozs and was 21 1/4" long. Proud grandparents are Karen & Terry Burross.

We want to be as inclusive as possible with our Member News, so if you know about an honor someone received, an important event in someone's life, or about illness or death, please call the church-692-2282. Thanks!

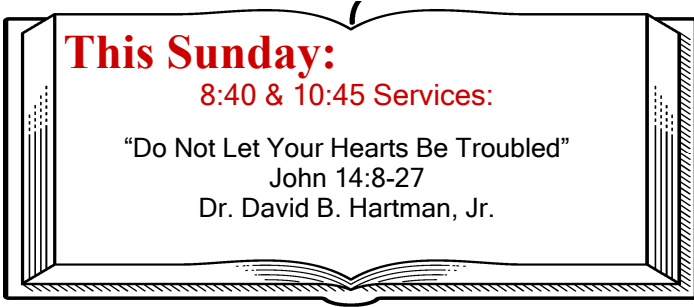
**Young Ages School
 2016-17 Enrollment Has Begun**

Registration packets are available in the hallway. For more information, please call Karen Bivona, Director, in the Young Ages office, 692-3640.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY'S
 PARADE OF HOMES**

Each year the Parade of Homes benefits Habitat for Humanity by the small charge for touring the houses. Volunteers are needed at each location on the tour to sell tickets and mark the tickets as purchasers visit each house. Volunteers receive detailed but easy instructions. To sign up for a slot, call Carla Dowlen, 940-716-9300. The times and dates are as follows:

Friday, June 3	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 4	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (2 hour shifts)
Sunday, June 5	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (2 hour shifts)
Friday, June 10	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 11	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (2 hour shifts)
Sunday, June 12	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (2 hour shifts)



**SERVING SUNDAY
ELDERS**

Doug Thompson, Eddie Tucker; Susan Buckley, Presiding

DIACONATE COMMUNION VISITATION

Cary Thompson, Mark Turnbow, Debbie Turnbow

DIACONATE COMMUNION PREPARATION

Billy Thacker & Michael Pettibon

MAY DIACONATE SERVERS

Jody & Brandi Brannon, Kay Jackson, June Lemmon, James Poole, Billy Thacker, Catherine Earley, Caitlin Hartman, Kathleen Lauck, Michael Pettibon, Sandra Whatley, Lee DeVilbiss, Jill Griffin, Jon Hartman, Debbie & Mark Turnbow.

OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, May 15, 2016

PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 8:40 Worship (Chapel)
- 9:30 Sunday School
- 9:45 Journey Through Scripture (Parlor)
- 10:45 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:45 Chancel Ringers (Stratten Hall)
- 5:00 Come As You Are (Grades 6-12) (Room 403C)
- 5:14 CGRM Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Common Ground Recovery Ministries Support Groups:
 - Anger Recovery (Rm 304)
 - Chemical Addictions Recovery (Rm 305)
 - Parenting (Rm 306)
 - Women's C.A.R.E. (Rm 307)
 - Family Challenges (Rm 310)
- 7:00 CGRM Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 16, 2016

- 7:30-6:00 Children Come First (M-F)
- 9:00-12:00 Young Ages School (M-Th)
- 10:15 FCC Staff Meeting (Office)
- 11:30 CWF Group 1 meet in Chapel parking lot to go to Jane Ridenour's
- 11:30 CWF Group 3 (Applebee's)
- 12:00 CWF Group 2 (Rm 405)
- 7:30 Boy Scouts Troop 15 (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

- 2:00 Library Committee (Library)
- 5:00 Prayer Team for Persecuted Church (Rm 310)
- 6:00 Ministry Meetings:
 - Education & Membership (Fellowship Hall)
 - Stewardship (Rm 310)
- 7:00 Worship Ministry Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

- 7:00 Elders' Breakfast (Rm 402/Chapel)
- 5:00 Mid-Week Communion Service (Chapel)
- 5:30 Feast Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00-7:00 Adult Group (Fellowship Hall)
 - Young Disciples Group (Grades K-5) (Rms 309/311)
 - Chi Rho/CYF (Grades 6-12) (FH/Rm 403C)
- 7:00-8:30 Chancel Choir (High School-Adults) (Stratten Hall)

Thursday, May 19, 2016

- LAST DAY OF YOUNG AGES SCHOOL**
- 9:00 CWF Group 3 Birthday Breakfast (IHOP on SW Pkwy)
- 1:30 Knit Wits (Parlor)
- 6:30 CMF Dinner (Fellowship Hall)

Friday, May 20, 2016

- 9:00 Young Ages School Teacher-In-Service

THE CHURCH STAFF . . .

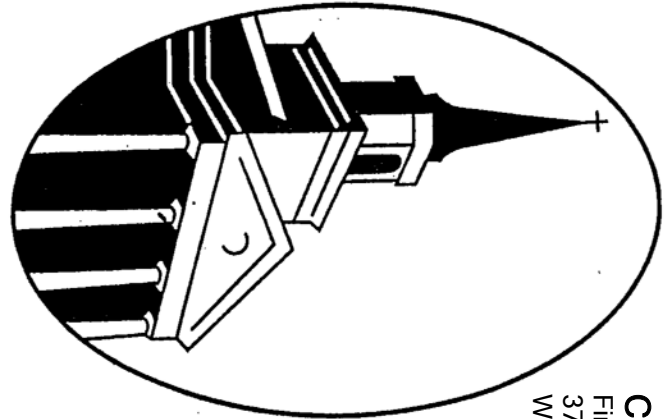
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Cheryl Appling, Business Administrator	691-7265		
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Justin Dickey, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries	936-645-1215		
Rev. Erin Taylor, Director of Recovery Ministries	337-304-3038		
Heather Dickerson, Director of Children Come First	687-2231		
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FAX Number 940-696-3085			

FOR THE RECORD . . .

Sunday School	112	
8:40 Worship . . . 35	10:45 Worship . . . 193	
Total Worship		228
CGRM: Sunday Evening Ministry . . Did not meet		
Sunday Receipts Needed Per Week		\$15,842.23
Sunday Receipts for 5/8/16		\$10,069.14
Through May 9: Income \$257,438.21		Expenses \$290,604.37

**PERSECUTED CHURCH PRAYERS
THIS WEEK ARE FOR:**

Pray that new believers in Vietnam will persevere in faith despite pressure from local authorities.



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