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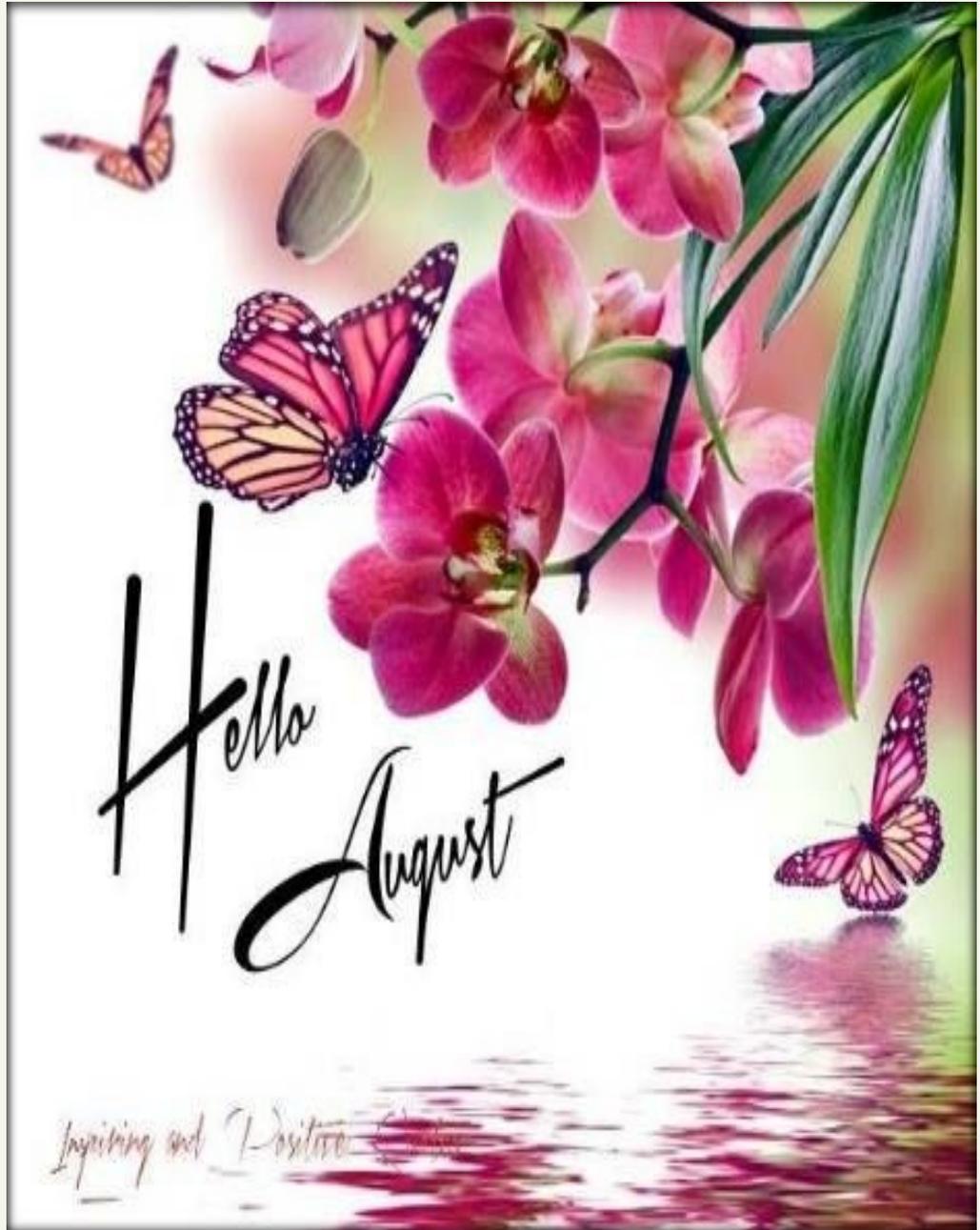
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**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Pictures from Jr. and Sr. High Outing, VBS, August Calendar
- Birthdays and Anniversaries

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WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR



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FROM OUR YOUTH PASTOR

Change of plans



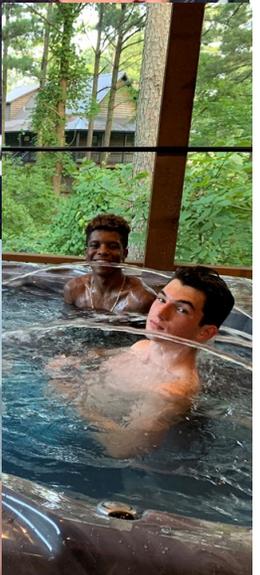
Within the last 3-4 months, the entire world has had to adjust to a new normal. With many cancelations, postponements, things being moved, everything has looked so different than what we expected it to look like. With that though, sometimes change allows for new things to be birthed and new things to take the place of the old and routine. Interruptions can sometimes produce good things.

One of those interruptions for our youth was the cancelation of summer camp for both our high school and middle school kids. But because of that, we were able to do something different. We were able to adjust and do something new. In the month of July, we took two trips to Broken Bow, OK. One for the middle school and the other for the high schoolers. We spent two nights in a secluded cabin in the woods, played lots of games, went out on the lake, shared meals together, and intentionally focused on growing together as a group.

I am positive each trip was a highlight of the year for many of the leaders that came with us, the students and even myself. I don't think there has been a single event or thing we have done that has brought us together like these trips did. Each person not only had a blast but also went home feeling closer with the people that were there. It has set us up tremendously to start the school year and continue to grow in solid, biblical community as we move forward.

To think that the biggest factor that made these trips both possible, was summer camps being canceled. We had a huge interruption that caused us to adjust our plans, but something great came out of it. What is something in your life that has forced you to have a "change of plans" these past 3-4 months? How can you make an adjustment and create something new out of that? Maybe a new routine, a new idea, a new tradition. I don't know what that might be for you. But, sometimes interruptions can be good, because it gives us a chance to do something new and exciting that we have never done before.

See more pics of the Jr. High trip on page 16.



CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR CARRIE SCHMIDT

In the blink of an eye, summer is almost gone! We had one of our final kids summer event last week as we hosted our FOCUS VBS! Pine Acres was blessed with 72 amazing kids for our one-night bash! It was such a privilege to have all of these precious children. We heard the story of the Wise Man and the Foolish Man [Matthew 7:24-27]. When we hear God's words and put them into practice, we are like the wise man who built his house on the rock. We can weather any storm that comes our way! We discovered that we can HEAR from God when we put our FOCUS on Him and spend time reading the Bible.

I am so grateful to each and every person that helped make our night such a great success!



It takes such a huge team to carry out all the tasks and we have the best! You do not know how much every single one of you are appreciated! I praise God for such a wonderful evening that was filled with opportunity to share His love and His story with these children. Check out our Pine Acres Kids Facebook page to see more pictures of our fun week!

This month's activities continued on as our Bridge Preteens had a pool and pizza party! We had 22 kids join in the fun and we had a blast together.

As the summer begins to wind down, Pine Acres Kids Ministry will hold our annual Back to School Bash on August 26 from 6:00-7:30 PM! This will be a fun event for the entire family that includes fun games, inflatables, and a free hot dog meal. Invite your friends!!

The next week, September 2, will be the first night of our regularly scheduled Wednesday night activities! Treehouse (Pre-K through 3rd grade) and Bridge (4th-6th grade) will start back up! Our evenings will comprise of a large group time that consists of a fun, interactive opening activity, praise songs, and a Bible lesson. All ages will also participate in a small group time where the leader will talk about the week with their children, pray with them, dig deeper into the evening's story and work on verses. We are so excited to see what our new year holds!

As we kick off our fall activities, we are in serious need of filling some key positions within our Children's Ministry! I would ask that you please consider jumping in and saying yes to the next generation! You are saying yes to loving, leading, and being a consistent person in a child's life! Nothing is more important than teaching our children about Jesus. Nothing.

We have an IMMEDIATE NEED for one Kindergarten/1st grade Sunday School assistant, one 2nd/3rd grade Sunday School leader and two assistants, and one 4th grade Sunday School leader! This is a perfect opportunity for spouses or friends to serve together! I would like there to be two leaders at a time in the classroom so I need five people to say YES! It's a rotating position and all materials are given to you. Treehouse and Bridge Small Group Leaders are also needed for the upcoming year! We are going to have a blast as we tweak up some things so I ask that if you are even considering joining our team this year that you would mark your calendars to attend a planning meeting on August 16 at 4:00!! This is an important meeting so please plan on being there! Come join in on the fun!! Contact me at 580.819.2168 TODAY! You get to serve with an incredible team of adults and work with some amazing kids! It's such a blessing to serve together and I look forward to working alongside you!!

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DIRECTOR
LIZ LINDAMOOD**

Thank you all for the love, support and prayer over the past year. It has truly been an honor serving the smallest members of Pine Acres Church, and I look forward to continuing to invest in their lives as a regular volunteer. Please be praying for Stephanie Harris as she so graciously serves as the interim Early Childhood Director, and pray for the leadership of Pine Acres Church as they seek God's will on how to best staff the Children's Ministry. I am excited to see how God will continue to grow and shape the next phase of Children's Ministry at Pine Acres Church.



The past several months have been full of so many unknowns, and as we approach a new school year, much of what we took for granted has been called into question. Now, more than ever, it is so important to find strength and hope in that which is unchanging. August's early childhood curriculum focuses on the truth that God made us in His image. Children will learn they were fearfully and wonderfully made by a God who loves them. We pray that the Bible stories this month reach deep into their hearts and they know God loves them and their lives have immense value.



This month children will learn that God made all people in His image. We will learn that people are so important to God, He even knows how many hairs are on each of their heads. Children will learn that God loves us so much that He sent His son, Jesus, to die for us. We will celebrate that we can talk to God anytime, anywhere, about anything, and He will hear us. Finally, we will focus on how God made us to help others.

Our memory verse is Psalm 139:14, and we pray that each child we encounter would know they are loved by God and created in His image. When the world is full of uncertainty, may we rest in the knowledge of to whom we belong.

Mis Liz

HERITAGE NOTES

FORTY YEARS AGO

August 1980

- Lyndon Harms was part of re-decorating crew who created a Zoo atmosphere in our Nursery
- Average Attendance—131

THIRTY YEARS AGO

August 1990

- Special music was presented by Kyle Thiessen, Landon and Garren Harms
- Average Attendance—127

TWENTY YEARS AGO

August 2000

- Had a picnic and pool party with a concert at the Gazebo
- A group of people helped with the college move-in day
- Solid Rock Café was open on Tuesday to serve lunch to college students for \$1
- Average Attendance—217

TEN YEARS AGO

August 2009

- Kids Night Out enjoyed a Slip 'N Slide Party

- The PACT enjoyed a Deep Fried Slip 'N Slide
- Ave. Att.—251

ONE YEAR AGO—August 2019

Average attendance—255

CHURCH STATISTICS 2020

June Ave. Attendance:

Sunday School—162

Morning Worship—204

July Ave. Attendance:

Sunday School—148

Morning Worship—189

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

2—(AM) — Hebrews

(PM) —

9—(AM) — Hebrews, Trustee Meeting

(PM) — Shower in Gathering. Jr. High to Sky Zone

16—(AM) — Hebrews

(PM) — Forge Leaders

Meeting, 8-Tracks, Deacon Meeting

23—(AM) — Hebrews

(PM) — Shower in Gathering

30—(AM) — Hebrews

— Potluck and Fall Business Meeting



Early Childhood Workers Schedule

August Coordinator: Stephanie Harris

Pink Room

1st Sunday—Stephanie Harris, Cortney Bell, Alicia Henson

2nd Sunday—April Javorsky, LaNae Meacham, Raquela Jones

3rd Sunday—Nicole Akin, Angela Day, Madi Meacham

4th Sunday—Kirby Hood, Jamie Collins, Keely Anderson

5th Sunday—Rotating

Blue Room

1st Sunday—Kim Javorsky and Emily Knop

2nd Sunday—Kara Wall and Lanita Nikkel

3rd Sunday—David and Karen Schoenhals

4th Sunday—Travis and Deidrah Dyck

5th Sunday—Rotating

Green Room

1st Sunday—Amy Burd and Liz Lindamood

2nd Sunday—Matt and Lindsey Fast

3rd Sunday—Brooke Caswell and Ashlyn Pugh

4th Sunday—Carissa Cox and Denise Percy

5th Sunday—Rotating

Red Room

1st Sunday—Holly Funk and Brittany Williams

2nd Sunday—Angela Day and Rebecca Miller

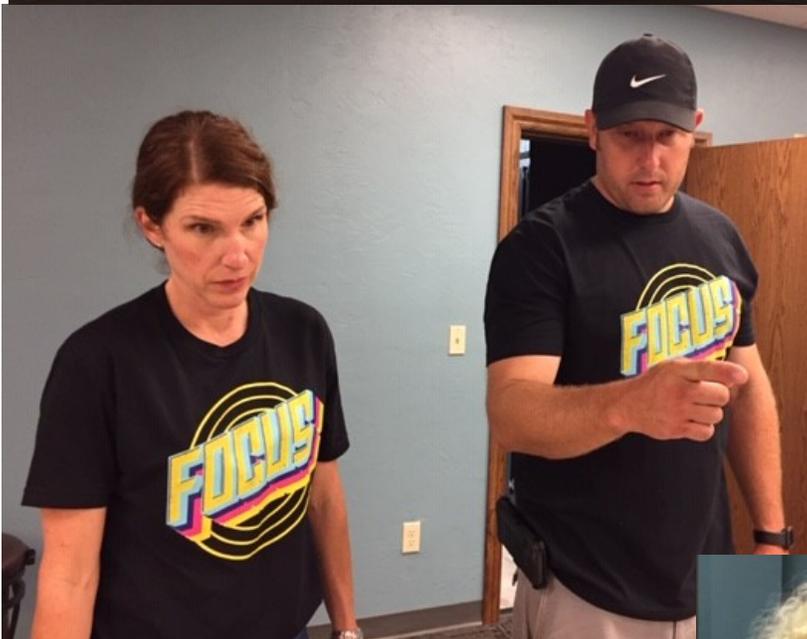
3rd Sunday—Neelie Lindamood and Lorelai Bull

4th Sunday—Presley Fast and Braylie Schmidt

5th Sunday—Rotating



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PICS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



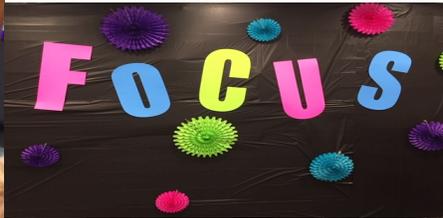
Focus



BIG FALL BASH



You won't want to miss the BIG FALL BASH coming Wednesday, August 26th. There will be big blow-up toys, hot dogs and drinks, games and a lot of fun. All booths will be open from 6:00–7:30 pm, so come and enjoy the free food, the fun and meeting old friends. Also, invite the new friends that you meet once school starts. It will be a really fun evening!!! Everyone is invited!!!



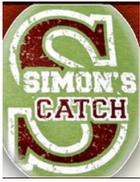
FALL KICKOFFS

- August 12—WOCs and CBA first day of school
- August 17—Southwestern Oklahoma State University first day of classes
- August 20—Weatherford Public Schools first day of school
- August 26—Forge Kick-off
- August 26—Back-to-School Bash
- August 30—Potluck and Annual Fall Business Meeting

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is a ministry in which our church helps, along with other churches in Weatherford. They ask each church in town to provide something each month for the pantry. During the month of AUGUST our church is asked to provide all types of canned yellow vegetables. These donations can be left on the North counter in the kitchen and they will be delivered to the pantry. The Food Pantry provides a valuable service to people who are really in need in our community. Please Give!





8 - T R A C K S



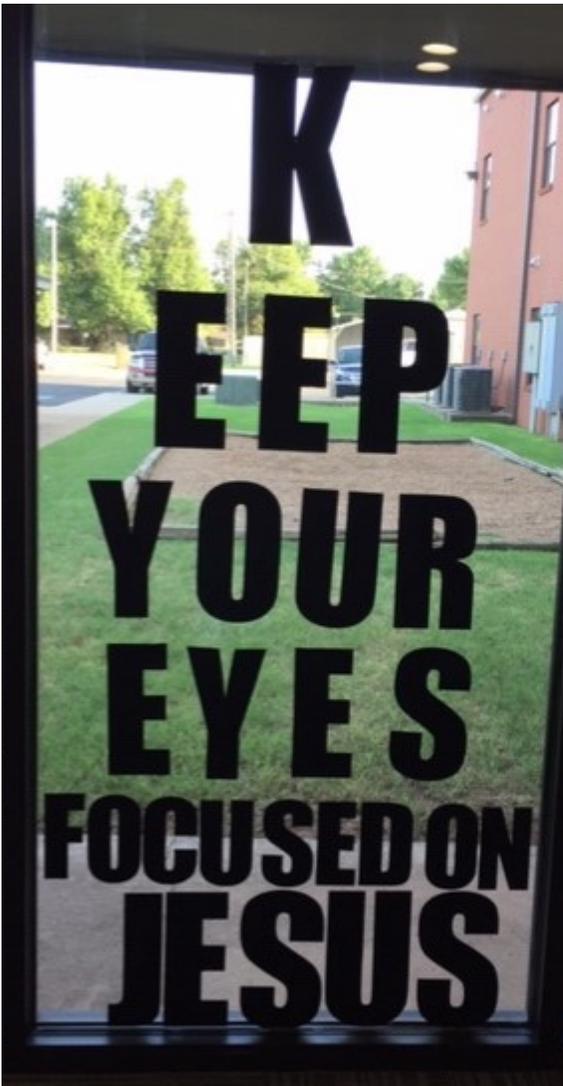
The 8-Tracks were really glad to get together again! Nineteen met and carpoled to Simon's Catch Sunday, July 19th. We were so happy to have Tony and Reggie join us and we all enjoyed the fish and steak! Be watching for the next outing. The third Sunday of the month has been set aside for 8-Tracks but some of the things might occur on a different day. Sign up today to go to Gloria's Kitchen on August 16 at Noon.



Bridge Had a Blast at Their Pool Party



More FOCUS VBS Pics





Toque de Queda...STILL

That STILL means curfew. We are still on lockdown from 6 PM until 6 AM and all day on Sundays. As I'm sure many are feeling, this is getting old! We had planned on returning to the US and that clearly didn't happen. We are still working here. Angel has been working every day meeting with the Admin team to try and get the school ready to open when the government allows schools to open and people to return. Reggie has been able to do some serving the hungry here in Guatemala.

There are families all over Guatemala (and the world) that are running out of resources. So many people are no longer selling products on the side of the road as they used to. What happens now is whole families sit along the road and wave white flags which indicates that they have run out of food in their homes.



There is a travel ban on inter-departmental travel here in Guatemala. That means that the different sections of the country cannot share any illnesses. The only thing is that if you are doing humanitarian good (like delivering food) you are allowed to pass through various departments. Reggie was able to take a pickup load of food a couple of hours up into the mountains. While the people up there have some food available to them, it is too expensive. The cost of many things has risen and it is hard for people to afford food. It is rewarding to help others, but it is also humbling to see so many people so greatly affected by the economic crisis. We have been really blessed to be able to share food with those in need. Instead of handing food out along the road, we have been serving those in La Comunidad that Reggie has been involved in with the soccer ministry. The church that our friends have been planting is our contact and they help us give out food to their families and use it as an opportunity to serve their community.

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If you would like to get a sneak peak, go to this website <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/PineAcres>.

A promotional graphic for Right Now Media Kids. The background is blue with yellow and white triangles. At the top, it says "rightnow MEDIA" in white. Below that, "Just for Kids" is written in large, bubbly yellow letters. Several smartphones and tablets are shown floating, displaying the Right Now Media app interface. A yellow circle contains the text: "Everyone in our church gets FREE ACCESS to thousands of Christian videos!". At the bottom, logos for android, chromecast, iPhone & iPad, Roku, Apple TV, and fireTV are listed, along with the website www.rightnowmedia.org.

An email invitation graphic for Right Now Media. At the top, it says "rightnow MEDIA" with a small profile icon. Below that, it reads "Our church's Bible study library is now digital..." followed by "AND GIGANTIC." in large blue and orange letters. The text continues: "Over 20,000 discipleship videos for kids, youth, and adults." Below this is a "GET FREE ACCESS" button. The main body of the email contains the text: "Receive your invitation email to register for RightNow Media. (Please let us know if you do not receive an email)." and "Click the Get Started button in the email." At the bottom, it says "Create your profile. Then Explore!!" and lists compatible devices: "android chromecast Apple iPhone & iPad Roku Apple TV firetv". The website www.rightnowmedia.org is at the bottom. The graphic features several smartphones and tablets displaying the app interface, including a video titled "1st CORINTHIANS".

Jr. High Trip to Broken Bow



AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p>2</p> <p>9:30 am – SS/ABF 10:30am—Prayer 10:30 am – Worship 11:00 am—KNOW</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 am—Staff Meeting 6:30 pm—Young Men’s Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 pm - Men’s Bible study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:30 am—Trustees 9:30 am – SS/ABF 10:30am—Prayer 10:30 am – Worship 11:00 am—KOW 2:00 pm—Schrock Wedding Shower</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 am—Staff Meeting 6:00 pm—Overseers 6:30 pm—Young Men’s Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 pm - Men’s Bible study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>WOCS and CBA 1st day of school</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am – SS/ABF 10:30am—Prayer 10:30 am – Worship 11:00 am—KOW 4:00 pm—Forge Leaders 8-Tracks 7:00 pm—Deacons</p>	<p>17</p> <p>SWOSU Classes Begin 9:00 am—Staff Meeting 6:30 pm—Young Men’s Bible Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 pm - Men’s Bible study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 pm—Fall Bash 6:00 pm—Forge Kick-Off</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Weatherford Public Schools 1st day</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am – SS/ABF 10:30am—Prayer 10:30 am – Worship 11:00 am—KNOW 2:00 pm—Burd Shower</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 am—Staff Meeting 6:30 pm—Young Men’s Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Elections 6:30 pm - Men’s Bible study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 pm—Back-to-School Bash 6:00 pm—Forge Begins</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am – SS/ABF 10:30am—Prayer 10:30 am – Worship 11:00 am—KNOW 6:00 pm—Potluck/Annual Business Meeting</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 am—Staff Meeting 6:30 pm—Young Men’s Bible Study</p>					

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BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1—Axel Province | 18—Willow Manney |
| 3—Kane Keasler | 20—Tyler Henson |
| 5—Bill Cox | 22—Titus Lubbers |
| 5—Kilee Funk | 22—Lily Parker |
| 7—Debra Penner | 23—Cody Bell |
| 8—Cory Miller | 23—Anne Flood |
| 10—Luke Harms | 25—Rebecca Manney |
| 11—Everett Lindamood | 26—Lyle Miller |
| 12—Tom Cox | 26—Sharon Simmons |
| 13—Reagan Harris | 26—Larry Williams |
| 15—Steve Fast | 27—Karen Schoenhals |
| 17—Josh Collins | 28—Carrie Schmidt |
| 18—Logan Lasley | 30—Dave Stegall |



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4—Landon and Meghan Harms
- 4—Brock and LaNae Meacham
- 5—William and Kimberly Hawkins
- 6—Kenton and April Javorsky
- 7—Matt and Becca Geiger
- 12—Rick and Donna Miller
- 13—Corey and Julie Harms
- 16—Terry and Denise Percy
- 16—Colin and Liz Lindamood
- 19—Colby and Jennifer Lindamood