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July 17, 2019

**MAKE YOUR
LIFE**

Spectacular.

— Robin Williams, Jack

Robin Williams and Me

In 2009 comedian and actor Robin Williams underwent heart surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. A portion of his 3 1/2-hour surgery was to repair his mitral valve. His cardiothoracic surgeon was a guy named A. Marc Gillinov, MD. That same surgeon repaired my mitral valve robotically at Cleveland three months earlier.

Our common surgical connection triggered a unique sadness when I read, five years later, that Williams committed suicide in his California home at age 63. Unfortunately, there's no indication Robin ever placed his faith in Jesus for forgiveness and new life. He did fight a deeply private and painful battle against depression.

All around us are people dealing with stuff we know little or nothing about. Be kind. And please, reach out to someone if you need help.

We care!

Les



Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 18

6:00 p.m. – Deacon Meeting

Sunday, July 21

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

5:00 p.m. – All Church Picnic
& Swim Party

Teachers for July 21

Nursery

Helen Steffen / Ciera Hiester

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans / Marcia Liddy

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Remain in service – summer break

Stewardship Report

July 14, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	1,942.00
Missions	190.00
Building/Maint Fund	90.00
Deacons	10.00
Match Fund	120.00
Memorial	145.00

Total **\$ 2,497.00**



Student Information

The church will celebrate Christian Education Sunday during the worship service on August 11. In preparation for this event, there is a sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for you to write your student's name, grade, and school. We include pre-school through college. We use the information to create prayer magnets to pass out to the congregation.

Becomers Class Schedule

The Becomers Class encourages reading ahead to prepare for class discussions. The readings for the rest of July are:

July 21 – Luke 4:31-44

July 28 – Luke 5:1-16



Why the Enemy Wins

Imagine you're in the U.S. army. Your company must capture a strategic ridge from the enemy. This tactical point is just on the other side of a river. Your captain issues a command to silently enter and cross that river. Then gives a second command to wait without a sound on the other side. Would you obey those two direct commands? Victory is advanced by careful obedience.

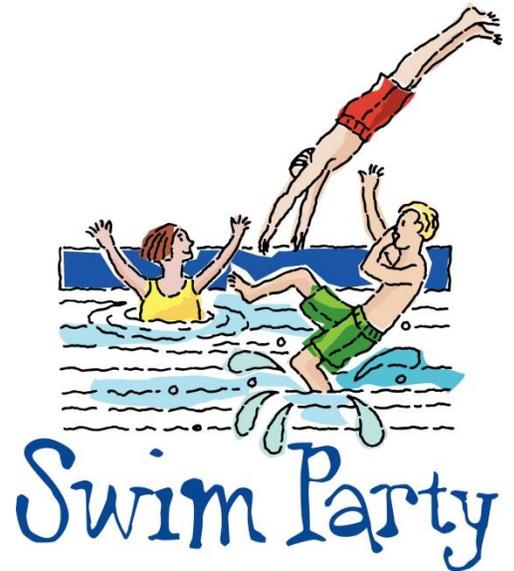
Why does God's enemy often win the spiritual war? We can answer this question by using a similar example. Our Captain, the LORD Jesus, knows there is much strategic territory to be taken back from the enemy. Christ issues a command that each of us enter the waters of baptism. Then He authorizes a second command to keep on assembling together with other believers. Have we obeyed those two direct commands?

Contact Les if you're ready to step into the water. Don't let the enemy win!





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**THIS SUNDAY,
JULY 21**

Location - Wells Community Pool
and adjacent picnic area.

Picnic - 5:00 p.m.

Swim - 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Provided - Hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, drinks,
and table service

Please bring - Plenty of food to share like fruits, salads,
casseroles, chips, and desserts. Optional – lawn chairs.

If you didn't sign up on your Welcome Card, please call the church office at 824-1558 to let them know you are coming.

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Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

Clyde Shady – Room 228B

Phyllis Shady – Room 254

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

Home

Ed Goetz

Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

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This Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service