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MONUMENTAL —Celebrating God's Greatness was the perfect theme for this year's VBS as we were able to run a full program after two summer's of our fun Drive-In VBS!

It was by God's greatness that we were to gather together again; and it was so much fun to see all the familiar faces—a lot of new ones as well! Of course, this amazing week would not have been possible without the tremendous staff that God put together this summer! From those who helped with decorating and get-

ting everything prepared to those who served as station leaders and their assistants, crew leaders, registration workers, and ice cream sellers! Of course, we are also thankful for all those who gave their support through prayers and/or financial donations! Thank you all! You are such blessings!

Throughout the week we heard the story of Joseph in the Old Testament and Jesus's amazing resurrection, learning that God loves us no matter what; is with us everywhere; is in charge; is stronger than everything; and is surprising!! AWESOME GOD!

See you next year for STELLAR! Let's Shine God's Light!





As many of you know, I traveled to Los Angeles to be with my daughter during her surgery and to take care of her afterward. But, life did not happen according to my plans. Shortly after her surgery I started feeling ill and it only went downhill from there. I took a home covid test and received a positive test result. So, to protect my daughter, I moved to the isolation of a hotel room. However, my symptoms continued to get worse to the point that I went to the emergency room. The emergency room doctor was terrific! She prescribed Paxlovid, which was also prescribed for President Biden. She was compassionate and kind as we discussed the medication and covid symptoms. Earlier, however, I had a very different experience with the ER nurse who demanded to know what I was doing there and what I was expecting them to do about it!

I've always wondered why "kindness" is listed in the list of the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5. Verse 22 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness." I confess I have always thought of kindness more in a general way that every person has it in them to be kind. That may be true but it is also true that some people have been gifted by the Lord in a special way to show kindness. The nurses and doctors who treated my daughter were also unbelievably kind. Their kindness meant a lot of me and to her. Their kindness lifted the stress and burdens of going through a major surgery and going through the recovery process.

As I prepared to write this pastor's page I researched the meaning of biblical kindness. I must say that the answers were all over the place. I concluded that it is something that is hard to define. And, while it is hard to define, it is easy to recognize. Kindness is when someone goes out of the way to help a person in need. Kindness is a smile and a hug during a time of struggle. Kindness is someone stopping to offer assistance when nobody else does. Kindness is being there when a friend is needed. Kindness is a card or text sent during a time of illness.

I can honestly say that I have received a lot of kindness from Summit Church during this time and I now have a newfound appreciation for what kindness is and what kindness does! Ephesians 4: 32 says, "Be kind to one another..."

Love and Blessings, Pastor Tom



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS from the August 3 Session Meeting

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tom will officiate the wedding of Monica Faust on June 25th. He will also officiate the wedding of Erica Wise and Shane Peters on July 16th. Pastor Tom performed the funeral service for Mary Simpson, Chuck Nagel, and Bill Kingan. He also baptized Ellie Mae Speer (infant) and Erica (Wise) Peters (adult).

Clerk's Report: **Motion** approved to accept the minutes from the June 14 Session Meeting.

Finance Committee: **Motion** approved to accept June & July treasurers reports with updated revisions.

Worship Committee: Judy Sutton and the Sew-Sews have been working on collecting patterns for new banners.

HIS Kids Christian School Report: As the school year starts, please keep the students and staff of HKCS in your prayers.



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Sunday Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Worship

Other ministries of Summit Church:

•Summit Church's Christian Community Outreach Building

•Loaves & Fishes Food Bank

Directors: Kim Steighner, LuAnn Steighner, & a host of volunteers

•HIS Kids Christian School

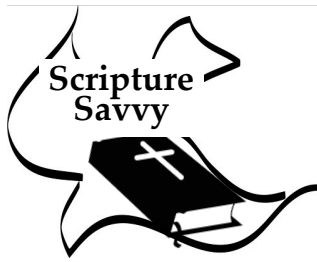
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*...a quick study of God's edifying Word by R.J. Baker.
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KNOWING FATHER GOD BY JESUS... "HIS EXPRESS IMAGE"

(Revised and Expanded Previous Lesson)

Study Verses: Heb. 3: 3; 4: 15-16

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

COLOSSIANS 1: 15-17

Some years back this lesson focused on a very intimate name believers may use to call the Holy Father. Jesus cried out "ABBA" in the garden. It is a name that may be better understood by hearing a child call out "daddy-dear" to a trusted parent. Other more formal names are better suited for worship and praise of the sovereign God of heaven and earth. They include **Yahweh**, often translated **Lord**, and several forms of **Jehovah**, such as Jehovah-Jireh (the Lord will provide) and Jehovah-Elohe-Israel (Lord-God of Israel). Old Testament Jew's used **Adonai** in place of **YHWH** (Yahweh) which they considered too sacred to ever speak. Jesus Christ has provided the freedom and new covenant confidence to use God's divine names with honor, respect and a firm sense of belonging. The redeemed enjoy full family rights! We need to hold fast to those New Testament promises.

NOW...

Our Christian growth experience is not expected to be smooth and trouble free. While in this world, difficulties will arise as you move closer to knowing and living in Christ. Devilish setbacks should never fall into failure. Perfection is not attainable in this lifetime, however, the means are in place to overcome every obstacle. Father God, by way of His beloved Son has provided victory over sin. We are expected to turn from the old ways and keep our eyes on the prize. The Holy Spirit as the promised comforter, is always available to believers seeking God's grace, on the journey to the Kingdom.

HOW...

Remember, Jesus experienced every weakness and temptation during His earthly ministry. He did so without sin. This was crucial to the plan of salvation. His victory is our victory. We may come boldly before the Father's **Throne of Grace** to obtain mercy in time of need. Christian, you have a great high priest and advocate in Jesus Christ, who shares the Throne with His Father. Call out **Abba...Abba** for divine help. God's answer to your petition will be more than sufficient in whatever form it is received.

Always give thanks to our Lord, God forever!

Focus Verse: Heb 4:16 (*paraphrased above*)

Amen



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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Celeste Faust | 19 Mary Jo Sanks |
| Danica McLay | 20 Aiden Corace |
| 5 Lisa Beattie | Garry Faust |
| 7 Bill McLay | 22 Hannah Hassler |
| 8 Bob Nowakowski | Collette Musati |
| 10 Seth Thompson | Renee Slupe |
| 12 JoAnn Lawson | 24 Connie Luppe |
| 14 Shanda McLay | 25 Evelyn Gallagher |
| 15 Rick Gallagher | 26 Andy Kingan |
| 17 Dan Corace | Ethan Thompson |
| Russ Morrow | 27 Lauren Nagg |
| 18 David Campbell | 30 Gail Montgomery |
| Ben Kingan | |
| Andrew Moyer | |

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| Andrew & Debbie Moyer | 9/1/90 |
| Don & Helen Hortert | 9/5/64 |
| Frank & Barb Cichra | 9/18/93 |
| Terry & Christy Thompson | 9/25/95 |
| Paul & Mary Jane Kelly | 9/28/68 |
| Jason & Kathy Acquaviva | 9/29 |

If you would like your birthday or anniversary listed in the Herald, please contact Dianna in the office. Thanks!



Memorials were received by the Church and Food Bank in memory of Chuck Nagel:

~ Dave Faust
~ Eleanor Kingan
~ Lois McCommon
~ Brian Nagel
~ Amy Warner



Articles for the September *Herald* are due to the church office by Monday, September 19
Thanks!

Session,

Reminder that our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13 in the church sanctuary.



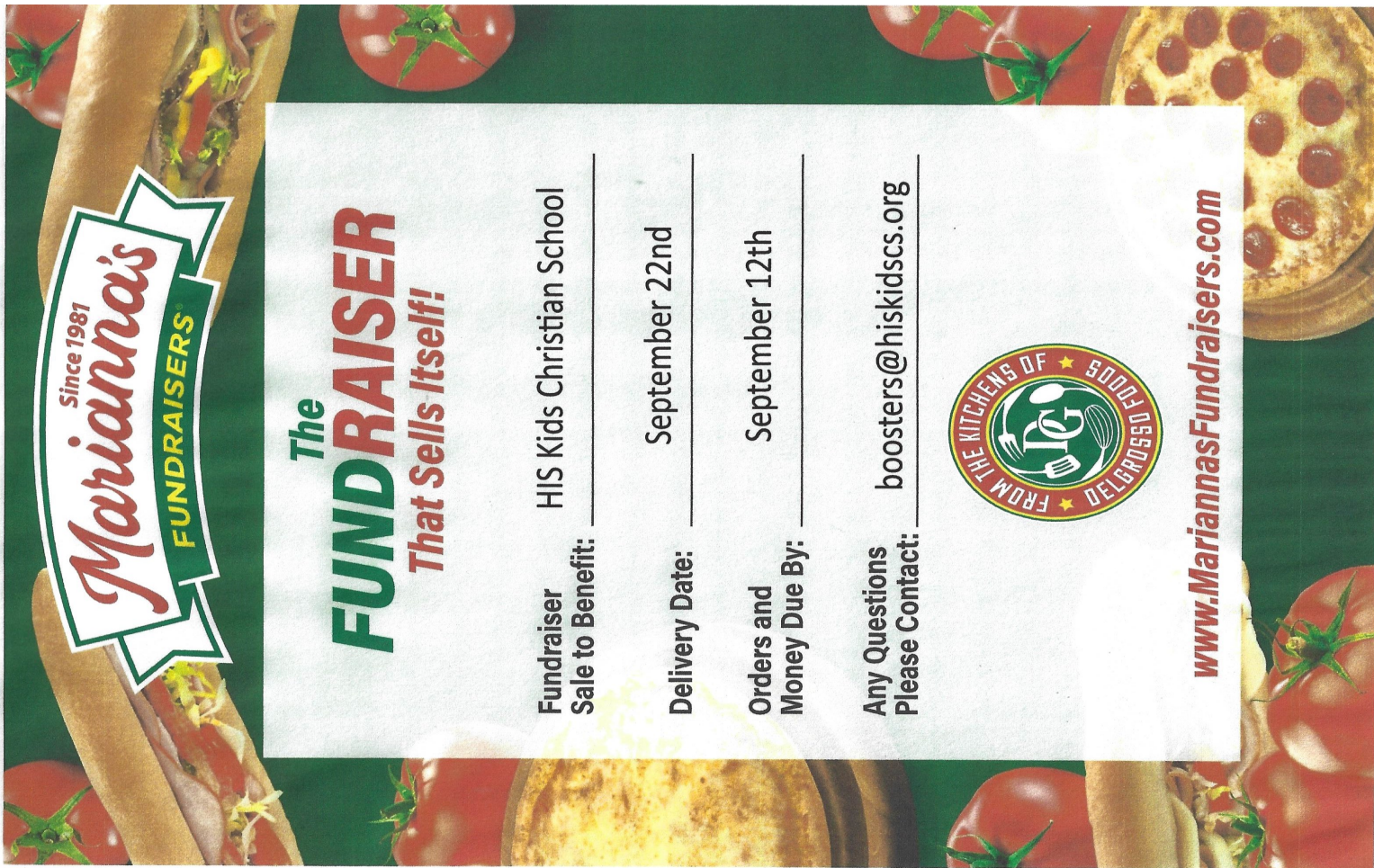
Herald Assembly Team for the October issue:

Dave Faust Kathi Fischer
Peggy Peters Cheryl Rumbaugh
Paul & Dorothy Steighner

FDFX NEWS

The 2022-23 edition of FDFX (Fully Devoted Followers of Christ) will be starting back up on September 13! So ladies, block out your Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and join us! Besides our study time, we have a lot of fun just talking and learning more about each other as well as spending time in prayer for our needs!





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| Orders and Money Due By: | September 12th |
| Any Questions Please Contact: | boosters@hiskidscs.org |



www.MariannasFundraisers.com



Please join us as we welcome *Risen To Save* for an evening of uplifting contemporary Christian music. Bring your favorite chair or blanket

and enjoy an outdoor concert **at Zion United Methodist Church's pavilion (438 Bear Creek Road, Sarver, PA)** as we Praise God through the power of music. We'll provide hot dogs, chips, and drinks.

Saturday - September 24

Volunteers please come at 8:00 am to set up and pack orders.

FOOD BANK

Distribution will be between 9:00-10:00am.



Thank you to all who sent birthday wishes. Sending my love.

~ Esther Stepanovich



Memorials were received by the Church and Food Bank in memory Bill Kingan

~ Tim Hankey

~ Beverley Miller

~ Dale & Kathy Dunmire - Smith

~ Paul Klems

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| Attention Parents: This fundraising program is not intended for door-to-door sales to persons not known to you and your child. For a safe and successful fundraiser, please supervise and assist your child's sales efforts. | | 14" Hoagies | | 12" Pizzas | | DELIVERY DATE: / / | |
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| Ham & Swiss | | Ham Club | | Roast Beef | | White | |
| Smoked Ham & Cheddar | | Turkey | | Traditional | | Cheese | |
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NOTES FROM OUR HIS KIDS TEACHERS !

Meet Our Teachers

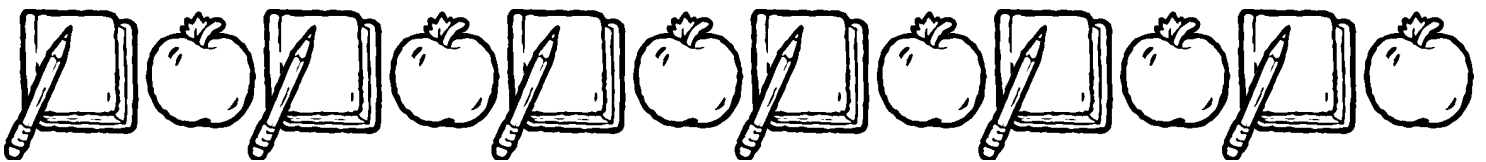


We serve an amazing God! This summer we have learned that God does not always provide when WE think He should, but He is always right on time!! In God's timing, we have two wonderful new teachers joining our HIS Kids staff this year. They would like to introduce themselves to you, so keep reading—and as you are reading, offer up a prayer of thanksgiving to our awesome God!



Hi! My name is Haylie Rupnow and I am the new first grade teacher at HIS Kids Christian School! I graduated from Duquesne University in the spring of 2020 with a degree in Early Childhood Education. I did my student teaching in a first grade classroom, so I am happy to be back with this age group! The past two years I have been a building sub at Hampton Township School District, as well as teaching some of their other programs like summer school and after school tutoring. In my free time, I love to bake, be with my family and friends, read, and dream about Disney. I am so excited to be a part of the HIS Kids family! I look forward to getting to know my new first graders and being a part of this new school. Let's have a great school year!

Miss Rupnow— 1st Grade Teacher



My name is Jennifer Dimit and I am so excited to be teaching at HIS Kids Christian School! We are going to have an amazing year learning tons of new things and growing closer to God at the same time. I graduated from Clarion University with a dual degree in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Development. I am currently taking online classes and working on my masters degree in Special Education at Slippery Rock University. When I graduated college, I subbed a lot for Slippery Rock school district. For 20 years I ran my own dance, baton, gymnastics and cheerleading school in Butler, but unfortunately my business did not survive the hit of covid. The love of my life is my 5-year-old daughter Nyomin, who will be attending kindergarten at HIS Kids. She was an answered prayer after more than 10 years of wanting to be a mom—I got the phone call and picked her up all in the same day through adoption. I love how God provides exactly what we need in his perfect timing! Getting this teaching job and being able to work in the same school she attends is such a blessing for my family. (Fun fact for the Summit Church family—Jim Burtner is Jen's great uncle!!)

Miss Dimit – 5th Grade Teacher

A New School Year Begins!

On Wednesday, August 24th, a new school year began at HIS Kids Christian School; and we are excited to see the amazing things that God will do in all our lives this school year! Just read the introductions of our new staff on the reverse page to see how God is already at work!

Sixty-three students, Kindergarten through 6th grade, entered the doors; some excited, some anxious, some not sure they were ready for school to begin (if I'm honest, I would probably fall into the latter category)! On Monday/Tuesday, August 29th/30th, 43 preschoolers began their 2022-23 school year journey. We are so blessed to be able to love and serve these 106 children and their families.

As we begin this school year, I would ask that you pray with us for God to provide just the right person to be our music teacher. We are confident that person is out there—you might even know them! If that's the case, send them our way!!

Stay tuned for more reports of exciting happenings at HIS Kids Christian School! Thanks for your prayers and support!!

Carol

****To read the entire Summit Herald, please visit:**

<https://www.summitchurchpa.org/summit-herald-newsletters>

Stay Tuned

Listed below are some helpful links and addresses to help you stay connected. Don't forget to check out our calendar on the school website to keep up-to-date on upcoming events.

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| School E-mail | office@hiskidscs.org |
| School Website | https://www.hiskidscs.com |
| School Facebook Page | HIS Kids Christian School |
| Boosters E-mail | boosters@hiskidscs.org |
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Staff

Preschool—LeAnn Yamnitsky
Preschool Aide—Patty Hankey
Kindergarten—Haley Vissari
Kindergarten Aide—Maria Pugh
1st Grade—Haylie Rupnow
2nd Grade—Holly Collins
2nd Grade Aide—Sherry Smith
3rd Grade—Kim Maxwell
4th Grade—Josh McKruit
5th Grade—Jennifer Dimit.
6th Grade—Christan Baker
Music—Pray for God's provision
Art—Jill Fouse
Bible (3rd-6th Grade)—Carol Novy
Physical Education (K-6th Grade)—Amanda Galvan
Cafeteria—Tara Cornetti
Cleaning —Michele Wardle & Jessica Hanna
Principal—Carol Novy
Administrative Assistant—Brittany Morse
Financial Administrator—Katie Anderson
Pastor of Summit Church—Pastor Tom Jones

SEPTEMBER

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | <u>Sunday Schedule:</u> Worship: 10 a.m. Women's Sunday School Class: 11 a.m. | | | 2 | 3  September |
| 4 | 5  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 9:30 the Sew-Sews | 10 |
| 11 Marianna's Orders Due! | 12 Office Closed | 13 7:00 HK Board Mtg. | 14  | 15 | 16 9:30 the Sew-Sews | 17  |
| 18 | 19 Herald articles due! | 20 7:00 Session Mtg. | 21 | 22 Marianna's Delivery! | 23 9:30 the Sew-Sews | 24 8:00 Food Bank |
| 25 | 26 September  | 27 | 28 | 29  | 30 | |