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### Thank You!

Dear Church Family,  
Every month I start out these thoughts with the words above, "Dear Church Family". We want you to know that those are not just words to us. They are not a way for me to save time by starting the same way each month. We really mean that you are "Dear" to us and we do consider you "Family". I know there are those who just attend worship services and enjoy the time spent together each week but would be uncomfortable with the term "Family." In the 18 years that Melissa and I have been married we have spent 1 year close to "blood" relatives, but we have always been close to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

As I write this our family is getting ready for my parents to visit us for a couple of days this weekend. We love the opportunity we get to spend with family whether they come visit us or we go and see them. But with those "blood" relatives we get to spend only a week or two a year. And most of the time we enjoy every minute. However, we realize we get the joy of spending around 50 weeks a year with our Church family.

I often say that the Christian Church of Riverton is the best place to be on Sunday morning. I don't say that because I merely want to see bodies in seats (However wouldn't it be great if God allowed us to reach out to Riverton to the point where we were over-

flowing). I say that because of each of you. The Christian Church of Riverton is not the best place to be on Sunday morning because of the music or the preaching or the various aspects of our worship and Sunday School. Although I enjoy all of those things, it is the best place to be on Sunday morning because of you. Each one of you has blessed our family in so many ways and we want to say thank you. It is a joy to serve here along side of you and we consider ourselves blessed.

Three years ago last May our family began attending CCR. You took us in and welcomed us with open arms. You loved us and cared for us and helped us get through some hard times. And you also allowed us to serve with you. We have been blessed the last three years by your love and care and patience and goodness. You have exhibited the fruit of the spirit to us. You have ministered to us. You have challenged us. You have encouraged us and have strengthened us in our faith.

Romans 1:8-12, "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last see you, that I may impart to you some spiri-

tual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

Paul wrote these words to the Christians in Rome as he longed to visit them. He wanted to be with them and be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. We have one up on Paul, first we thank our God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. We don't have to hope that someday we might get to live and serve and mutually encourage some Christians somewhere, someday. We get to be with all of you now. We get to mutually encourage one another now. And for that we praise God! I have ended this monthly article for two years with the words, "On The Journey". Two years ago we set out on a Journey together as I became a part-time preacher and was blessed by being able to do what I love and have been gifted to do. I think it is now time to change that postscript and add the word, "Together". We are blessed not because we are on a Journey, but we are blessed because we are on this Journey Together. It is our hope and prayer that we are just beginning this Journey Together wherever God may lead.

On The Journey Together,  
Pastor Todd, Melissa, Thom, Teri,  
Teddy, & Tonna

## Servant Evangelism

College Outreach on Convocation Day Sept. 4th. We will be handing out School Supplies/Cookies and invitations to our College Night: Free Dinner and Movie on Sept 6th. We can still use cookies! See Todd or Isaiah if you'd like to participate that day.

### Adult Sunday School:

Beginning Sept. 7th we will have two options for Adult Sunday School again. Michelle will be teaching through the book of Acts upstairs. Todd will be teaching on the Holy Spirit and Evangelism downstairs.

### Home Group Bible Study

Home Group Bible Study at the Smiths will resume Thursday Sept. 4th @ 7PM. We will meet at 118 E. Sunset Dr. and begin a study called, "That The World May Know".



This will be our College Night: Free Dinner and Movie. Shawn and Deb will be grilling burgers and there is a sign up sheet to bring extras for this meal at the Church Building. We hope to feed a church full of College Students

and watch "Facing the Giants" together.

### Church Health Team

The Church Health Team has been meeting together throughout the summer and we have some exciting goals/plans we will share with the congregation soon on how we can improve Passionate Spirituality in the church body. information.

### Gifted

Romans 12:3-8

**3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (ESV)**

Gifted. Its a term usually used for someone who is extremely good at something, such as a young man

or woman who is incredibly intelligent, and as such is doing well in school. However, there are many ways to be gifted... As you read through the above passage, you see many gifts, and that Paul wants each of us to use our gifts to the full.

In a few months, we will be talking more about Spiritual Gifts, how to find out what yours is, and having found it, to find how you can use your gifts to minister and server those around you.

In our Life Transformation Group, we've been reading the book of Acts, and as I was thinking about giftedness, one verse stood out to me:

**Acts 20:24**

**But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God (NLT)**

Paul, the great evangelist and missionary, is speaking here. He says that my life is worth nothing, unless I use it for the work that God has given me.

Each of us has been given gifts, talents, and abilities by God. We can use them for him, or we can use them for ourselves, but one way or another, we're using our gifts.

**Are you using your gifts for God? If not, how can you change that? If so, are you using them fully?**

In Christ,  
Isaiah

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31) Music: B 9am S.S, 10am Worship</p>	<p>1) 7pm Life of Christ at DesEn-fants</p> <p><b>Labor Day</b></p>	<p>2) 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>3) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>4) <b>Convocation at CWC</b> 7pm Y.G. 7pm Home Group @ Smith's 7pm Circle of Friends</p> 	<p>5) 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>6) 7pm College Night: Dinner &amp; Movie</p> 
<p>7) Music: C Text: Acts 1-2 9am S.S. 10am Worship 6pm Middle School YG</p> 	<p>8) 7pm Life of Christ at DesEn-fants</p>	<p>9) 2pm Homestead Services 7pm CWF</p>	<p>10) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>11) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Home Group @ Smith's 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>12) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> 	<p>13) 10am Camp Meeting in Casper. See Todd or Isaiah if you'd like to attend.</p>
<p>14) Music: A Text: Acts 3:1-5:11 9am S.S, 10am Worship 6pm Middle School YG</p>	<p>15) 7pm Life of Christ at DesEn-fants</p>	<p>16) 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>17) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>18) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Home Group @ Smith's 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>19) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>20)</p>
<p>21) Music: B Text: Acts 5:12-8:3 9am S.S. 10am Worship Board Meeting &amp; Cook Out after 6pm Middle School YG</p>	<p>22) 7pm Life of Christ at DesEn-fants</p>	<p>23) 2pm Homestead Services 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>24) 7:30am See You at the Pole 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>25) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Home Group @ Smith's 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>26) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p><b>Ladies Retreat</b></p>	<p>27) <b>Ladies Retreat</b></p> 
<p>28) Music: C Text: Job 22-31 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Carry-in dinner following <b>Ladies Retreat</b></p>	<p>29) 7pm Life of Christ at DesEn-fants</p>	<p>30) 7pm Men's LTG</p>	<p>1) 1pm Minister's Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>2) 7pm Y.G. 7pm Home Group @ Smith's 7pm Circle of Friends group</p>	<p>3) 7am: Men's Prayer Breakfast</p>	<p>4)</p>
<p><b>Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries in September</b></p> <p>September 4th: Marty and Candi Mason September 6th: Evelyn Olsen September 7th: Lori Santee September 12th: Daniel and Stephanie Stelzner September 27th: Candi Mason</p>						

Date	Meditations	Prayer	Nursery	Children's Church	Music
9/7	Rod DesEnfants	Michelle DesEnfants	Autumn Vick	Michelle DesEnfants	C
9/14	Randy Stelzner	Rita Schmidt	Charleen VonKrosigk	Melissa Smith	A
9/21	S. Huddleston	Retha Reinke	Lori Santee	Carol Stelzner	B
9/28	D. VonKrosigk	Rod DesEnfants	Sara Henni	Henni's	C
10/5	Archie Tank	D. VonKrosigk	Autumn Vick	Michelle DesEnfants	A

**Men's Prayer Breakfast Chefs:**

Date	Chef	Date	Chef	Date	Chef
9/5	Barney	9/12	Dean	9/19	Todd
9/25	Rod	10/3	Isaiah	10/10	Thomas

If you would like to do meditations, prayer, CC or Nursery, please see Todd, or Isaiah, respectively.



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