



Greater Things

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“Be Strong & Courageous”

by Nancy Kuhns, Minister of Community Life

In Deuteronomy 31, as Moses is nearing the end of his life, he speaks to the Children of Israel. He tells them in verse 6, “Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.” He then summons Joshua and tells him to “be strong and courageous”. Moses assures Joshua that “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged” (verse 8). In Chronicles 20:28, David says to Solomon, “Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you.”

This is the August issue of Greater Things. August always makes me think of going back to school. Summer is coming to an end, school is starting, life is getting back into a more scheduled routine. I want to challenge those of you going back to school, as a student of any age or as a teacher, to be strong and courageous during this coming year. As a parent, be strong and courageous as you guide your child through the challenges this coming year will bring. As a church, pray for our children to be strong and courageous this coming year and to find ways to encourage the families in our church.

The Children of Israel, Joshua, and Solomon were all instructed to “be strong and courageous”. All of these people were facing new situations, new territory. The Children of Israel were going to be taking possession of a new land with Joshua as their new leader. Solomon was going to be the King of Israel and build a temple to the Lord. Students and teachers are walking into a new

school year, maybe into a new building or onto a college campus. Some of you are new graduates and August doesn’t mean going back to school, but going to work every day and figuring out the kind of life you want to live. All of these situations will bring challenges that will call on you to have strength and courage.

Being strong and courageous means standing up for what is right, even when it is not easy. It means living out the scriptures and following the path God lays out for us. It means bringing Jesus to school or work with us and letting His love shine through us. It means speaking out for God. It means reaching out to the hurting.

God gives all of us the command to be strong and courageous but He also promises that we don’t face our challenges alone. He will never leave us or forsake us, but will be walking right there beside us no matter what we face. Turn to Him, draw on His power and strength.

Lord, we pray for our students in this coming school year. May they stand strong and courageous when faced with challenges. May they stand up for what is right. May they spread your love knowing that they are loved by you, by their families, by the people in their church. May our teachers be a guiding light to their students, always advocating for what is good and right. May parents provide guidance and love as they guide their children through the coming year. May this church cover our children and their families, their teachers and their schools in prayer during this coming year. Amen

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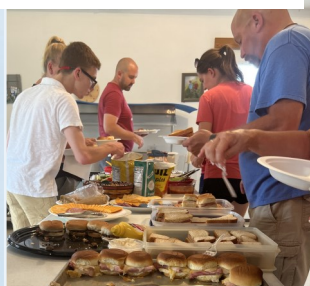
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We were excited to witness the baptism of Christopher & Jennifer Colbe at the AMC Family Fun Night on July 23rd at Bryan Yoder's pond. Thank you Community Life for hosting a great time! Everyone had lots of fun!



FIRST FRUITS - Giving God Our Best

Stewardship

6.25.23 - \$685 | 7.2.23 - \$4,390
7.9.23 - \$6,369 | 7.16.23 - \$4,390 | 7.23.23 - \$2,501

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710 E Park, Arthur, IL 61911

Please include your envelope so your number can be recorded.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 - Dee Kuhns | 13 - Waylon Yoder |
| 3 - Kendra Hughes | 14 - Larry & Dory Kauffman |
| 6 - Pat Yoder | 15 - Alexis Dodge |
| 7 - Dory Kauffman | 17 - Jeff Snyder |
| 8 - Irlene Chupp | 19 - Willis & Dee Kuhns |
| 10 - Floyd & Anna Mary Bontrager | 20 - Lynn & Marla Kauffman |
| 11 - Irene Freeman | 21 - Courtney Gingerich |
| 11 - Jenni Marner | 21 - Logan Schrock |
| 11 - Lamar & Karen Miller | 27 - Sandy Miller |
| 11 - Michelle Schrock | 28 - Mike & Katrina Taylor |
| 12 - Kollin Borntrager | 29 - Taya Hill |

New Resource Alert "The Chosen" Series Special Edition DVD Set Season One & Two



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For their mind:

Imagination: 2 Corinthians 10:5

Purity: Philippians 4:8

Perspective: Colossians 3:2

Mind of Christ: Philippians 2:3-8

For their heart:

Love God: Deuteronomy 11:13

Seek God: Psalm 119:10

Salvation: 2 Timothy 2:10

For their feet:

Direct their paths: Psalm 119:35

Walk with the Wise: Proverbs 13:20

Stand Firm in Faith: 1 Corinthians 16:13

For hands to work hard for the Lord:

Colossians 3:23

For ears to hear and obey: James 1:22

For their mouth:

Kindness: Ephesians 4:29, Luke 10:27

Truth: 1 Peter 3:10

For their knees to bow in prayer:

Ephesians 3:14

For strength to carry and share the Gospel:

Romans 10:15

To turn away from worthless things:

Psalm 119:37