♬ Cory's Column...

"¹Getting into the boat, Jesus crossed over the sea and came to His own city. ²And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven." ³And some of the scribes said to themselves, "This fellow blasphemes," ⁴And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? ⁵Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are forgiven," or to say, "Get up, and walk?" ⁶But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" –the He said to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home." ⁷And he got up and went home. ⁸But when the crowds saw this, they were awestruck, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men."

Matthew 9:1-8

Remember the simple definition of worship as our response to God? Well, this familiar passage from Matthew has several responses from different people – the scribes, the paralytic, and the crowd.

Here, Jesus shows mercy and compassion on this paralyzed man and offers him spiritual and physical healing. The Pharisees' (scribes') response is arrogant and bitter, and manifests itself as an attack on Jesus' very nature. The paralytic responds with immediate obedience and, according to Luke's gospel, worships and glorifies God on his way home. The crowds see the physical healing of this man and respond with awe and praise to God for His blessing in this miracle.

As our Lord Jesus Christ is growing us up as His disciples, as the Holy Spirit moves and guides us through sanctification, and as our Heavenly Father shows faithful provision time and time again, may our response never be to grow callous and prideful, full of bitterness and arrogance. May we always respond to God with obedience, praise, awe, wonder, and thanksgiving for who He is and what He does.

Singing His Praises!
-Cory-

Katey's Korner...

Kid University

Each Wednesday night in the summer, our PreK-6th grade will have a chance to learn something new. We have a wide variety of activities for the kids to choose from each week with some great instructors. A tentative list is on the bulletin boards so you will have a heads up about what is going on each night.

7/187/25For girls onlyFor girls onlyFor guys onlyFor guys only

Friday Funday - July 13, 9:00-5:00

Ages: Completed K-6th grade (pre-k with adult)
Cost: \$15 per person (covers snacks, lunch, Dismals Canyon in
Alabama)

Family Cap \$50

Sign up in glass hallway by Wednesday, July 11th
This is a canyon with lots of hiking and lots of water. You will need shoes that work for both (old tennis shoes, chacos, etc.). Bring a swim suit (or clothes you don't mind getting wet) and a towel.
Parents are encouraged to go to this amazing spot with your child.
If you can drive your vehicle, please let Katey know.

Pray for Crossing Kids' Camp (July 22-25)

Suzie Witt	Landon Hays	Ben Hays
Charleigh Mansell	Ensley Cook	Seth Hays
Brooklyn Rost	Hannah Buzell	Eli Hays
Makayla Scarcella	Brent Cox	Bel Cox
Matthew Speaks	Norman Hays	Cory Hays
Mary Cullen McVay	Summer Witt	Amy Buzzell
Brook Hays	Emily Kindt	Katey Witt

Love in Christ, Katey

Caleb's Connections...

John 16:33

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Jesus tells us that we WILL have trouble in this world. If we are actively seeking and declaring the Gospel, trouble will come. There is no maybe in this verse. But, thank God that He provides comfort! Our peace during these trials comes from Him because He has overcome the world. He has overcome sin, death, and all tribulations and still humbles Himself to give us comfort when we struggle. Praise God that he is a God that provides comfort when we have trouble in this world!

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for unity within the group. That we can come and grow together for the glory of God.

It is officially less than a week away from Super Summer. Please pray for everyone involved and for all the churches and youth that are going

From what's on my heart, Caleb

Announcements

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Budget Requests Begin Sunday, July 15 th
Super Summer July 16-20
Crossings Camp July 22-25
an a
Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, July 18 th at 6:00p.m.
Baby Shower for Tyler Soper Jolly Sunday, July 22 at 2:00p.m. in the fellowship hall. It's a girl!
Sunday, July 29 (5 th Sunday)

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Potluck Breakfast @ 9:15am
Morning Worship @ 10:30am
Summer Celebration @ 6:00pm
Camp Recap and Ice Cream/Watermelon
Social

3rd Sunday Ushers

David Moore Norman Bowen Billy Lowry, Sr. David Cox Bobby Wages Greg Smith

The Record Speaks

July 8, 2018

Sunday School Attendance	114
Guests	0
June Sunday School Avg. Attendance	96
June Income	\$23,501.42
June Expense	\$23,577.07

The Lord's Additions

<u>September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018</u>

By Letter	2
By Baptism	5
By Statement	
Total	7

July 11, 2018

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