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For Christ's Sake, Use Your Imagination!

When was the last time you let your imagination run free?

I love the conversations with five-year-old Jonah. He teaches me how to take the chains off my dulled imagination. Last week after a successful t-ball practice the wannabe-Sultan of Swat informed me that his next home run will hit the moon and crack it like an egg! For years now, he has been taking care of baby monsters, feeding and carrying them around. I hope they chaperone his first date!

A conversation between a young Andrew Peterson (author and songwriter) and his grandmother helps illustrate our strained relationship with our own imagination. Listen in below:

Granny: "What kind of books do you like to read?"

Peterson: "Fantasy novels."

G: "Isn't that for girls?"

P: "What do you mean? There's nothing girly about them."

G: "Hmm." She went back to her game of solitaire while I tried to tone down my defensiveness.

P: "Granny, I'm serious. Lots of my friends read them, and I don't know a single girl who does."

G: "Well, I guess times have changed," she said with a sad little shake of her head."

A few minutes later, Peterson realized his grandmother imagined him to be reading romance novels complete with shirtless muscular men on the cover and a helpless dame in his bulging biceps. (Don't let your imagination get too carried away!)

I too spent much of my youth reading science fiction and fantasy novels (the non-romantic dragonish kind). I enjoyed stories populated by elves, wizards, dragons, talking animals and epic battles for the kingdom. My mouth watered over the possibility of a doorway to another world through the back of someone's closet (C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia*). In middle school I gave a book report on the vivid and violent details of an ancient Celtic battle fought with arrows, axes and swords. A scholar from Oxford university had stumbled into the midst of clan violence through "one of the thin places in

the world (Stephen Lawhead's Song of Albion story)." Even now, as an adult, there are parts of J.R.R. Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings*, that inspire courage, joy and tearful longing for a better world ruled by a benevolent king.

I was one of the millions that helped Marvel Comic's latest Avengers film, *Infinity War* make \$1,000,000,000 in eleven days. The film is a story about an alien from Titan, one of Saturn's moons, who is seeking to put together six infinity stones for the purpose of gaining supreme cosmic power. His name is Thanos, derived from the word for 'death' in Greek. With those stones he would have the ability to control who lives and who dies.

Think about how many people who mock belief in God as a figment of a childish imagination. Many of

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those same people willingly watched a world where the heroes fight to keep Thanos (death) from reigning over the universe. The heroes include a talking raccoon and a moody teenage tree who communicates using different tonal inflections of the phrase, "I am Groot." It is both weird and so good!

Now that my super nerdy self has come out of the closet, you may be wondering, "What's the point?"

It is bigger than you probably expected. You cannot know and enjoy God without your imagination.

Seeing with your eyes closed is part of being made in the image of God. Last week I was 'chained' to a chair in the doctor's office giving blood. In my mind, I was free in some magical tropic place, snorkeling in bright blue waters. It was an aid to keep me conscious. Our Heavenly Father gives us the ability to visualize other worlds, without leaving the couch. It is part of God's design, to help you know and enjoy Him.

Take the apostle Paul's prayer for you as a Christian in Ephesians 1:17-18: *"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened..."*

Every medical doctor and three-year-old will tell you that your eyes are on your face, not inside your chest cavity. Yet, Paul prays for your heart to have eyes! He is using imagination language. He is asking God for the good news of the gospel to grip and rule over your imagination. He wants you to picture the riches of your inheritance. Imagine mounds of money that you can never lose that belong to you in Christ. That money is your inheritance, written in the will of the gospel in Christ's blood, guaranteed to be given to you through faith in Jesus. And this inheritance includes having Your Creator for your Father, forgiveness of sins, Jesus' perfect obedience, a plot of land and home in the new heavens and new earth, along with the same power that raised Jesus from the dead fighting for you. You are God's son, destined to rule and reign as one of God's future kings and queens in the new world.

Of course, we all know the embarrassing parts of our imagination. We, like Granny, hear the word, 'fantasy,' and guilt creeps in. We are reminded of Jesus' teaching on adultery in the Sermon on the Mount. God apparently cares about real-life selfishness and our narrow-minded fantasies of a King Solomon-like harem.

But come back to Paul. He is telling us that Christians change through the use of our imagination. We enjoy

and know God better through the right use of our imagination. Do you know how to employ your mind's eye to know God and kill your sin?

Richard Sibbes (1577-1635) was a Puritan pastor who understood this reality. He taught that the imagination is the power of the soul that connects our understanding to our senses. Meaning, the Holy Spirit's job is to make the truths of Jesus real to your senses, so you can see him (Galatians 3:1). He takes our knowledge of God and His world and makes them just as real to us as the cup of coffee on my desk. We are given eyes to see 'another world' without leaving this one because God intended us to use it to know and enjoy Him.

Consider just a few images from Scripture: if you chew on God's word day and night, like a lion gnawing on the flank of a freshly killed gazelle, you would become an invincible tree in the desert, even if there is no rain. (Psalm 1, Jeremiah 17:8). Jesus is the Horn of our Salvation, an enormous oxen who gores our enemies of death, darkness and the devil (Psalm 18). He is our champion and King who defeats the dragon (Revelation 12, 20). Then somehow, through faith, we are invited to play children's games on the crushed head of this massive serpent (Romans 16:20). It's not defeated yet, so picture it with the eyes of your heart. Jesus kills and conquers evil for us by being killed on the cross. Then because grace is true, we get to take photos of our feet on the head of the beast as if it was our hunting trophy. Jesus' victory is our victory!

It turns out, as C.S. Lewis, Tolkien and billions of others have discovered, imagination and reason have been bound together in holy matrimony by God's design. The next time you pick up your Bible, you are being told by God to take the chains off your imagination so that you might see and believe the truest story: Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

There really are thin places in the world, where heaven breaks through and invades earth. They are called Christians, God's temple, who are being prepared for an eternal weight of glory and greatness which cannot be compared. All that we go through now is a light momentary affliction, a mosquito bite in comparison to the enchanted perfect reality that will be ours when Jesus makes all things new. So, for Christ's sake and your joy, use your imagination! Maybe you will join in singing a new song to Christ our King with the dancing and clapping trees. (Isaiah 55:12)"



Learn God's Word

Why Should We *Know the Heretics*?

By Rae Whitehead

When I saw the title of the book we'd be using for our next Sunday School class—*Know the Heretics*, by Justin Holcomb—I thought: Is this a witch-hunt? And when I saw some of the names of the people we'd be discussing—Docetists, Manichaeans, Sabellianists, Arians, Pelagians (to name a few)—I thought: How can I remember these names, let alone remember what they believed? It took a few weeks, but as we continued, I think that all of us in Nate's class would agree that knowing who Jesus is NOT has helped us to know better who Jesus IS.

We who stand on the shoulders of the Church Fathers and recite the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed regularly, cannot imagine what the first centuries after the birth of the Christian Church were like. The Judaizers wanted to hang onto the Law and Jewish customs. The Gnostics thought that matter is evil, and that they could achieve salvation through asceticism (spiritual and physical discipline) and intellect. Marcion ignored the Old Testament. Sabellius tried to simplify the mystery of the Trinity. Because of the moral laxness among Christians of the Fourth Century (after Constantine made Christianity popular), Palagius ignored Original Sin and emphasized Free Will.

And so on! (This is, of course, hugely simplified.) The introduction to the book is helpful. These people were "usually asking legitimate and important questions.

They weren't heretics because they asked the questions. It is the answers that they gave that are wrong. They went too far by trying to make the Christian faith more compatible with ideas that



they already found appealing...."

Sound familiar? I think that we all, at times, try to fit God into our personal preferences. The problem with the heresies that we discussed is that they reflected common cultural beliefs, and because Christianity was so new and illiteracy so high, many people were affected. The cool and providential thing about all of this confusion is that councils were convened and ideas hashed out, and the Gospel was brought to bear upon the heresies.

Thinking about these ideas is helpful to us today. As Holcomb describes each heretical teaching, he also gives the orthodox response and contemporary relevance. When discussing Nestorianism, he writes: *All of these ques-*

tions may seem abstract and even irrelevant today, but they continue to have real implications for the way Christians see the life and ministry of Jesus. To take only one scenario, think of how differently we might interpret his temptation in the desert if we believed Jesus had a divine but not a human mind. Or consider his redemptive sufferings on the cross—what if he were a human body propelled by a divine control center? Would that change how we look to Christ for salvation?

After taking the class, I have a deeper respect for and appreciation of the Nicene Creed, which resulted from the Councils of Nicaea (325 AD) and Constantinople (381 AD). I realize now that each line was fought through and thought through, and because the truths came from Scripture, we can stake our lives upon its veracity.

Yes, our class was thought-provoking and faith-building. I recommend both Holcomb's book AND attendance at our 9:00 adult Sunday School class!

(And we didn't have to take a test afterward!)

DOORWAY TO HOPE STAFF

Sally Jenkins, Nate Thompson, and
Rae Whitehead

God's Grandeur and Heavy History: A Ride Down the Danube

By Rae Whitehead

Interact in Worship

It's not surprising, I suppose, that, having grown up in a family that read poetry often and for fun, lines of verse run constantly through my mind. So it was natural that on our recent trip to central Europe, praise took the form of poetry as well as Scripture.

"The world is charged with the grandeur of God," writes Gerard Manley Hopkins. That was oh so evident in our travels: in the clear and clean blue sky above the clouds, and in the stars which seem more bright from six or so miles above the earth; in the frothy new green of hills along the Danube, the blooming fruit trees and budding vineyards. (We got to experience two springs this year!) But other verses also applied: "Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;/And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;/ And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil/Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod."

History is heavy in Europe! Invasions surged back and forth, one dynasty being pushed out by another. In Melk, Austria, we visited a Benedictine Abbey that was founded in 1089, on the site of a fortress that had been built by the Romans in the first century. The abbey was mostly destroyed by Turkish troops. It was re-built in the 1700's, and from 1805-1809 it was Napoleon's headquarters! Wow! It is now a working abbey, with a school and a gorgeously impressive library with 85,000 books and 2,000 illuminated manuscripts! Oh my!

In Lintz, we saw the balcony from

which Hitler gave a speech when he annexed Austria. The city was heavily bombed during World War II, but was named Europe's Capital of Culture in 2009! Anton Bruckner was organist in a cathedral there, and Johannes Kepler wrote *Harmonices Mundi* there in 1619. Our heads were spinning! History is rich and exciting, but oh so heavy with intrigue, bloodshed, power-mongering. Vienna also was settled by the Romans, who were displaced by the Babenberg dynasty. Then began the Habsburg dynasty, which started in 1278 and lasted for 640 years—until the end of the First World War!

Memories of Communist rule are still powerful, especially in Slovakia and Hungary. In Vienna, we had a delightful conversation with a young woman who is trying to help folks in her town in Poland to realize that they can now look peo-

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ple in the eyes, gather together, express their feelings. We got a sense of the oppressive paranoia that existed, and still exists in former Communist countries.

After describing God's grandeur ("It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;/It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil/ Crushed"), Hopkins asks, "Why do men then now not reck his rod?" (Why don't they follow Him?) We were confronted with man's depravity-- in the incredible wealth of the church depicted in

the lavish cathedrals made during the Middle Ages when serfs were impoverished, and in the constant reminders of war and conquest.

But we also saw God's goodness and sovereignty everywhere! The beauty of His creation is breathtaking! And the creativity and ingenuity God has given to man is awe-inspiring! (How did men in the Middle Ages construct such enormous cathedrals?) The Gothic, Baroque, Neo-Classical architecture, the music of Strauss, Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn, Schubert (yes, they all lived in Vienna!), the amazing art of Renaissance—all point to our gracious Creator. And we saw God's Kingdom work among His people, too. We were privileged to spend some time with the Turnaus, in Prague! We had dinner with Ted, Caroline, and about twelve delightful students! It was to be their "movie night." From five different movies, the students picked one. We were jet-lagged and unable to stay late, but seeing the Turnaus so relaxed and fitted for their work among young people there, was inspiring.

Hopkins ends his poem about the plodding generations, with hope: "And though the last lights off the black West went/Oh, morning at the brown brink eastward, springs--/Because the Holy Ghost over the bent/World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings." So, though we felt like we'd taken a header through centuries of heavy history, we came away with hope: History truly is "His story," and we can trust Him with the future AND the past!

Foster Loving Relationships

Mother/Daughter Tea Sponsored by HOPE for Seniors Led by Marybeth Gibbins



New Friends and Old



Lots of wonderful and beautiful food



Sponsoring Ladies



Two of the Littlest Attending Daughters

Foster Loving Relationships

The Excitement of A Shape 'n Race Derby By Mike Mailloux

The Hope Church Christian Service Brigade (CSB) Troop #875 again held one of its key events of the year: the Shape 'n Race Derby, on Saturday May 12.

The **Shape 'n Race Derby** has been held by Troop #875 every year for the last 25+ years, sometimes combined with other troops. The event began with a light meal of salad, chips and hotdogs grilled by Elder Jeff Butler. While eating, one could see the CSB Leader Nicholas Cutler making last-minute checks of the four-lane race track, while gathering the derby cars that the boys had designed, machined, constructed, and painted. The excitement of these 13 boys had been building from the start, a work night at Stan Trestick's wood shop where the first cuts were made to each block of wood.

The boys were aided by the CSB leaders, fathers, friends, peers, and imagi-

nation, as their ideas were marked on the wood, cut with a band saw by Daryl Cutler, shaped with various sanders, and sanded to near perfection by concentrated boys using sandpaper. Some boys were so excited that they (e.g., Liam) would continually talk about their ideas to those able to listen. After two hours of hard work, they were given the task to finish and paint the car at their home in time for this race.

One boy, Peregrine, even helped vacuum the saw dust from the machines and floor, eliciting a remark from Stan that his shop was cleaner than before the boys arrived. Thank you, Stan, for the use of your shop!

The race was about to begin. The excitement reached a high energy level as boys anxiously placed their cars on the track to see how fast they would go. Their excitement was emboldened by each heat as the cars crossed the

finish line, while the spectators were entertained by the various reactions from the heat. After 13 heats, the two cars were tied for second place. Two more heats were raced, and the winners were determined.

Before the winners could be announced, judges rated the cars based on three categories, while the boys enjoyed some ice cream: most unique, most sporty, and best paint job. The results were in.

First Place: David Newell
Second Place: Connor Anderson
(a.k.a. CJ)
Third Place: Christopher Childs

Most Unique:
Eben & Peregrine Perkins

Most Sporty: Nicholas Childs
Best Paint Job: Connor Anderson



Foster Loving Relationships

BOULDER BOUND!

By Terry Cornick

At last!

Fifteen months ago, a dream was hatched. Our son, Jeff, asked his Dad if he would participate in IronMan Boulder 2018 with him as the only Duo Team. Tearfully, Jim said yes. IronMan triathlons consist of three events. Swimming: Jeff will be pulling Jim in an inflatable kayak for 2.4 miles, starting about 7AM. After they exit the water, Jeff will be pulling Jim behind his bike in a race wheelchair attached to the bike's rear wheel for 112 miles through the Rockies. And finally, the race wheelchair will be detached from the bike, its front wheel installed, and they will head out for a 26.2 mile run....a marathon....Jeff pushing Jim....all ending at a Finish Line before the stroke of midnight! This is no Cinderella story, but a story of a son's devotion to his father and helping him fulfill the now physically impossible dream of completing an individual IronMan. But together they shall.

Jeff is no stranger to the demands of IronMan having completed three in Lake Placid, his first one with a broken collar bone. HOWEVER.....this duo IronMan endeavor is in a class by itself and requires training for the likes of which there is no training manual. Although Jeff is a triathlon coach, he needed a coach for this endeavor. So a renowned triathlon coach with Endurance Nation created a training program especially for Jeff, but admitted that this was all new territory.

Jeff has been training for a year for this one-day event on June 10th in Boulder, CO. His training has

been grueling. For example: it has included 6-hour bike rides followed by an hour run on one day, followed the next day with another 6-hour bike ride and a 30-minute run. The days preceding were also major workouts such as swimming two miles in laps at the YMCA before work only to follow that up with as much as a three-hour run or bike ride after work. We tell him he's a beast. His heart's desire is to get his dad across that IronMan finish line and see that dream they both have had become a reality. Whatever it takes.....

We've collected cans and bottles during this past year. Jim's \$5,500 specially-equipped race wheelchair was funded a nickel at a time.....110,000 cans and bottles!!!! But it doesn't stop there. We continued to collect cans and bottles, and with added monetary donations made through our fundraiser with Ainsley's Angels of America, we have been able to pay

for two smaller Freedom Chairs to donate to the Denver chapter of Ainsley's Angels. These race wheelchairs will be delivered when we are in Boulder and will benefit children who are differently-abled who would not otherwise have an opportunity to participate in athletic events. We are so grateful for every can, bottle or dollar donated to make all this possible.

Jeff has set up a Facebook page that has included updates, and there will be lots of posts and photos on event day. If you are interested in following the journey, you can find it on FaceBook at Boulder Bound; or send me a friend request if we aren't already friends : Terry Whitaker Cornick.

June 10th.....It's going to be one of the longest days of my life.....



Foster Loving Relation-



Snapshot on Children's Ministry
By Melanie Combs

Summer is rapidly approaching... yup, it's here! We will be having Sunday School up to the end of June, then giving the teachers a break for the summer. Until then, Brandon Cutler will be taking over Nick's place with the older students. Children's Church will be continuing through the summer. If you would like to volunteer to run a Children's Church session, please let Melanie Combs know. Please continue to pray for our Sunday School leaders, and for leaders to rise up from our midst. If you feel you are being called to serve as a Sunday School leader for our older youth, please let Melanie know, as this is a need for the fall. Thank you!

Camp HOPE "Splash of Reading" 2018 Informational Update

I want to give a brief history to those of you who may not yet know much about Camp HOPE. Seven years ago Hope Church had a dream to once again have a program to bless and serve the youth in our local community. There had been a soccer clinic in the past, but we hadn't been doing anything for awhile. One thought was, because we had so many teachers in our congregation, we could do an after-school homework/study program. That was a bit too ambitious with the Hope Church teachers' schedules. The next thought was to do a summer program that would work a bit like a VBS but be more of a teaching tool. Thus the reading camp idea was born.

This year's Camp HOPE theme is "A Splash of Reading." Some of the Camp HOPE team have met and gotten a start on planning this year's program. I say "some" because I'm hoping we can count on YOU to be a part of our team. You don't have to be a teacher or work with children on a regular basis to help out. There are many opportunities to become involved. **Here is a list of all the things that need to happen to make Camp HOPE a great program:**

1. We have a couple of teacher **aides**, but could use more.
2. We have a **food** coordinator, but she needs help with planning, purchasing, preparing and serving.
3. We have a **games** coordinator, but she needs help with planning, preparing, and executing the games.
4. We need a **craft coordinator** and a **team** to help plan, prepare, set up, deliver crafts to each class.
5. We have a **nursery** coordinator, but as she's also the nurse, we need staff to help in the nursery.
6. We have a **Registrar**, but she could use help with follow-up calls, follow-up e-mails, and general running errands during the week.
7. We have a **Building Team**, but they need help with planning, building, putting things together here at church, taking things apart after the program.
8. We need volunteers to help put flyers up in local businesses.
9. We need volunteers to bring food, water-themed items, water-themed prize trinkets, craft supplies, donate books, etc. throughout the summer and during Camp week.
10. We need volunteers to decorate, set things up, stake things down, come to the end-of-Camp-Week picnic to meet and greet, etc.

There are SOOO many ways you can help be a part of the Camp HOPE team. If you are interested in any of these things, please talk to Melanie Combs. You are welcome to any general meeting. You are also welcome to curriculum meetings, but it's mostly teachers talking about what we are going to teach. Meetings will be posted in the bulletin as well as on the Camp HOPE bulletin board.

Thank You, Melanie

Extend God's Hope

A Busy Time of Year at Spa Christian

Mandy Kergel <>

The school year is almost finished, and it seems like there is still so much to do! Thank you for your prayers throughout this school year. God has proven faithful and provided a wonderful year focused on His "Wisdom from Above." As the year comes to a close we are wrapping up several activities and looking forward to others. We recently held our Spring Concert, at which all of our students had a speaking part or solo of some sort. They did a marvelous job, and even were able to surprise the audience with some air guitar near the end of the performance!

We also enjoyed our preschool closing celebration, at which Mrs. Albertson led the kids in some verse recitation and songs. It was very cute! What a delight to see so many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends attend and then spend some time in fellowship for over an hour afterward.

We just finished up our last STEM club, which has met once a month for the entire school year. Other clubs that we have been able to enjoy this year include engine reconstruction, gymnastics, camping 101, ninja warrior, jewelry, origami, cooking, guitar, and deconstruction (we took apart broken appliances to see how they work). It would have been impossible to do all of these things without the help of our many parent volunteers, as well as the wonderful space provided here at Hope Church.

Coming up on June 6 we will be having our Field Day at the Milton Town Park, and then June 13th is our closing celebration. Scattered around all these dates are various field trips, parties, and even a picnic outside. Spring is an energetic time here at Spa!

As we look forward to next year, we are curious about what God has

in store. Our hope is to be a bit more intentional about our STEM program, with the desire of fostering inquiry and curiosity within our students. We are also looking at our other curricula and making sure that everything is displaying the excellence that brings honor to Christ. We have a few new teachers coming on for some special positions, which brings a new flavor to our program. One such teacher is someone you may know, Tiffanie Cheng, who will be teaching our Spanish class. She seems like a wonderful treasure and we are excited to have the Cheng's join our school family.

If you ever want to join us for prayer, we have prayer meeting every Monday in the 3rd/4th grade room, from 2:15 to 3:00.

Enjoy the sunshine outside and grab on to the hope that God has for you today!



Next Doorway to
Hope Deadline is
August 15th.

Kenya Team Tentative Schedule (22nd June -8th July 2018)

<u>Friday</u> 22 nd June Team Arrive in Nairobi JKIA 9:00pm Drop off Kiserian	<u>Saturday</u> 23 rd June Orientation Ministry with Makuku's and Kibera Reformed Presbyterian Church?	<u>Sunday</u> 24 th June Church at NCF Half team, Kibera Reformed Presbyterian Church Half team	<u>Monday</u> 25 th June Ministry with Makuku's and Kibera Reformed Presbyterian Church/Overcomers By Grace (OBC)	<u>Tuesday</u> 26 th June Early Morning Drive to Kisumu, Pick up Kiserian Orientation Door to door fellowship	<u>Wednesday</u> 27 th June Ministry in Kisumu Door to door evangelism\house fellowship	<u>Thursday</u> 28 th June Ministry in Kisumu Prison visitation	<u>Friday</u> 29 th June Ministry in Kisumu Training of SS Teachers, worship team and youth\ open air meeting at Nyalenda
<u>Saturday</u> 30 th June Kisumu Tour Ndere Island and Seme Constituency	<u>Sunday</u> 1 st July Ministry in Kisumu Church at Nyalenda team leading worship	<u>Monday</u> 2 nd July Drive back to Nairobi from Kisumu Dinner at the Matete's 5:00pm Drop off Kiserian	<u>Tuesday</u> 3 rd July Safari Maasai Mara National Reserve Pick up Kiserian	<u>Wednesday</u> 4 th July Safari Traveling back to Nairobi Drop off Kiserian	<u>Thursday</u> 5 th July Ministry with Makuku's and Kibera Reformed Presbyterian Church?	<u>Friday</u> 6 th July Ministry with Overcomers By Grace (OBC)/ Ministry with Makuku's and Kibera Reformed Presbyterian	
<u>Saturday</u> 7 th July Attend Ncf ladies fellowship at the Muutukai's 2:30-5:00pm Men Cookout at Parklands S Club 6-9:00pm Spend the night with Ncf Host families	<u>Sunday</u> 8 th July Worship concert at NCF Maasai Market at Yaya? Dinner at Sabia 5:00pm 10:25pm Team Depart Drop off JKIA						
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Kenya Team Garage Sale netted \$1,600 for their trip. PTL Please pray for the team as they are away. Search Facebook "Kenya Mercy Ministries" or kenyamercyministries.org to learn more about some of what they will be doing there in Kenya.</p> </div>							

Extend God's Hope



On Sunday, May 20th, Pastor Nate and Elder Jeff Butler prayed for Nick Cutler as he prepares to leave soon to begin his studies at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi. Nick will be working toward a Biblical Counseling Degree. It has been a joy to see God at work in Nick's life even as he ministered to the youth here at Hope Church.



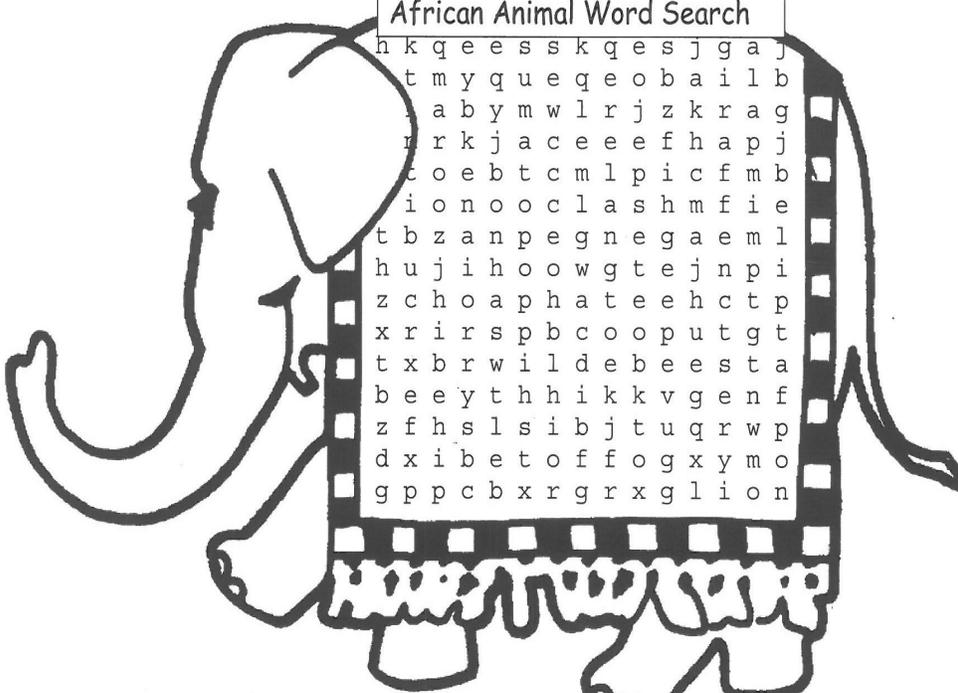
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- 8 Bradley Childs
- 8 Nicholas Cutler
- 10 Micah Bodine
- 14 Jill Galarneau
- 17 Naomi Emerson
- 20 Sandy Mailloux
- 20 Theodore Perkins
- 20 Deanna Smith
- 23 John VanVoorhis
- 27 Marybeth Gibbins
- 30 Bill Digges
- 30 Jim Cornick



- 1 Roderick & Febie Layug
- 4 Jonathan & Kara Cutler
- 6 Paul & Jill Miller
- 7 Dan & Naomi Emerson
- 10 Brian & Hellen McKeon
- 19 John & Pat VanVoorhis

African Animal Word Search

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Find and circle the names of these African animals in the puzzle.

- giraffe ■ elephant ■ gazelle ■ wildebeest ■ cheetah ■
- hippopotamus ■ impala ■ lion ■ ostrich ■ rhinoceros ■ zebra

GRADUATION

Congratulations to Anders Trestick in receiving his Associates degree from Adirondack Community College.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to the Mailloux family for their faithful service in arranging for our weekly coffee and refreshments after morning worship.

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June Calendar