

get connected:

Questions about anything below? Stop by the Connect Center in the lobby!

Vacation Bible Blast:

This year's Vacation Bible Blast is set for Sunday, July 12-Thursday, July 16 from 6-8:30 pm. At Rainforest Falls VBB, kids will explore the nature of God as we learn from the life of David and the book of Psalms. The Blast is for kids who are entering Kindergarten through entering 5th grade. To register your kid(s) or to volunteer, scan the qr code or text "vbb" to 217.546.4818.



NOTE: to ensure a smoother process the first night, please make sure to pre-register no later than Monday, July 6.

Want to donate snacks? Text "snacks" to 217.546.4818 for an Amazon list.

Membership Class:

If you are ready to give yourself fully to Jesus as part of our Cherry Hills family, this class is for you! Pastor Brian is teaching membership on Sunday, July 12 at 10:30am. Register by texting "membership" to 217.546.4818.

Mugs & Muffins:

Ladies - are you looking for a way to connect with other women in a less structured way? Join us at the Student Building on Saturday, July 25 (9:30-11:30am). Need childcare? Register your kid(s) by texting "mug" to 217.546.4818.

a word from: Steve

It is our privilege to celebrate the important spiritual marker of baptism. Today we're baptizing people in both services. Why do we baptize? And what does it mean? Here are 4 reasons we value baptism:

✓ **Jesus commands us to be baptized.** He said baptism is a mark of every true disciple (Matt. 28:19). As His grateful followers—those who've received His amazing grace and forgiveness—we now gladly obey Jesus by choosing to be baptized. It's not so much a "have to," as it is a "get to" and a "want to" for us. The pattern in Scripture is people believed and were baptized (Acts 4:37-41). Today, we celebrate as these followers of Jesus take the next step of obedience in baptism.

✓ **Jesus Himself was baptized.** It's inspiring to know that Jesus—the only sinless person to ever walk this earth—began His earthly ministry at 30 years of age by asking John the Baptist to baptize Him. When John protested, Jesus insisted, "We must carry out all God requires." (Matt. 3:15). Jesus never asks you to do anything He's not willing to do.

✓ **Baptism is a picture of trust.** We practice baptism by immersion (which means to "place completely under" water) because that's the literal meaning of the word. As you go back, under & then up out of the water, you illustrate your trust in all Jesus has DONE in His death, burial & resurrection (Ro. 6:3-4) and all He will DO with you.

✓ **Baptism is a witness to others.** Being baptized is a great opportunity to point others to Jesus and to declare, "I have decided to follow Jesus." In some places of the world, if you choose to be baptized, it may cost you the loss of family, friends, job or even your life. Baptism is a chance to go public, & be unashamed of Jesus (Matt. 10:32-33).

Join me in praying for those being baptized today: Zai Albertson, Hunter Book, Kim Casillas, Noah Catherwood, Dean Clark, Darren Dalenburg, Madi Fletcher, Josiah Jordan, Samyuktha Magi, Kourtnei Norris, Tony Owens, Adam Prior, Heather Prior, Isaiah Smith, and Valerie Udemba.

Student Worship Arts Director:

Cherry Hills is hiring! We are looking to fill the role of Student Worship Arts Director this coming Fall. If you or anyone you know is gifted in the arts and has a passion for building into the next generation, please scan the qr code for more information.



Woodside Road Closure:

Woodside Road will be closed for one month beginning July 6. Both entrances to our property will remain usable.

Summer Book Club:

Pastor Steve's next book club date is Tuesday evening, July 21 (6-7:30pm). The idea of this time together is to engage in political, social, and religious conversations around current "hot topics" of faith and culture (note: this is not a class, it's a discussion). Our next book is *Shepherds For Sale* by Megan Basham (purchase your own copy). Steve hasn't read the book yet so it is not a recommendation. We'll meet to discuss at the church (childcare provided). Register for July by texting "book" to 217.546.4818. Please come having it read and be ready for discussion. The final book club is August 18 (*Imagine Heaven* by John Burke).

for more information on what's happening, please visit our website: www.cherryhillsfamily.org



prayer focus:

- week of June 28 -

Church To Pray For
South Side Christian

Mission To Pray For:
James Project



Infant - Preschool

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Check-in @ Main Level
Education Center

K - 5th Grade

Jessica@cherryhillsfamily.org
Check-in @ Lower Level

Today, kids in early childhood and elementary are learning about "Noah's Ark"

Genesis 6-9



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6th - 8th Grade

Wednesday evenings 6-8 pm

9th - 12th Grade

Sunday evenings 6-8 pm



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