

Forerunners

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CHRIS' CORNER Sheep and Shepherding

The Bible talks about Shepherds many different times. Abraham was a shepherd, as were Jacob and Rachel. Moses, King David, and

the prophet Amos were all shepherds. Shepherding was an important job because the community of God's people in the Old Testament needed sheep. They needed Lambs, a lot of lambs, in order to fulfill the requirement of sacrifices to God.

The thought of seemingly endless Slaughter of lambs can be unsettling for us. Just imagine how unsettling it must have been for those who participated in these bloody offerings. The righteousness of God required a severe sacrifice because of our sin. He required a lamb, but not just any lamb. The lamb had to be spotless, without blemish or defect (Lev 22:21-22). In other words, it had to be perfect.

Even though God's people were tasked with choosing the most perfect Lambs, those Lambs were never perfect enough. Their sacrifices only covered sin, but they could never actually take away sin (Heb 10:4). Every cry of a lamb sacrificed in the Old Testament was, in some ways, a cry of longing for the truly perfect Lamb of God.

This cry continued through the generations until one day, John the Baptist saw Jesus' walking toward him

and declared, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). There, John the Baptist offered an answer to the piercing question Isaac asked his father Abraham many years before that echoed through the centuries "Where is the sacrificial Lamb?" Abraham replied to Isaac, "God Himself will provide the lamb" (Gen 22:7,8).

There by the river, John the Baptist declares Jesus to be the lamb God promised to provide. Behold, the perfect, unspotted, unblemished Lamb of God (1 Peter 1:18-21).

We're not looking for the lamb anymore. He has come. Jesus Christ is that lamb who was sacrificed, crucified, in our place (1 Cor 5:7). He is the Lamb, "pierced for our transgressions" (Isaiah 53:5). Jesus is the Lamb, the only lamb, who once and for all made the sacrifice for our sins (Heb10:12).

John also bore witness to the fact that Jesus was "God's chosen One, the Son of God" (John 1:34). The baby who was born, whom John declared, was also "the lamb who was slain" (revelation 13:8). Today, when we worship the Lord, may we echo John's prophetic words, "Now behold the lamb!" He was accepted as the all-sufficient sacrifice confirmed by the resurrection (I Thes 4:14; Jn 1:25).

In the Old Testament, we see that the Lord is the Shepherd of his people (Ps 23). In the New Testament, that Shepherd is Jesus (Mt 2:6), who is both the Lamb of God and the Chief Shepherd (I Pt 5:4).

Pastor Search Committee

Submitted by Committee Co-Chair Ron DeHaan

Your Pastor Search Committee (Jennie Freese, Ron DeHaan, Dolores Edelman, Paul and Bonnie Freese, Kurt Guelich, and David Lamb) continue to meet regularly. Unfortunately, we have not received many applications this past month. Updates have periodically been given from the pulpit and listed in the bulletin. Committee members have been available for discussions with congregational members as needed. I have personally spoken with several of you. We have mailed our pastor call information to 18 seminaries across the United States. Frankly, I expected more response, but we heard at General Assembly that nearly 55% of our EPC pastors will retire within the next 5 years. We also heard pastors are not relocating as they once were due to economics, covid, etc.

We have been in contact with our EPC organization throughout the process. A longer waiting time appears to be the norm nowadays. This is all part of the procedure, and we remain faithful to seeking God's advice and direction. We are told the process can take a year or more, but our time is guided by the Lord, so we wait patiently for Him to provide. With this, we thank you for your continued prayers, support, and patience as we move forward.

We also want to express our gratitude to the Lord for His blessings as we maneuver through the search process. He has provided Pastor Chris, David Lamb, and several other speakers who have handled the pulpit well. Elizabeth and Jenny are doing a fantastic job in the office. Session and committees continue to meet, and Nic, as always, is friendly and efficient in maintaining the building. When we stop and think, it is easy to see that the Lord is taking care of us. Many blessings to Him.



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

MOPs and the Titus 2 Woman

Submitted by Joy Wilson

I was a city girl from Oklahoma and fell in love with an Okanogan County Rancher. This moved me into a new life that was very different from the city lights. As I started my life as a new bride and then started our family, I missed my mother, who was miles away. She told me once to look up at the moon, "What do you see?" I told her I saw a full moon. She said, "I do too! We both have the same moon and the same God. He is with you even if I can't be." That moon that God created and Mother could see helped me many a night when I was rocking my little ones. My story is special but not unique. I'm sure every mom in this church has a story like this that they can share with a Preschooler Mom.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPs) international is an organization to help Moms. Their values and their faith statements are something we can stand behind. Its

mission is: MOPS international encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women, and leaders in relationship with Jesus and in partnership with the local church.

In Titus 2, Paul is telling Timothy how to lead the church. Titus 2:3-5 says:

Teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Our church has a group of women whose hearts are like the Titus women, and they started MOPs last year. The year was successful, and in 2022-2023,

we're hoping to see MOPs grow. But with growth comes the need for workers willing to help out these moms in whatever capacity is needed. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful program, Dolores Edelman and Barbie Dailey are the group's leaders. They are doing a great job with the moms, giving them a place to be with friends, talk about children, doing something fun, and being served. They can help you find out where you fit in to share your life stories

Sandee Freese and I are in charge of the MOPs preschool. There are 3 levels:

MOPs Newborn: 0-1

Toddler Preschool: 1-3 years

MOPs Preschool 3-6 years

These lovable children need care that you may be interested in helping out. We want to get enough help in the preschool that the job is enjoyable, and we can share stories with each other and the little ones. Please contact one of us below if you want to share in the MOPs program.

For more information on

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CPC Service Team

*Submitted by
Dolores Edelman*

The CPC Service Team met on June 7th. Present were Fred Edelman, Dolores Edelman, Sandee Freese, Judy Bowling, and Mike & Ilene Johnson. Fred reported on our annual Picnic in the Park for Manfisher Ministries scheduled for July 10th. We discussed an upcoming event planned for September 24th (more details to come). We are tentatively organizing a basic Financial Planning Workshop for January 14th or February 11th to be held on a Saturday (mid-morning session, light lunch followed by midafternoon session (more info to come). Last month, we requested volunteers to help



us host a CPC booth at the Okanogan County Fair again this year. It would be difficult for our small team (most of us senior citizens) to set up a booth, staff a booth throughout the fair, and take down the booth. We are anxiously awaiting to hear from you as fair registration is open now. If we are to staff a booth at the fair, we will need to begin planning immediately. It is an excellent opportunity for outreach. It would also be an opportunity to share information about our small groups, children's ministry, women's ministry, men's breakfast, the tour of The Ark, the upcoming Southern Gospel Quartet Concert on Oct 7th, and Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) and MOPS Kids as well as other CPC activities in the works. We are still seeking a couple more service team members. Please let anyone of the following know if you are interested.

CPC Service Team (Fred & Dolores Edelman, Mike & Ilene Johnson, Sandee Freese, Judy Bowling, and Robin Columb)

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Ark Encounter Trip

Submitted by Liz Verbeck

Our six-day Kentucky trip started by meeting at the church at 2:15 am. We had a five-car caravan, taking 21 people to the Wenatchee airport. Traveling with a big group was actually really fun. A few kids were flying for the first time, and their excitement was entertaining. The drive from the airport to our bunkhouse lodging was about an hour's drive but seemed shorter as the new change in scenery captured our attention. Everything was very green, no mountains, just green hills full of thick grass and forestry. Some buildings looked very old yet maintained a certain beauty; you could tell these towns were filled with rich history. We arrived at our bunkhouse in Falmouth, Kentucky, around 6:30 pm Eastern-Time, and settled into their new home for the week.

Pastor Chris led us in a morning devotional on Sunday, helping us prepare our hearts for the upcoming days. The rest of the morning and afternoon was spent at Kincaid Lake State Park, swimming and enjoying the beautiful 80-degree

weather. Taylor, Tori, Kamryn, and baby Evelyn joined us from Missouri. We were excited to see them again and have them along for the trip.

On Monday morning, we drove to the Creation Museum. The museum was filled with exhibits covering creation details, biblical figures, the value of life at conception, and much more. Their 4D theater and planetarium played short films on a repeated schedule, so you didn't have to worry about missing anything. Outdoors, they had a small zoo and beautiful Botanical Gardens. We spent most of our day at the museum, having enough time for some kids to run through the outdoor aerial courses and freefall jumps.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we traveled to the Ark Encounter. This location has several buildings, including its main attraction, the Noah's ark. Its beautiful architecture is quite the spectacle. The ark was built with a gift shop on the bottom floor and three more floors filled with art and teaching exhibits around the walls. The Answer Center is a great building with a massive screen and stage for seminars, video presentations, and family concerts. The Virtual Reality (VR) center is another fun attraction. Using VR goggles, you feel like you are actually in a time machine, seeing Noah build the ark. Strolling the zoo, riding camels, ziplining, and mining sluices were other activities the kids enjoyed. On our last day there, we even had a lightning storm minutes before we all gathered to head out. The storm made the experience all the more real as we imagined how it could have looked when God began to flood the earth. It was great having two full days to explore the Ark Encounter.

At our camping site, there was a big field and playground. The kids had a good time playing frisbee, basketball, and soccer. We got to see fireflies light up at night, a beautiful sight. We also became friends with the farm animals (at least I did, ha) and the campground's Siamese cat, which we renamed Captain Hook. On one occasion, Captain Hook jumped and snagged an entire hamburger off Joseph Gann's plate. He's quite the cat pirate. We met each evening after dinner as a group to discuss what we all had seen and learned.

Thursday came along, and we packed all our belonging. Many of us left with more things after buying memorabilia, t-shirts, and sweaters from the different gift shops. Since we had plenty of time before checking in to the airport, we drove to Smale Riverfront Park in Cincinnati, Ohio, which was only about 15 minutes away from the airport. It was nice to walk around and sightsee the big city. Finally, we arrived at the airport, tired yet satisfied that our trip was spiritually uplifting. I know for myself I was pleasantly surprised by how much there was to learn and see at the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum. I end by saying Praise God for His wonderful blessings. I know our kids had a memorable trip. Please pray for our kids to continue growing in their faith. Thank you for supporting this trip with your prayers, encouragement, and financial support.







TREASURY REPORT

By Liz Verbeck

Quarter 1 Summary

Giving for QTR 1 was \$49,456.56

Down 18% when compared to QTR 1 of 2021

Expenses for QTR 1 were \$43,639.95

Up 42% when compared to QTR 1 of 2021

QTR 1 had a positive balance of \$5,815.61

QTR 1 of 2021 had a positive balance of \$29,622.54

Quarter 2 Summary

Giving for QTR 2 was \$58,207.97

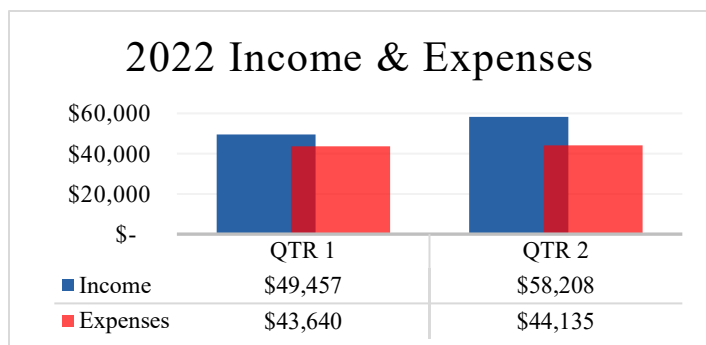
Up 17% when compared to QTR 2 of 2021

Expenses for QTR 2 were \$44,135.05

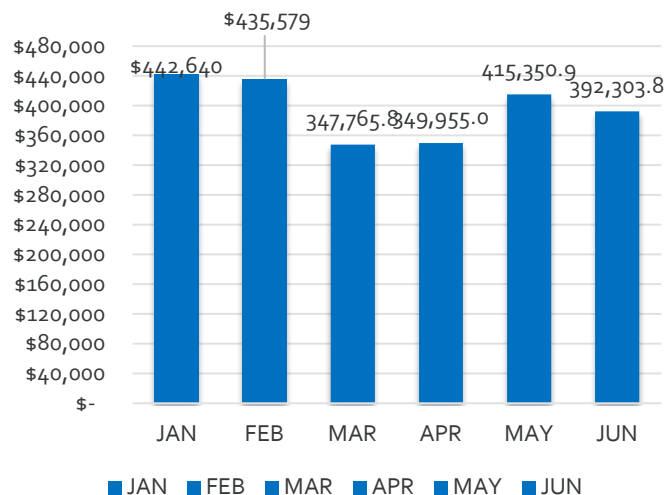
Down 12% when compared to QTR 2 of 2021

QTR 2 had a positive balance of \$14,072.92

QTR 2 of 2021 had a negative balance of \$745.40



Vanguard investment account



This investment account is for major repairs of our building or equipment; however, funds are also available to cover operational expenses should we have shortages in income.

JULY & AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS



All men of all ages are invited to join us for a time of prayer, breakfast, devotions, and fellowship.

Always meeting on the "Second Saturday" of each month starting at 6 am. The next two Men's Breakfast will be on July 9th and August 13th. For more info, contact Jim Freese at 322-4113.

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The church is hosting the annual "Manfisher Picnic in the Park" on Sunday, July 10th, at 1 pm. Please join us!

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CPC Omak raised \$867.54 for CareNet through the baby bottles fundraiser. If you still have baby bottles, you may turn them in at the church office. Thank you all for your generosity!

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Regular Schedule of Events

EVERY SUNDAY:
 9:00 AM - ADULT SUNDAY
 SCHOOL
 10:00 AM - WORSHIP
 SERVICE
 10:25 AM - CHILDREN'S
 CHURCH
2ND SATURDAY:
 6:00 AM - MEN'S
 BREAKFAST
 2:30 PM - WOMEN'S
 MINISTRY EVENTS



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Prepackaged snacks are needed, either store-bought or homemade. Coffee will at least be served on dates with no volunteers or snacks.

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Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
 9:00am – 12:00pm

PRAYER CHAIN

Please call the church during office hours for prayer requests or by contact by email at secretary@cpcmak.org during or after hours.

SUPPORTED MISSIONS

1. Positive Life Radio
2. The Father's Ranch
3. Care Net Pregnancy Center
4. Omak Food Bank
5. Child Evangelism Fellowship
6. Christians in Action
7. EPC World Outreach
8. EPC Church Plant
9. Manfisher Ministries
10. Operations Christmas Child
11. Compassion Sunday
12. EPC Missionaries M&T and A&S

ASSISTED LIVING/ NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Janice Jess