

Getting up and moving forward

Have you noticed that finding the items you need for day-to-day living is becoming more of a challenge than it used to be? For example, we recently bought a set of tires for Donovan's truck, and it took ten days to get four tires from two suppliers to our service provider. When one of those tires had a factory defect, none of the same brand and size were available. Luckily, a careful Google search allowed me to purchase a matching tire from Walmart.com. The replacement tire offered from the original supplier will soon become a new full-sized spare (replacing a 20-year-old space-saver) once FedEx delivers the used Nissan wheel I ordered to mount it on.

I've been trying to find a weekend to spend some particular time with my kids. Saturdays can be a little crazy for us at times. Saturday is the only day I can sleep in a bit (if you call 8 am sleeping in). It is also the day we do the bulk of our heavy housecleaning, grocery shopping, and yard work. But the weekends should also include some family time.

To help everyone get what they needed from this week's Saturday, we struck off for Forrest City. Popeye's Chicken was the order-of-the-day for a quick drive-thru lunch on our way to drop Penny off at Cato's. Leaving mom to browse the racks to her heart's content, the kids and I made a beeline to Wheelie T's in Palestine for the 2-4:40 afternoon free-skate session. The kids have a shared passion for the roller rink, and Samantha has a birthday party scheduled there at the end of the month.

We haven't been to the skating rink in a couple of years, and something told me we might need to brush up on our skating skills before the party. My parental instincts proved to be correct. Dad paid admission, helped the kids choose size, and ensured that they tightly laced the skates. All the while, the owner confidently skated from one end of the venue to the other, operating the DJ booth and concessions with fluid efficiency.

It was so much fun to watch the kids make their first few wobbly attempts onto the hardwood and up off of the floor following their first few spills. Both kids grew so much since the last time they skated that they were a bit gangly and soon discovered that there was a sharp relearning curve. After a few laps, their confidence grew, though they both took a couple of pretty hard spills in the process. My first 10 minutes consisted of being a walking handrail and spill recovery specialist.

Once they both got more confident, I was able to sit in the concession area and watch the last quarter of the Arkansas-Ole Miss on the big screen TV. I have to admit to being a part of the collective groan issuing from the disappointed Razorback fans when the Hogs failed to convert on the two-point attempt after official time ran out. It was a tough loss for fans and players alike.

As a church, we are also trying to relearn some of our Sabbath rhythms. When we resumed in-person worship, it made sense to keep the 10 am time frame to avoid losing anyone by changing venue and time all at once. 10 am worship seems to be a good time slot for most folks. The question now remains, how (or when) will we segway into Sunday School? Should we move Sunday School to 9 am and keep the 10 am worship? Would it be better to resume the previous 9:55 Sunday School and 11 am worship? Maybe some of our classes might be better offered during the week as small groups.

One thing's for sure; we have to all commit to showing up and participating. If we are to move forward as a community of faith and as followers of Jesus, we must have discipleship classes as an integral part of our programming. If you are currently teaching a class, please speak to your class members. If you'd like to start a new interest-based group or life group, please feel free to get in touch, and let's get the ball rolling. Most importantly, keep showing up and inviting others to join you.

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Proverbs 27:17 Pastor Kenny

Calendar for the Week

WEDNESDAY

3:45 p.m. Planning Meeting for WOW
5:00 p.m. Breakthrough Youth Bon Fire

SUNDAY

8:45 a.m. Lexa Worship
10:00 a.m. Marvell Inside Worship

ATTENDANCE

Lexa Worship 2
Marvell Worship 50+33+

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

2021 Budget \$188,113
Needed each week 3,618
Received this week 5,132
Capital Improvements 50

VISITORS

Brittney & Mary Peyton Parker - MS
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*Nathan Turner - Starkville, MS
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