

# *After the Rain ...*

As I sit here this evening watching the beautiful spring sunset I'm in awe as I think about what a difference a day makes. Just twenty-four hours ago many of us in Wichita and South Central Kansas spent our evening hunkered down in our homes with our eyes focused on the weather as torrential rains and hail fell during the first major storm of the season. Storms are a natural part of life.

Throughout our lives we will encounter many storms, times of hardship, times of struggle and maybe even times of doubt. In these times may we find shelter and strength in one another. In times when we can no longer see the Son, we must have hope and remember the words Jesus left with us in John 16, "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."

Even in the darkest of times, the Son still shines...April showers do indeed bring May flowers, there is beauty waiting beyond the storm.

## After the Rain

written by Aaron and Jeffrey Benward

*After the rain*

*You can look to the sky again*

*The clouds will give way*

*To the light of the sun*

*After the rain*

*You know that you've made it through*

*And you'll finally see the joy from the pain*

*After the rain*

*Everyone needs*

*Everyone hurts*

*Everyone feels*

*The weight of the world sometimes*

*But don't let the wind sweep your heart away*

*Can't you see the hand of Jesus*

*Reaching out for you*

*You never have to face the storm alone*

Keep letting His light shine through you,

*Pastor Amy*

*May 2016*



## *Summer's Coming!*

*Plans are being made for ways to enjoy "Gods Big Backyard" and each other at the park on Wednesday evenings this summer. This will be a great time to relax, fellowship and worship together with people of all ages. Our first Wednesday of "Fun in the Sun" will be Wednesday June 8 and we'll get the fun started with a watermelon feed. Watch the church bulletin, weekly emails and the June newsletter for more details.*



## *Mother's Day Celebration!*



The children of Dawson enthusiastically invite all ladies (and guests) to join them for a reception in Findley Hall at 10:15am on Sunday, May 8 to celebrate Mother's Day. Please join them for this special time and celebration.

## **GRADUATION**

as a church family it is great to celebrate life milestones. If you have someone in your family being promoted from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade or graduating High school, college, graduate school, or completing their education at a trade school, please notify the church office by Wednesday, May 18.

Graduates will be recognized during worship on Sunday May 22.

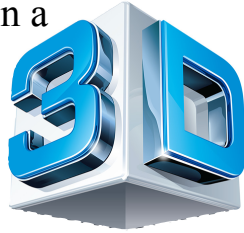




## 3D Adult/Youth Study

It has been a great year for 3D! Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this new ministry.

The Adult and Children's meals and studies will continue thru Wednesday, May 18. Everyone of all ages and stages of life are encouraged to attend. Dinner is served at 5:30pm each week. There is not cost to attend however donations are accepted.



## **Pancake Breakfast**

**May 21st 8 - 10 A.M.**



## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

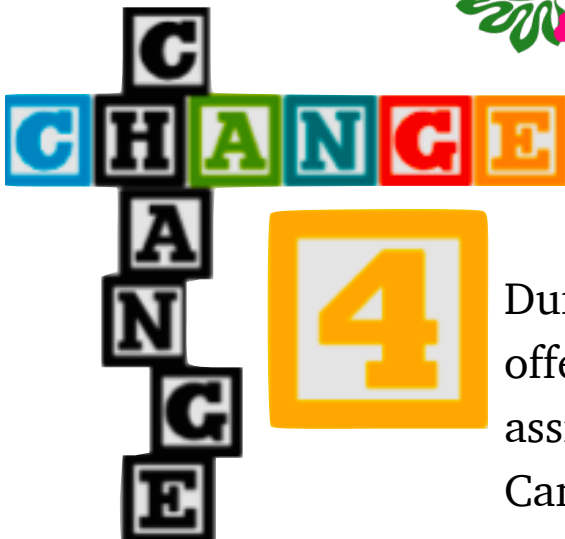
This group meets every Tuesday at 10 A.M. They are studying of the book of Acts. Everyone is welcome to join us anytime.

**Come grow with us!**



You are welcome to come early on Sunday mornings to Finley Hall between Sunday School and Worship. Coffee, juice and snacks are served with a chance to chat and visit with others between 9:15 and 10:30. We also welcome any snacks brought by others or if you would rather contribute cash to help buy snacks and juice, a basket will be in the table for that purpose. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings.

Jan Hunt - Hospitality Committee



During May & June the Change 4 Change offerings will go to the Camp Scholarships to assist Dawson kids who will be attending Camp Horizon this summer.

## **CrossWalk Continues**

All high school youth and young adults stay tuned for the summer schedule of meetings and activities. CrossWalk is a time of fellowship, learning, and worship for youth and young adults up to age twenty.

Life can be tricky at times, join other's in this age group as we journey through life and faith together, one step at a time; come to CrossWalk!

## **Neighborhood Meeting**

The Meeting of the South City Neighborhood Association will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Gordon Ramsey, who is the new Chief of Police for Wichita, will be the Guest Speaker.





## Dawson's Vacation Bible School July 25-29

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it, and the planning has begun! We applied to Great Plains Conference to have their interns help with VBS this year and were accepted. They will be leading the different areas, but will still need us to help.

So plan now to come surfing with us and enjoy the fun.

Some of the things we will be needing your help in collecting are:

Empty, clean plastic water bottles or beverage bottles with caps (16-20oz) need 30-40

6 small to medium sized clean and empty cardboard boxes

9 medium to large sized clean and empty cardboard boxes

Kool-Aid burst bottles (empty and clean) 30-40

Empty soda cans – needs 30-40

There will be more that we will be needing,  
so watch for your opportunity to help.

Come with us and catch the wave  
of God's amazing love!

Thanks, Sheryl





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