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Rob's Reflections...

As an American it's somewhat difficult for me to identify with the rest of the world's fascination with soccer. Don't get me wrong; it's a great game. I even played it during seminary and when I was a kid (I was a goalie). But, I don't follow the sport. I don't have a favorite team (at least I didn't before the trip). It generally exists without any acknowledgement from me throughout the year. I suspect your attention to soccer is similar. But, for most of the rest of the world, soccer, or football as they call it, is king. And no soccer tournament is more significant than the World Cup!

The FIFA World Cup is an international soccer tournament that occurs only every four years. It is an enormous sporting event. It takes several weeks to complete and it was going on during our trip to Spain. Over there EVERYONE was tuned in to every game. To grasp the attention people were giving this event; think about our cultural interest in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. It's that kind of hysteria (only probably more so).

We couldn't escape the tournament so we started paying attention. It was fun! We'd be out to dinner or lunch and the whole restaurant would be listening to or watching whatever game was playing. So, we cheered along with them when something exciting happened. The American team did not qualify for the World Cup this year. Therefore, we decided we should support the Spanish team and so took a particular interest whenever they were playing.

For Elijah the activity was especially contagious. Before long he had downloaded a soccer game on his iPod and was found playing it at every opportunity. Eventually "soccer fever" was just too much and he had to purchase a soccer ball in a small town we were visiting. Picture him walking down a dusty, small town street kicking his newly purchased soccer ball against the outside wall of some 16th century church or shop. It was very Spanish and made him feel like he was part of the action. What he really wanted was someone to play soccer with him. Sadly, we just weren't as attractive an option as any local Spanish kid. However, none were to be found in the sleepy village of Pedraza.

The next day we journeyed to Madrid. Madrid is anything but a sleepy village. Its population is far greater than the entire state of Kentucky. There's no siesta there. It is in constant motion pretty much 24/7. Think New York City, only friendlier. On our first evening in Madrid, we took a walk to explore the neighborhood around our hotel. Eventually we made our way to a very large public park that was bustling with life. Just past the monkey bars and swings Elijah spotted a large concrete rectangle with basketball markings but no hoops. Instead there were makeshift soccer goals on each end and several kids kicking around a soccer ball. Elijah was practically salivating.

Unfortunately, there were several potential problems we identified upon arrival. First, he doesn't play soccer. He's a reasonably athletic kid and at least understands the basics but he's never played organized soccer and has almost zero experience even attempting the game. The other kids at the park had obviously been playing for years. Second, Elijah doesn't speak any Spanish. Sure, he'd picked up a word or two during our trip but he doesn't have much confidence when it comes to trying to mutter simple phrases. So, for a little while we all just sat on a bench and watched while Elijah surveyed the scene and mustered up his courage to play.

I had worked out in my head how to ask the boys, in Spanish, if Elijah could join them. But, just as I stood up and started walking in their direction, Elijah did too. So, I veered off to another bench and simply watched as Elijah moved toward them and began to negotiate the interaction. I can't be sure, but I'd be willing to bet that neither Lisa nor I breathed for the next minute or so. We were so curious how this was going to go but we were so proud of his courage.

It didn't take long for the boys to realize everything I previously mentioned as potential problems. But, none of that mattered. The boy who seemed like the leader of the group asked Elijah if he could speak Spanish. Elijah shook his head, no. The other boy then smiled, stuck out his hand to Elijah, muttered something in broken English, and invited him into the game. Before long, Elijah was just another kid on the playground trying to help his team score a goal.

Watching that scene my heart swelled with pride, but not just for Elijah. I was / am immensely proud of my son for his courage, yes. But, I'm also incredibly proud of the rest of the boys for not letting anything stand in the way of including someone else who had the desire to play. And it didn't stop with Elijah, before long there were others who joined. Eventually there were older teenagers and very young kids joining the game – and the boys made room for everyone. It was simply beautiful.

I wonder what barriers we're willing to climb to include others. I wonder what differences we allow to stop us. Throughout every phase of his ministry Jesus demonstrated for us the radically inclusive nature of God's love. He dined with people he "shouldn't" have dined with. He healed people he "shouldn't" have healed. He talked with people the world shunned. He journeyed to places others encouraged him to avoid. In the life and ministry of Jesus we have a wonderful glimpse of just how far we're called to go to love and to include.

During our trip to Spain I was privileged to see some of the most beautiful churches and cathedrals in the world. But it was on concrete soccer pitch in a dusty, Madrid park where I really saw the Gospel come to life. That's what I mean when I say –

Together, there is much we can do...

Peace,
Rob

Musical Musings...

As many of you are aware, I have been volunteering at Luther Lockett Correctional Complex for a couple of years along with Rob and other members of our congregation. My typical role is to play the keyboard during communion, sometimes provide special music through a solo, duet, or occasionally, a trio, and visit with the inmates during Friday evening chapel service. A few weeks ago, I received an email from the volunteer coordinator stating that no one had volunteered to preach for the last 2 weeks in June. Obviously, if there is no one to lead the chapel service, it has to be canceled. I am definitely not a preacher, but I didn't think twice about volunteering to lead the service on June 22nd. I had no anxiety about this decision, because I knew that God would give me the words to say, and I knew the inmates would be grateful that the service wasn't canceled.

Unfortunately, the chapel service did end up getting canceled due to the fact that the entire facility was on lockdown that evening. I was disappointed, but knew I would be given another opportunity to serve. An email was sent out last week asking for volunteers to preach during the months of July, August, and September. Rob was the first to sign up, followed by another lady who is a regular volunteer. I was asked to take this coming Friday, July 6th, since my message would still be fresh in my mind, to which I agreed. Sadly, there are still 5 weeks in which no one has volunteered to lead the Friday night chapel services at LLCC. I have agreed to lead one more service this summer, which will consist of several musical numbers instead of a typical "sermon."

I don't say any of this to "toot my own horn," but rather to show how God is giving me an opportunity to serve Him, which is definitely out of my comfort zone. I have always been comfortable leading children in choir, Sunday school, Vacation Bible School, and school classrooms. During my time here at CCC, I have learned to be confident in leading the adult choir, and helping to lead in worship through music. Never in a million years would I have dreamed that I would be speaking to a room full of men...in a prison! However, I have met and talked with many of these men, and I know how much they look forward to the chapel service each week. They appreciate the fact that the people who volunteer are willing to give up their Friday night to spend time with them. I know that, no matter what message I bring, or which songs I sing or play, it will be appreciated. I am certain that I will receive a blessing from being with the inmates during chapel service, and I hope they will receive one as well.

I would like to encourage you to consider how God might use you to serve at CCC in the coming months. We are a small congregation, but there is much to be done. We often box ourselves in to serving in ways that we always have, and don't allow ourselves to be stretched. You may have heard the saying "God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called." I believe this is true. There are so many examples in the Bible of regular, ordinary people who had no special gifts or talents, but they said, "yes" to God's call and ended up making a huge difference in the lives of many people.

Maybe you could start out by making phone calls or sending cards to our members who are sick, or helping pack the backpacks for our local elementary school children. Do you like to sing? You are always welcome to join the choir! "I can't read music," you might say, but that's not a valid excuse. I was unable to find

statistics, but I know there are many members of church choirs who don't know how to read music. There are Sunday school classes to teach, Bible studies to lead, and committees on which to serve. CCC needs elders, deacons, acolytes, and people to lead the call to worship each week. We need more volunteers to go to Luther Lockett Correctional Facility to work the power point at the computer and just to visit with the inmates...anyone can do that! I get it...visiting a prison on Friday night, or any time for that matter, might put you way out of your comfort zone, but I encourage you to pray about doing just that. I guarantee that you will receive a blessing.

In His service,
Cheri

Scripture of the Month...

God's grace is a wonderful gift, and it comes not because of our works, but through our faith in Him.

Ephesians 2:8

Financial Info...

As of June 30th:

Balance in the Checking Account:	\$ 29,374.17
Total Offerings for the Month:	\$ 7,001.50
Balance in the Memorial Fund:	\$ 17,898.90

Board Meeting...

We will have a Board Meeting following our luncheon on Sunday, June 22nd. All Board members are encouraged to attend.

July Calendar...

July 1st: **Independence Sunday**

1 John 1:5-2:2 (John 1:29)

Elders – Marie Mattick

Kim Mullikin

Deacons – Becky Bush

Jennifer Rankin

Acolyte – Amy Lyle

July 4th: **Independence Day**

July 5th: *Happy Birthday – Truman Simpson*

July 6th: *Happy Birthday – Christy Wilson*

July 8th: **1 John 4:1-6** (John 14:15-17)

Elders – Jim Chambers

Alice Lyle

Deacons – Cheri Simpson

Greg Simpson

Acolyte – Caroline Shrader

July 10th: Henry County Ministers' Meeting –

Our Best – 11:30 am

Happy Birthday – Dylan Rankin

July 15th: **1 John 4:7-21** (John 15:9-11)

Elders – Chet Lawrence

Marie Mattick

Deacons – Patricia Carpenter

Mary Ann Courtney

Acolyte – Lydia Shrader

July 17th: *Happy Birthday – Allison Bickers Jesse*

July 19th: *Happy Birthday – Patricia Carpenter*

July 21st: *Happy Birthday – Carl Rucker*

July 22nd: **Ruth 1:1-22** (Matthew 5:3-9)
 Elders – Tracy Carpenter
 Kim Mullikin
 Deacons – Ethan Lyle
 Isaac Schwarz
 Acolyte – Elijah Clark
Potluck Luncheon following Worship
 Board Meeting following the Luncheon

July 25th: A.D.M.er's – *Claudia Sanders Dinner House* –
 Shelbyville – Noon
Happy Birthday – Mary Ann Courtney
Ben Lawrence

July 28th: *Happy Birthday – Emily Masters*

July 29th: **Ruth 2:1-23** (Luke 6:36-38)
 Elders – Chet Lawrence
 Alice Lyle
 Deacons – Becky Bush
 Tina Spencer
 Acolyte – Amy Lyle
Happy Anniversary – Les & Gina Lyle

August 1st: *Happy Birthday – Mary Ann Mitchell*

August 2nd: Choir Practice – 6:30 pm
Happy Birthday – Jim Wolfe

August 3rd: *Happy Birthday – Matt Sprague*

August 5th: **Ruth 3:1-18** (Matthew 7:7-8)
 Elders – Jim Chambers
 Marie Mattick
 Deacons – Jennifer Rankin
 Greg Simpson
 Acolyte – Caroline Shrader

August 6th: *Happy Birthday – Alice Lyle & Ben Lyle*

August 7th: *Happy Birthday – Erin Bush*

From the Church Historian...

I'm sure most of you do not realize that our church actually HAS a historian, and would certainly not suspect the college kid you see once a month might hold the title. However, all the talk of the way the church was built and the money raised for the beautiful building we now call our place of worship made me realize that many of us may not actually know the story, or if we do, we may want to revisit it. With this look to the past in mind, I did a little digging and found some original accounts of the "chicken coop" story you have been hearing about for the last few weeks.

The main account of the story comes from a member of our church who was, by any account, one of our most faithful-- a woman by the name of Mary Les Gividen. She recalls in detail that, in an effort to build the magnificent new building, the church members (and, to a certain extent, the community at large) rallied together to raise funds for the church in a variety of ways, each lending their particular talents and, of course, digging into their pocketbooks as much as they could to reach the ambitious goal of raising a new edifice from a patch of bare ground. However, Campbellsburg has always been a rural town, and many of the members had no material wealth to contribute to the project, but knew they still wanted to do whatever they could. The solution was unconventional, but successful nonetheless. With donated lumber and the donations of a few church members at first, a chicken coop was built on what would eventually be the front lawn of the church, with a basket for eggs hanging from a nearby tree. These tithes were

then sold off to the community to raise funds for the building project, and, as demand increased, more feathered tithes found their way to the church. It is likely that many of the bricks you see every Sunday were purchased with chicken money, and, of course, the countless other gifts and offerings made to the church while our new building was under construction.

Our church has always been an active part of the Campbellsburg community, and our building's walls have seen their fair share of stories and history. In the spirit of keeping these stories alive, and with the blessing of the church, I would like to make this historical column a more regular contribution to our newsletter. If any of you have particular interests, stories to share, or questions you want to ask, feel free to let me know.

"History is a story written by the finger of God."
 C.S. Lewis
 Will Lyle

Outreach & Evangelism...

Relay for Life

Our Silent Auction Bake Sale had 22 desserts this year and raised \$781! This year's highest selling items were Chet Lawrence's Peanut Butter Fudge (*Lyle's*) and Linda Wolfe's Strawberry Cake (*Marie Mattick*) each raising \$100!! Patricia Carpenter's Mexican Flan (*Ben Lawrence*), Kelsey Mullikin's Chocolate Cake with Sprinkles (*Chet Lawrence*), and Kim Mullikin's Banana Cake with Caramel Icing (*Linda Wolfe*) raised \$50 each! Thanks to everyone that brought a dessert and to everyone that purchased them!! The running total for the Relay this year is \$39,135.84.

Choir...

There will be no choir rehearsals during the month of July so our members can come back refreshed in August. Please see Cheri if you would be interested in singing special music during the month of July.

Luncheon...

Our 4th Sunday Luncheon for July will be held on Sunday, July 22nd, following our worship service. The meal will be potluck with tea and water provided. Be sure to join us for great food and fellowship.

A.D.M.er's...

The next outing for the A.D.M.er's will be held on Wednesday, July 25th, at *Claudia Sanders Dinner House*, 3202 Shelbyville Road, U.S. 60, Shelbyville, KY. The group will meet at the restaurant at noon. A signup sheet will be on the front pew in the sanctuary, be sure to sign up today so that Marie can call ahead to ensure adequate seating.

Church Cookbook...

The deadline has been extended to the end of July for recipes to be submitted for our cookbook.

Recipes can be placed in the box on the front pew of the sanctuary or emailed to:

Patricia Carpenter (patoec@aol.com) or
 Tina Spencer (spencer.schwarz.family@gmail.com)

We're hoping to have at least 300 recipes!!

Among Our Own...

Many thanks...

... to the **Christian Education Committee** for the lovely Mother's Day flowers and the delicious Father's Day cookies!...

... to **Kelsey Mullikin** for representing our church at *Camp Wakon Da'Ho* Junior Camp 1 for 4th & 5th graders June 18th thru 22nd and at CYF 2 for 9th thru 12th graders June 25th – 30th...

Our Christian Love and Sympathy go out to...

...**Ken Parker** and the rest of the family of **Susie Parker**. Susie went home to her Lord & Savior Monday, June 18th, after suffering a massive stroke. Services were held June 22nd at Walden's Creek United Methodist Church in Sevierville, TN 37862...

... **Joan Ellegood** and the rest of the family of **Dennis Aldridge**. Joan's brother went home to his Lord and Savior Sunday, June 24th, following a battle with cancer. Services were held June 29th at Milton Christian Church...

... May God Comfort all those who mourn...

A few scholastic achievements were inadvertently omitted from our last newsletter...

Congratulations...

... **Logan Bush** completed his junior year at Henry County High School...

... **Aleigha Hunt** completed her junior year at Henry County High School...

... **Ethan Lyle** recently competed at the National Technology Student Association competition in video game design in Atlanta, GA...

... **Dylan Rankin** completed his junior year at Henry County High School...

... also **Adam Lyle** has accepted a job as draftsman for C & I Engineering in Louisville. He starts Monday, July 9th.

Please email the editor at mullikink@seidata.com for additions to the *Among Our Own* column, or any other newsletter items.

Prayer Concerns...

*Please See Newsletter in Church
For Specific Prayer Concerns
Due to Confidentiality...*

All our military personnel

Our Church

Everyone involved with Church Camp

Our Nation

WORLD PEACE

