



Pastor Wayne's World



Fort Courage

One year while Nick and I were headed to Arizona to visit my mom, we had the awesome privilege of visiting...(drum roll please)...Fort Courage! How exciting right?! Some of you are probably wondering what Fort Courage is all about and why is it so amazing.

Fort Courage is the place where the TV sitcom "F Troop" took place. The sitcom is about a frontier outpost fort and the ragtag soldiers that live there and the very friendly Indians who trade with them. It was a pretty silly show of mindless humor that invaded my young mind.

When my family traveled out west 37 years before, on the same route that Nick and I took, we went by Fort Courage. I remember begging my dad to stop so we could explore the fort and maybe meet some of the soldiers of "F Troop." He would not stop as we had a "timetable" to keep and more important things to see. I don't ever remember seeing a table with "time" on it and I felt there was nothing more important to see than Fort Courage. I was disappointed beyond words. I was even angry with my dad...until the next great wonder we saw, which was the largest rocking chair in the world!

On this trip, I was in control, I was the dad, and so I was determined to stop at Fort Courage. We saw the signs several miles before we got there and I am sure Nick was tired of listening to me talk on and on about "F Troop." The anticipation built with each passing mile, each minute, and each hour.

Finally, we arrived! We made it to Fort Courage! Jubilation quickly turned into disappointment. Not much of the fort was left standing. It was a pretty run-down-looking establishment and the place looked vacant. There was an old pickup truck sitting outside and the door was wide open with an old, faded orange "OPEN" sign hanging sideways next to the doorway.

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THE CHIMES

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I learned in my old age to listen to the pleading of the Holy Spirit, and I must tell you the Spirit wasn't pleading but was yelling at me to drive away quickly and not go in there. That is exactly what we did. It looked very scary! The ride at that point was very quiet as I contemplated the huge disappointment for me.

Fort Courage isn't real. It's a place that was created for a TV show and then someone decided they could make some money by having a place that looked like it and sold Indian and cowboy artifacts. I was disappointed about something that wasn't real and something that I had gone without seeing for over 37 years. Was my disappointment real? Yes, it was. But was it necessary for me at that time? No, it was out of place. Here I was with my son traveling along Route 66 in the American southwest seeing the great wonders of God's creation and having the time of our lives. I had nothing to be disappointed about. All it took was for me to re-orient my viewpoint.

A life in Christ requires us to always be re-orienting our viewpoint in daily living. We must always be striving to look forward, to move forward, and not to agonize over our past, or things that happened yesterday, or six months ago, or last year, or 37 years ago...I think you get the point. When we put Christ first when we surrender our lives, our emotions, our hurts, our pains, and every aspect to Him, only then can we truly see life in a new and different way.

Blessings! Pastor Wayne



United
Women
in Faith

Eleven members attended the special meeting Tuesday, July 23rd.

We made plans for our "Summer Gathering" (picnic) which is Tuesday, August 20th at noon. We will have our General Meeting at 10:00 am on that day.

We will be having our "Fall Rummage Sale" September 27th and 28th.

Education Team - August Update

With Scuba VBS behind us, we are now looking forward to the new school year. We have been invited by Hebron Elementary to be a part of their Back to School Bash on Friday, August 16th. We are looking for people to donate bags of candy for that event (think trick-or-treat types of sweets). The Education Team will have a meeting on Wednesday, August 21st at 5pm to plan a fall event AND a children's choir. Come to the meeting if you're interested! We'll also start planning for the Christmas program. In other exciting news, LeAnn Hetrick is spearheading a youth group, and we are excited to see the progress in that area.

Karen Williams, Education Team Leader

Food Pantry Schedule

Thursday, Aug 1	9:00-10:00 am/6:30 pm
Tuesday, Aug 6	9:00-10:00 am
Thursday, Aug 8	9:00-10:00 am
Tuesday, Aug 13	9:00-10:00 am
Thursday, Aug 15	9:00-10:00 am/6:30 pm
Tuesday, Aug 20	9:00-10:00 am
Thursday, Aug 22	9:00-10:00 am
Tuesday, Aug 27	9:00-10:00 am
Thursday, Aug 29	9:00-10:00 am

We are always in need of volunteers.
Call Joyce Steinhilber at 219-628-2890.



Food Pantry Wish List

CANNED SOUP
BREAKFAST CEREAL
PEANUT BUTTER
PASTA
NOODLES
CANNED RAVIOLI
CANNED SPAGHETTI

Upcoming Sermons

August 4

"No Longer Strangers: Bound Together" (Ephesians 4:1-16)

August 11

"No Longer Strangers: Making Peace" (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

August 18

"No Longer Strangers: Overflow" (Ephesians 5:15-20)

August 25

"Put on the Armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10-20)

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for the
Birthday cards that they sent me.
I appreciated them very much!

Judi Van Meerten

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BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Mike Steffel
- 2 Kylee Babiak
- 7 Jane Fisher
- 7 Stephanie Marek
- 8 Doug Kosloske
- 9 Liz Bennett
- 9 Lynn Fisel
- 10 Barb Sperka
- 11 Stacy Fickle
- 13 Sue Spurr
- 14 Andrew Thacker
- 16 Hope Hetrick
- 17 Liz Veit
- 18 Oliver Thacker
- 22 Angie Babiak
- 24 Barb Steffel

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Richard & Jill Bell
- 11 Lynn & Vicki Fisel
- 11 Jeff & Sarah Thacker
- 15 Denny & Joyce Steinhilber
- 16 Kevin & Ashley Carter
- 19 Terry & Chris Robbins
- 20 Dave & Ann Hallberg



Liturgists

- 4 Denny Steinhilber
- 11 Dana Darman
- 18 Hope Hetrick
- 25 Rhonda Walker

Greeters

- 4 Paul & Muriel Grochowski
- 11 The Finley Family
- 18 Connie Clinton
- 25 Al Hancock & Laura Rochester

Ushers

- 4 Dave & Pat Marshall, Owen Thacker
- 11 John & Kathy Bryant, Joshua Reeder
- 18 Doug & Loretta Kosloske Connie Clinton
- 25 Dan & Bonnie McConnell, Jerry Fieser

Acolytes

- 4 Ella & Avrie Finley
- 11
- 18
- 25



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am 6:30-7:30 pm Missions Committee 1:00 pm	2	3
4 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 9:45 am	5 Breakfast with Pastor Wayne (Denny's) 7:30 am Worship Committee 6:00 pm	6 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am	7	8 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am	9	10 Stronger Together 10:30-1:00 (CT) Potawatami Park South Bend
11 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 9:45 am Backpack Blessing	12 Gratitude Path Book Study 7:00 pm	13 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am	14	15 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am 6:30-7:30 pm	16	17
18 Sunday School 9:00 am Worship Service 9:45 am (Noisy Offering)	19 Gratitude Path Book Study 7:00 pm	20 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am UWF Meeting 10:00 am	21 Education Team Meeting 5:00 pm	22 Food Pantry 9:00-10:00 am	23	24
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