



# The Memo

## What You Need to Know to Be In the Know

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### Facebook

Want to see more youth pics? We've started to post pictures to Facebook. Simply go to Facebook, search for "Element 412" (a private group), and ask for an invitation to join. NOTE: you have to have an account to join the group, but we will try to provide access at youth group for those wanting to see the pics.090

### 08-06 Lunch @ The Barn

12:30-3:00 PM

It's a day of food! First, we'll give you \$10 towards any meal at The Barn - that means you'll want to bring enough money to cover whatever meal you plan on ordering (but another \$10 from you should cover a very good meal, drink, and tip). Bring a change of clothes so you can join us for the next phase of food - feeding the ducks around the pond. We should have plenty of time to walk the grounds, visit Toyrifix, and some other stores. Pick-up will be at 3PM at the church.

Can't wait to see how little Kiley Underwood eats and how much Cameron Carr does!

### 08/20 Regular Meeting



6:00-7:30 PM

Been awhile since we've had a regular meeting, so don't miss this one. Games, Bible study, snack, and friends. This one's a mystery night - much like what Kaitlyn Carr's thinking (at least until she drops the lumber on Cameron) - but you know it will be good.

Can't wait to see everyone again!

## 09/11 Wayne County Fair Lunch

Noon

This one's just an excuse for Pastor Scott to eat Wayne County Fair food, but if you want to join him at the fair for lunch, let him know (937.206.6986). We want to get photos of any exhibits anyone is in - let us know what and when you'll be showing - and we'll get a photo.

Events are open to youth from 6th to 12th grades.

Monday is also the Casting Crowns concert. Hope you are planning to be there to enjoy a great concert!

## 09/24 Free Sitting

TBD

The church is hosting a free marriage seminar and we'd like to offer parents free sitting that day. This one's pretty easy - but many hands make for light work. We'll plan on some games, some crafts, a movie, and at least a snack. Some details are still being decided, but you know enough to put this on the calendar.

If you're not running three hundred miles in preparation for cross country like Joey Clabaugh, and you are now old enough to be a part of the sitters instead of the sitted like Stevie Frantz, let us know you'll be there!

## 10/08 OCC Packing

12:30-4:00 PM

Please RSVP for lunch and come prepared to pack boxes at the home of Kathy Tischer, the OCC Lady. We'll leave the church after lunch and return by 4pm.



We have a number of hard workers as part of our youth group (are your ears burning, Jax and Kylie Hostettler?) Many hands make light work, so come one, come all, and come ready to work for Jesus!

## 10/29 Trunk-or-Treat



Date and time TBD

Despite being tempted by the title to conclude we're putting someone in a car trunk, we're actually looking to do an outreach in the community from our parking lot. Smithville has yet to set their night for trick-or-treating, so this is a tentative schedule. We'll plan on putting together some treats for children of the community. We might even encourage some costumes - Elizabeth dressed as April Ludgate from Parks and Rec would be a stitch, but we'll let everyone come as you are - or want to be.



Spotted:

April Ludgate or Elizabeth Frantz?

## 11/12 Bonfire w/ S'mores

6:00-7:30 PM

Location TBD, but think regular meeting with delicious s'mores as the snack. Hershey's chocolate is always a winner, but thinking we may go more exotic for a few s'mores with Reese's. This is a rain-or-shine event, so no excuses for missing. How many s'mores can Betty eat? The answer will be revealed the night of November 12th!

## 11/19 Caramel Apple Making

5:00-7:30 PM

This was a huge hit with the staff at Smithville High School. We may not have perfected making caramel apples, but we did perfect making them really goooooood! This year, we'll see if we can add the staff at Smithville Junior High. If not, Briley has volunteered to sample the best part of each remaining apple. If anyone else wants to sample, Briley is prepared to Cage Match. You've been warned!

We're providing dinner, apples, and toppings - you'll be providing the helping hands and great attitudes.

## 12/10 Christmas Party





Here's a shout-out to  
Kailyn "Nice Shoes!" Beichler

5:00-7:30 PM

Jury's still out on whether each of you has been "naughty" or "nice" - except for Kailyn "Nice Shoes!" Beichler. No idea what Santa is putting in your stocking this year? No worries - we've got a heaping helping of pizza, soda, chips, and dessert after playing Snoops (yes, we'll give you more time this year). Speaking of Snoops, if you want to play (totally voluntary, but lots of fun), come with an unwrapped item \$10 or under beginning with the letter "M" hidden in an open bag (so people can "snoop" what it is in it).

Please RSVP for food at least one day before so Kellen doesn't have to eat the leftovers. He can do it, but Mrs. Dad doesn't want him to. Kellen will, however, be glad to beat you at "Snoops".

## 12/17 Christmas Caroling

5:00-7:00 PM

When else are you encouraged to "Ding Dong Dash" after singing a few rousing Christmas songs? Dress warmly (there are no hot chocolate dispensers in Mr. Mom's SUV), bring your family (just because they come doesn't mean they have to ride with you), and maybe a friend or two (there are always plenty of cookies to go around). Please RSVP online as we want to be sure to have enough transportation - if not, Jax might be willing to sing in the church parking lot, but not alone. We'll let him choose those who don't RSVP to join him in several rounds of "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer". As Ronan now has his license (Congratulations, Ronan!/Everyone Else Beware!), lyrics can be changed to "Grandma Got Run Over by Ronan".



## 01/26 Glow Tubing

TIME TBA

Back by popular demand, this event is tentatively scheduled for January 26th. We'll know more after we purchase tickets, but plan on coming for another run down the hill under the lights at Snow Trails. Tickets will be limited as Snow Trails always sells out prior to our arrival. Tickets are first-come, first-serve. RSVP on the church website as soon as details are finalized.





This is a great activity to bring friends to so open up the rolodex (okay, Pastor Scott is probably the only one who knows THAT reference!), the Christmas card list, or the contacts in your phone and extend a few invitations. Hey, Nora Zemancik, Nina Hart, Briley Cline - you going to bring your friends like last year?! The more the merrier!

## Lifting Up for Lift Off

M. Craig Barnes delivered a sermon at *Christianity Today International* September 19, 2000. In the sermon, he was quoted as saying:

*I was asked to speak at the funeral of a man who had helped develop the Boeing 747 aircraft. After the service I spoke with the widow and commented on what a remarkable thing her late husband had done.*

*“The truth is, he worked on a little switchbox smaller than a loaf of bread,” she said. “That’s all he worked on for fifteen years. But when that 747 lifted off the ground for the first time, it was the happiest day of his life.”*

*He worked on a tiny switchbox for more than a decade, yet the Boeing 747 couldn’t have lifted off without this man’s contribution. Often we think our seemingly small efforts aren’t very important. But when the great kingdom of God “lifts off,” we’ll be thrilled to find out that our efforts were essential.*

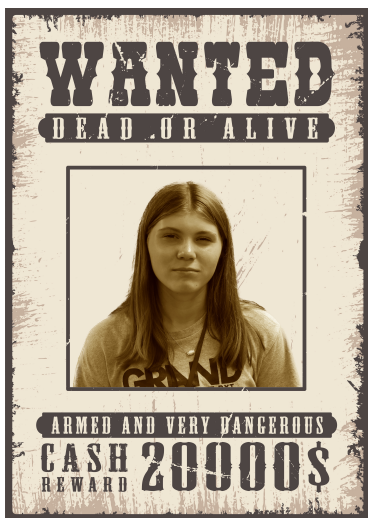
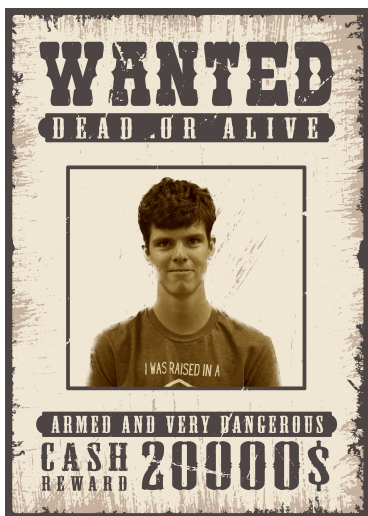
I confess, I have found myself unhappy with assignments God has given me in the kingdom. Too small, too hard, or too little appreciated, I’ve wondered why God didn’t just find someone else. But allow me to share a few lessons I’ve learned – OR NEED TO LEARN! – along the way.

### **It’s not the size, but the significance of the task.**

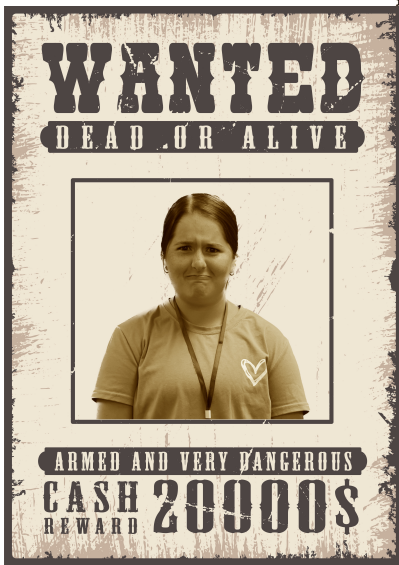
Remembering to pack a lunchbox seems trivial, until the Master wants to raid it.

**It’s not the outlook, but the outcome.** Noah built a boat in the desert, David picked a fight with a giant, and Samson went to war without weapons. Yet God made an overcomer of the underdog. He can do the same for you.

**It’s not today, but tomorrow.** For fifteen years, the switchbox wasn’t ready. Quit any day of the first 5474, and there is nothing to



**STOP  
WHAT  
YOU'RE  
DOING  
AND  
READ  
THIS!**



show for the effort. It may not all come together until 5475, but the first 5474 are all just as important.

**It takes more than me.** While I work on a “switchbox,” God has others working on the wings, the cockpit, and the landing gear. He even has a few working on paint colors and toilet seats! Progress isn’t just measured by my switchbox, but by everyone’s tasks as well. I’m counting on them; they’re counting on me, too!

*So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. (Galatians 6:9 MSG)*

Pastor Scott

### NEED A FAN?

We know you are involved in LOTS of stuff: sports teams, drama, music, dance, well - you get the idea. We would LOVE to root you on, so let Pastor Scott know when you are participating and he'll make an effort to be there. Hey, if you can tolerate your parents being there, you can ... okay, maybe we should just say he's willing to come!

### Stay Informed!

The most up-to-date information and announcements will be handled via the Remind app. Download the app. The class code is:

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