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THE UNITED CHURCHES OF HOT SPRINGS, SD

Pastor's Pulpit:

"A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position."

**"Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts.
It is about one life influencing another."**

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."

**"A successful person finds the right place for himself.
But a successful leader finds the right place for others."**

JOHN C. MAXWELL

I love John Maxwell. His influence in my life is immeasurable. He was listed as the *"#1 Most Influential Business Leader"* by the American Business Association. He is brilliant and he is a great leader. But most of all, John was my Pastor in San Diego many years ago. One of my all-time favorite quotes is from a book review:

"The second law of John C. Maxwell's book, 'The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership' should be required learning for everyone in high school. It is the Law of Influence which says, 'The true measure of leadership is influence – nothing more, nothing less.' If you do not learn this law early, you will learn it the hard way."

The reason why I mention this insight about influence is simply because I want you to know that as a believer, you have influence, you are a person of influence, and our God would have you use your influence for Him. How we use that influence says a lot about our own character, and more, how we truly feel and are committed to following Jesus Christ. Thus, you have the underlying motivation for the D2D classes that are starting up again this month.

We can learn together to be people who use our great influence for Christ by being grounded in the Bible, knowing how to share our story about how we came to know Christ, and then being able to explain in a very simple, clear and effective way what it takes to become a Christian. We can definitely make a huge difference not only on others who are in and around our lives, but also in ourselves. The other side of the coin concerning being mentored to be a disciple and a person of influence, is then we are adequately prepared to be a disciple that can use our knowledge and influence to equip others to be the same.

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D2D is really just a big lesson on influence—and like Maxwell said, nothing more, nothing less. I've listed below the main structure of the classes. *Please pray about joining us for our organizational meeting on Sunday, September 5, in the Fireside Room, following our worship time together!*

Blessings, Pastor David



Course Outline

The three books are designed to be completed in sequence. Book 2 builds on the work done in book 1. Book 3 builds on what your group has accomplished in the first two books. You will enjoy each book's biblical and practical approach to discipleship.

As many others have, those of you who participate in a 2:7 group can expect to experience positive life changes as you study and apply this time-proven material. Following is the main content of the three courses:

Book 1: Growing Strong in God's Family

In the first book in The 2:7 Series, you complete exercises that strengthen your spiritual foundation through enriching Bible study, Scripture memory and group interaction.

Book 2: Deepening Your Roots in God's Family

The discipleship training in this second book builds on the work done in the first book. You will learn ways to deepen your own Christian life, approaches for sharing your faith, and how to experience an extended time alone with God.

Book 3: Bearing Fruit in God's Family

You will continue to develop and strengthen your walk with Christ during this third book in the series. You discuss priorities and life management, learn a versatile tool for explaining the gospel, and sharpen your own salvation testimony.

THIS AND THAT

SEPTEMBER MISSION EMPHASIS — GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND

The Good Neighbor Project was started about ten years ago. Although we've had to take a two year hiatus due to Covid, we designate a Saturday in late Summer where we go out into the community to assist people who need a hand completing tasks they are unable to do themselves. Projects that have been undertaken are: painting house exteriors; replacing screen doors; trimming branches; cleaning yards; and replacing porch steps. The money raised will assist in purchasing the supplies for this type of project. It is a day filled with fellowship as we become "Good Neighbors" in our community. ***Our Loose Change Offering for September will be collected on Sunday, September 12th.*** If you wish to give through the month, our offering envelopes will have a "designation line" for this fund, and a collection container is located in the Bethany Room as you enter the Sanctuary.

ONLINE CHURCH DIRECTORY:

Our current Church Directory is available for viewing online! There are copies of instructions for using this feature located on the table in the Bethany Room. The instructions are quite detailed and the process is not a hard one. You will only be able to view the directory, you will not be able to make any changes. If there are any changes or updates that you know of, please send them to: ucassist@gwtc.net.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN: Will begin meeting again for Bible Study on **Wednesday, September 15th at 2:00 PM.**



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Garry & Pat Strauser
16 John & Carla Johnson



- 3 Sandy Swensen
- 10 Mary Puffer
- 13 Judy Hofer
- 24 Jerry Collogan
- 26 Casen Humbracht
- 29 Garry Strauser
- 29 Jean Brooks

If your name is not included on the Birthdays and Anniversaries list and you would like it to be added, please contact the church office: by email: uc@gwtc.net or call 745-5640.

UPCOMING EVENTS — MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**5TH SUNDAY — INDOOR PICNIC & POTLUCK
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH**
FOLLOWING 5th SUNDAY CELEBRATION WORSHIP
 Hot Dogs and all the trimmings will be provided.
 Please bring a "picnic" type side dish to share!!

**PIANO CONCERT AT THE UNITED CHURCHES
IN OUR SANCTUARY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH — 2:00 PM**



The community is invited to this free afternoon concert.

Lois Schrag Wells of Custer will perform a concert of new sacred piano arrangements. Familiar hymn titles include: "Amazing Grace," and "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho." Participants in the program are: Lynn Mason (vocal), Carol Giesler (flute), Linda McElroy (violin), and Gordon Brooks (narrator). Wells continues to be a church choir accompanist/organist and piano teacher in Custer.

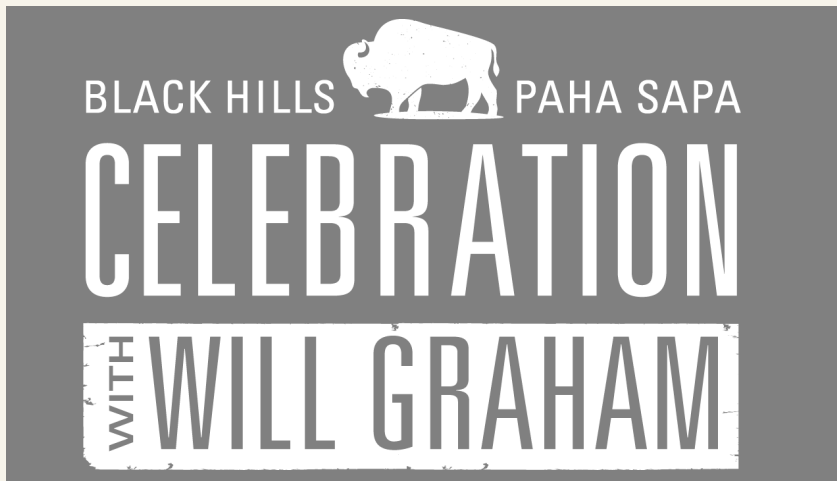
CHOIR! CHOIR! CHOIR!

The United Churches Choir will begin regular rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8th from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The NEW meeting place will be the "Choir Corner", which is the South end of the Fellowship Hall.
 *** All previous and new members are WELCOME! ***



A NOTE FROM YOUR FELLOWSHIP TEAM!

The church Fellowship Kitchen counters are in need of replacement! In order to raise funds needed, the Fellowship Team will be doing some fundraising projects. A "collection container" will be available during our coffee time after Sunday Worship and also during our 5th Sunday Potlucks. Your change (and bills) are welcome (but not necessary) to enjoy the coffee and goodies! Thank you!!



**RUSHMORE PLAZA
CIVIC CENTR**

**SEPTEMBER 24-26
2021**

ABOUT WILL GRAHAM:

Will Graham is the third generation of Grahams to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ under the banner of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA). Will is the grandson of Billy Graham and the oldest son of Franklin Graham.

“This world is a broken place,” Will said recently. “People are hurting, dealing with addictions, family issues, job and financial issues, or depression. So many are hopeless. I desperately want people to know that there is hope, and it’s found in Christ.” Since 2006, Will has been telling people about that hope through events called Celebrations. He’s had the privilege of preaching all over the world, on every continent except Antarctica.

Will is an ordained minister who serves as vice-president of the BGEA. He’s also executive director of the Billy Graham Training Center at The Cove, a spiritual retreat center in the mountains of North Carolina. He and his wife Kendra live near Asheville, North Carolina, with their three children.

WHAT IS A CELEBRATION?

➔ **Since 1950** the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association has held Crusades all across the globe for one purpose: to proclaim God’s love to people who need Jesus Christ. Today, Will Graham Celebrations continue this life-changing mission.

THE MESSAGE AND THE GOAL:

➔ **1) To mobilize the Christian community to gather as many people as possible to hear the message that *Jesus Christ is “the way, the truth, and the life”*** (John 14:6, NKJV). **2) To give people an opportunity to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ.** **3) To refer inquiries to a local church for follow-up and Christian nurture.** **4) To strengthen the local church.**

THE METHOD:

➔ **A Will Graham Celebration** is much larger than the few days of the actual event. While the evangelistic services are the most visible aspect, they are not the only part. It all begins with local Christians praying and working behind the scenes to prepare the way. Long after the event is over, area churches carry on the work, discipling those who came to faith during the Celebration.

SIX WAYS:

➔ **A Will Graham Celebration can benefit you and your church.** 1) Prayer; 2) Evangelism Training; 3) An Action Plan for Witnessing; 4) Spiritual Renewal; 5) Christian Unity; 6) New Christians in Local Churches.