

F Street News

NEWLETTER FROM THE HEERSPINKS

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Celebrate Recovery Starting at F Street

I am thrilled to announce that after a year of attending and working through Celebrate Recovery materials, we will be starting Celebrate Recovery at F Street on Wednesday Nights. We have an incredible team of almost 20 people who have already committed to the ministry and to being a part of the trainings.

There are several reasons why I am so excited about this:

1. Our church has been home to many people from recovery centers throughout the years, and there is an incredible need for Christ-based 12-step programs, as most people end up at AA or NA. We have had a growing sense that God has been leading us to begin this ministry, and He has provided just the right people to help us get started, including Rodney, who will serve as the CR Ministry Leader.
2. I love the fact that the Wednesday night Celebrate Recovery program begins with a worship service with music, teaching and testimonies. It is through worship that Joshua and the Israelites conquered the city of Jericho and it is with worship that I also believe that God will tear down the walls in the hearts of many who come.
3. Celebrate Recovery just fits who we are. With connections already with the People's City Mission and four treatment centers, it seems that offering CR creates a great way to minister to those we are already serving and have a real heart for as a church.

Immerse, Residents and more

Beth has once again done an incredible job of leading the Immerse teams. This year we had all six weeks booked and with even larger groups. Overall things went very well despite the challenges that came including weather issues, cancellations and Covid taking out all of our interns for one of the weeks.

There are many stories of life change among the students and there were many great stories among those who were served. As a church we always love the energy it brings to our church family and the work that gets done at church (Immerse teams poured concrete, relandscaped the west side of the church, and painted the original white chapel on our property. At the NL they built a lighthouse for the front lawn and re-roofed the old Charity Autos garage).

I also always love that Immerse does what it was designed for: raising up leaders. In our own church there are those who continue to grow and mature as they work with the students and share their testimonies, as well as the students who have an interest in returning to F Street as Interns.

One of the real joys of this past year is that two of the three summer interns are staying at F Street to do a year-long Residency. Hollie is a former student of Nebraska Christian College and now attends Hope University online. She will be staying to work with our children's ministry and potentially working with Immerse throughout the year. Sage, who came from a Reformed Church in Iowa will be staying with us and working as our youth leader as well as with ATLAS Lincoln as he is searching God's direction in leading a non-profit or youth ministry.

We also have been blessed with the opportunity to have two short-term residents from Estonia. It is a long story that goes back to Nicaragua as to how they got connected with F Street but Filip and Samira have been a joy to have around as they come here to learn about ministry that engages its community with the Gospel and also church leadership structures.

Our family

In early May I left for Lynden for a few days with Josiah to see my Mom and Dad. The morning after we got to Lynden Beth texted me to tell me that Abigail had run through a corn field (there are plenty of them here) and her leg got stuck in a hole causing her leg to break. This led to her moving into her Grandparents (no steps in contrast to our home), no driving, no job, etc. She has recovered with the exception of still needing to wear a brace and is preparing to begin her Senior year at Lincoln High.

Josiah and Caleb bumped up their mowing business this year with their friend to mowing 30+ lawns per week. It has been a big learning experience and a lot of hard work. They will often be out mowing (towing the mowers behind their bikes) and get other requests for them to come and mow. Caleb also has been on Zoo Crew working about one day a week at the Lincoln Zoo and Josiah has been in multiple sports camps and now is on the freshmen Lincoln High Football team.

Ella will be starting 5th grade being at the top of the food chain in her school and ending the Heerspink's involvement in Randolph Elementary School. She was active this year in SAIL music camp playing her Bass with other kids and loves to spend time with her cousins.

We hope now to be slowing down some as we settle back into the school year with no major home remodels, no Immerse and some new routines.

Wish List...

Special thanks to all of those who prayed for us to get a new truck. Through the summer we continued to use the old Ford till it finally died in early July. Then in early August, God led someone to offer us a new truck at a great deal and once again God's timing was perfect.

Praise...

- Praise God for his provision of a new truck
- Praise God for the powerful results of Immerse and His protection of the students while here.
- Praise God for the ability to be starting up Celebrate Recovery to help those who are in need of recovery through Christ. Specifically praise God for the provision of people that God has brought to help us do this work.
- Praise God for the several churches that have continued to show interest in partnering with us in the ministry here.
- Praise God for the new residents that we have working with us this year.

Pray...

- Pray for the start of Celebrate Recovery as we strive to bring Acceptance and Direction to those in need of recovery from a wide range of struggles.
- Pray for God's wisdom as we seek to discover His purpose for the original church building that sits on our property and is unused. It is a gift that we hope to really determine God's will for and hope that it can really serve our Neighborhood.
- Pray for God to open the hearts of so many who are hurting from so many challenges and hurts. Pray that God would allow our actions and our words to bring about the hope of Jesus into their lives.
- Pray for continued unity as we are now one church after the merge over one year ago. Pray that we keep Christ the primary in all that we do. His work is never done until He returns in our lives and in our neighborhood.

Giving... We are continually grateful to God for the support of each of you and the love that you share with us and enable to share the hope of Jesus with those in our neighborhood. All of our ministerial staff at F Street raises 50% of their own support to be able to serve here. Beth and I have been blessed to be able to meet our goal each year. If you would like to help us meet our goal this year or would like to contribute to the ministry for a specific cause you can do that online at fstreetchurch.org under the donate button or you can send your check to F Street Neighborhood Church, 1302 F Street, Lincoln NE 68508.