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Registration Kickoff Meeting

It's time! You may now register for SCCCE membership.

BUT WAIT! Read the rest first!

NEW MEMBERS will sign up with the visible form on the website and attend the registration meeting on August 13, 7:00 PM at

Belleville Christian School
1901 Mascoutah Avenue
Belleville, IL 62220

RETURNING MEMBERS (**that's you!**) will be able to register online completely - no need to show up to a meeting. But you can only get there from [THIS LINK](#). (The one on the website is for new members.)

PLEASE don't share this link with new members - if they ask, have them go to the website.

We would like a few returning members to come to the meeting to help meet new members and make them feel welcome. We'll get an email out about that soon.

New Location

We have a new host location! (almost)

We're still working on the details and the contract, but it's nearly finished.

The Belleville Christian School is at 1901 Mascoutah Avenue, near Charis Baptist church and across from the large sportsplex building.

It's an older/run down building, but a Korean School has purchased it with the intent to send Korean students there to educate them. American students will also be welcome. The whole process fits in with a larger vision of evangelism to the world, but there's no space to report on that.

We will be holding our monthly meetings there AND our TLC co-op. In addition to the money that we can give them, we have also offered our physical services (yes, that's you as well) to help with fixing the place up. There are a number of tasks that need to be done including painting, tree removal, weeding, floor patching, asphalt crack filling and sealing, and a few other things.

We will have some volunteer days where a group of us can show up and help out.

BUT I would sure love to see our group go beyond the usual 80/20 figure where 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people. We are Christians who are called to serve, and our group is quite exceptional with the Cherry Pie Day, so let's come together and do some great things for this wonderful ministry and school.

We are so blessed to have this facility as cheaply as we got it (our 'rent' won't cover the utility costs), and I hope to continue our relationship with this school for as long as possible.

So gird up your loins and be ready to bring the family to a few of the work days and be a blessing to our group and to the Belleville Christian School.

Upcoming Meetings

It's on the Website!

Yes, we have a calendar on the website with all of the planned meetings. Of course everything is subject to change, but we'll make a go of planning anyway.

September 10 - Ice Cream Social
October - No meeting
November 12 - Talent Show and Craft Fair
December - No meeting

Field Trips

Due to the Covid issue, field trips are rather sporadic and unpredictable. But that doesn't mean they're not happening. Wanda is still working on all kinds of excellent adventures for us. Stay tuned to the Google Group for updates.

TLC

Hello TLC Family,

What would TLC look like in the Fall?

It is not going to be bustling with 250 plus bodies participating in 30 plus classes. The current pandemic necessitates that we lower the number of people attending at the same time. What form TLC takes is still in the works.

However, your submission of classes you intend to teach helps guide the decision. Please prayerfully consider what you will teach, and fill out the form at:
<https://forms.gle/6zg6SCxqucfwzGLp9> .

Aim for small class sizes. As always, TLC can't happen without you.

Andinet

P.E.

Some wonderful options for P.E.

A good friend of mine is new to the homeschool group and is starting a wonderful ministry. Part of that ministry is reaching out to homeschoolers with a variety of options, including P.E. Here is a letter from him. If you're at all interested in P.E. options, I highly recommend you go to his meeting on Aug 22. His property is well worth a visit, and I'm really looking forward to all that he has planned!

Dear parents and students,

My name is Jonathan Sherwood and my family and I are new to the home school group. I am excited to begin a new opportunity with the homeschool group! My teaching journey began by teaching/coaching right out of college, and I had the blessing to do so for 7 years. I was the P.E. teacher, basketball coach, and flag football coach. My passion for sports has always been near to my heart because I believe it is a very valuable part of becoming a person of character, helping mold us to be more Christlike!

The class I will be offering will be a P.E./Running class. We will have days to run, play volleyball, capture the flag, and many similar games. Goals will need to be set and met. I will want to have two types of recognition for accomplishment: personal goals and group goals. I would love to get feedback on who would be interested in joining this class to help nail down a few details. The location is in Belleville near the cross section of Hartman Lane and Lebanon. On these 46 acres I am starting a day camp ministry along with a multipurpose building and sports program.

If you are interested I would like to meet August 22 at 10 am. We will meet at our property and discuss the best times and days everyone can meet. It will also get everyone familiar with where they will be going and what all there is to do here.

Please contact me for more info
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Belleville, IL 62221

Host families needed

Are you interested in being a host family for a Korean student?

The Belleville Christian School is a newly founded (and still in the process) school that will bring Korean students to our area to educate them. While they do have some housing, it is limited, so they are looking for host families who are willing to house them. I'm afraid I don't know the details on how long it will be, when it will start, or how much money a host family will receive for their lodging, but if you're interested, please let me know.

Josh Peterson
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Teachers needed

Are you interested in some part-time teaching of Korean students?

Yes, the BCS is also looking for teachers. Again, we don't know many details, and so many things are up in the air at the moment, but they are trying to get the ball rolling anyway. Let me know!

Josh Peterson
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From the Coordinators

Lions and Tigers and Bears! Oh My!

Covid and Riots and Murder Hornets! Oh My!

Golly, what a year this has been. The Covid issue is a terrible thing. The Riots and protests (and why they started) are a terrible thing. The murder hornets..... OK, they weren't so terrible, but the carpenter bees were really bad this year.

But perhaps the worst part of it all is how we've been treating one another. People are so angry at one another on such issues as wearing masks, sympathizing with the BLM movement, political issues, and a host of other things. It's as if a demonic spirit of hatred has filled this country with anger, and even those who try and stay out of it are hated for not taking a side. What's a person to do in such a situation? This whirlwind is sweeping everyone up into a grand tornado of confusion and destruction and leaving only chaos behind. God help us, what are we to do?!?

Here is a wonderful hymn with some wonderful verses. I recommend you actually read them and not skip over them:

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my Hope and Stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

(this is the original text by Edward Mote)

So here's the main point:
Take a deep breath.
Then take a step back.
Look at the bigger picture and realize that we're all going to die sooner or later.
Most of what we do in this life won't matter a bit in eternity.
But some of what we do WILL matter. Focus on that. What is eternally important?
- Keeping yourself pure
- Spreading the Gospel
- Worshipping God in all that you do.

Every soul lives forever - it's only a matter of where they will live - heaven or hell.
Is that not more important than wearing a mask to help delay death a bit?

Here's a visual for you: In one of the Pirates of the Caribbean movies, there's a scene where the 'bad guy' ship is between two 'good guy' ships and is getting completely destroyed by them. The captain is in a daze, completely oblivious to the destruction of his ship around him. he calmly walks down the steps as cannonballs destroy the step he just left as shards of wood and destruction are all about him, not touching him. He's at perfect peace, knowing his fate is before him and there's nothing he can do about it.

But his fate is not a happy one. Ours is! We have eternal joy before us, but we must first endure some hardship in this life. We need not fret about the tornado around us, for our anchor is Christ, who is our firm foundation. Focus on HIM and the tornado will not move you.

One final little tip - "Love covers over a multitude of sins." Rather than defend ourselves against the hatred, let's go on the offensive and attack the world with love. How can you actively show love to your neighbors, your friends, your enemies? Think of a way to show love and go do it.

God's blessings upon you all!
Josh Peterson

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