



# Welcome

## Sunday, June 28, 2026

### Medical Equipment Ministry Update

Our medical equipment closet is currently at capacity. We will only accept non-motorized wheelchairs and knee rollators at this time.

### School Supplies

Guess what! I don't want to mention school, but school supplies are already on sale. If you are able, please pick up some much needed items for our teachers and students. Tissues, Clorox wipes, expo markers, rulers, copy paper are most requested by staff but anything is welcome. If you have any questions, please see Elizabeth Kilby.

### Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School

July 27-31, 2026

9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. VBS is open to children age 3—grade 5. Register today! If you have any questions, please see Melissa Wilson or Kristina Kyles.

### Next Steps for Our Visioning Process

Thank you to all who participated in our visioning process and for those who have signed up to support new areas of ministry.

Our next step will be to launch these ministries. This will happen in August, after the kids go back to school. In the meantime, we are recruiting leaders for each ministry as well as more participants. If you haven't signed up to be a part of our new vision, it's not too late. Just give the church office a call and let us know where you'd like to serve.

Here are the areas:

#### **Youth Services**

Partnering with area schools to build relationships and a stronger community.

#### **Poverty Alleviation**

Helping at least one family to break the poverty cycle.

#### **Expanding Services for Community**

Finding ways we can do even more for community members in need.

#### **Disaster Relief**

Using our facility, people and connections to prepare to help in a disaster.

#### **Senior Adult Care and Share Ministry**

Expanding how we minister to senior adults and they minister to us.



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# *We Are Dual Citizens*

Part of the Series: Celebrating Our Citizenship  
Dr. Nelson Granade

*<sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

Philippians 3:15-21

## **Some Things Are Worth Celebrating, Others Even More!**

### **We Are Dual Citizens, But Allegiance to God is Supreme**

#### **In The Kingdom of God**

All Are Blessed, But Especially Those in Need

Humility is a Virtue

Love is Essential

#### **Good Citizens of God's Kingdom**

Learn by Example (Discipleship)

Center on the Cross

Help One Another

#### **The Church's Purpose is to Demonstrate God's Kingdom**