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Warrior Leadership Summit,
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FALL 2021



MAY

Eighth Grade Graduation,
Kindergarten Program,
Marian Roskamp Retires

"FOR GOD DID NOT GIVE US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT A SPIRIT

JUNE

Summer school,
Music Camp
Dunamis Day at Rehoboth



OF POWER, OF LOVE, AND OF SELF-DISCIPLINE." 2 TIM. 1:7

Staff Retreat,
Back to School,
Pastoral Candidate Visits

AUGUST





This year, **Live Courageously** is our school theme, based on 2 Timothy 1:7, "For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love, and of self-discipline."

Fear is a very real emotion, and it can be difficult to keep fear in check especially when circumstances around us whisper that fear is a justifiable response. So how can we live courageously? This verse points us to at least four different ways.

God's Spirit: The Spirit God gives his people is his Holy Spirit. I sometimes wonder if this member of the Trinity is not given his due. Paul repeatedly acknowledges the importance of the Holy Spirit, at one point posing the question to the church in Corinth, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16). What an amazing gift! Through the Holy Spirit's power, the God of the universe dwells within his people. No other god makes that claim. Sometimes the students that come into my office are feeling alone, empty, or forsaken. It is a gift to be able to look them in the eye and remind them that the God in whose image they are made dwells within his people.

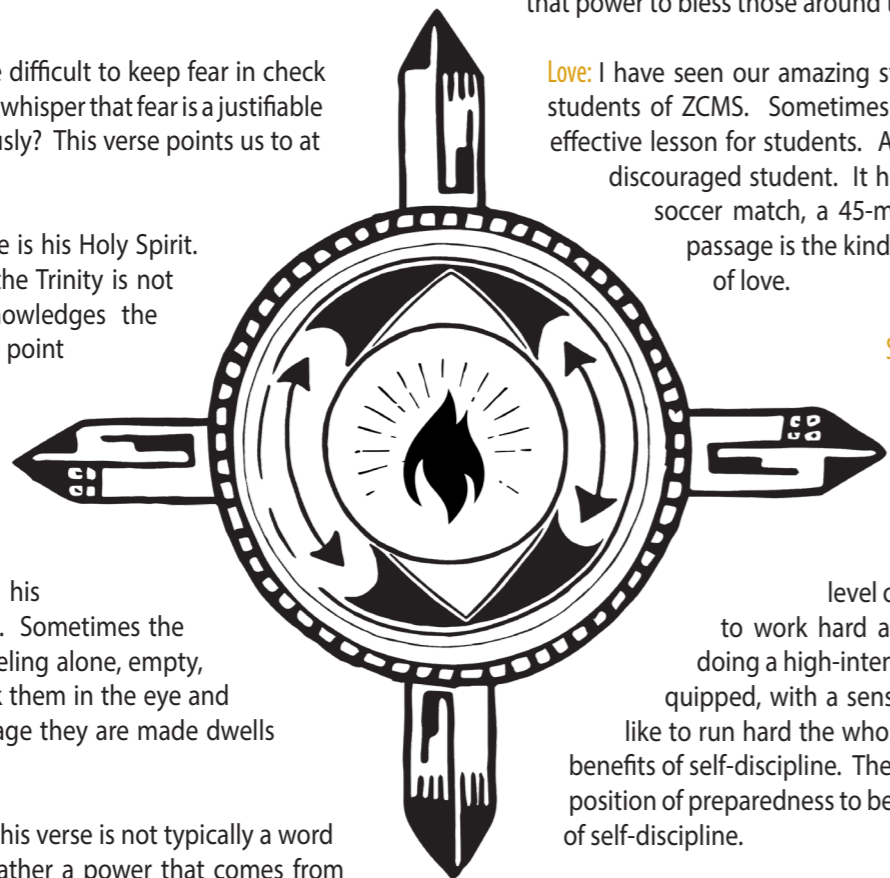
Power: The word Paul used for "power" in this verse is not typically a word used for feats of human strength, but rather a power that comes from God. Sometimes this kind of power manifests itself in seemingly small but consistent acts of courage. On the whole, this year's class of 8th grade students has done a very good job of leading their classmates so far. They are setting positive examples of servant leadership on a daily basis, and

they have taken ownership of a community clean-up project leading our upper grade students in the process. Not only are they using power from God, they are also using that power to bless those around them. God gives us a spirit of power.

Love: I have seen our amazing staff members do extraordinary things to love the students of ZCMS. Sometimes it is spending extra time crafting a creative and effective lesson for students. At other times, it is sitting with and encouraging a discouraged student. It has also meant giving a student a ride to his youth soccer match, a 45-minute drive. The word Paul uses for love in this passage is the kind of love that is self-sacrificing. God gives us a spirit of love.

Self-Discipline: The author of Hebrews reminds us that no discipline seems pleasant at the time, but that the ultimate reward for discipline is a harvest of righteousness. We are excited to have our sports teams back up and running—literally, as the cross country season is upon us. Being a part of a team requires a high level of discipline. To get better at something, one needs to work hard and push oneself past self-imposed limits. While doing a high-intensity speed workout one hot afternoon, one athlete quipped, with a sense of self-accomplishment, "So this is what it feels like to run hard the whole time." Yes! This young athlete is discovering the benefits of self-discipline. The act of engaging in spiritual disciplines puts us in a position of preparedness to be used by God for his purposes. God gives us a spirit of self-discipline.

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21



CURRENT NEEDS

OUR 2021-22 ANNUAL FUND NEED IS \$490,640

Another year begins! We now have 96 students back in school! Praise God! Thank you for seeing us through this past year with your prayers, financial gifts and reminders that we are not alone! We invite you to contact us about volunteering or visiting!

PRAISES AND PRAYER NEEDS



New MS Social Studies Teacher: Since the beginning of this school year we have been without a MS Social Studies teacher. Our other MS teachers have been taking on the added responsibility of teaching this subject on top of their own. We are thrilled to announce that the position has now been filled by Mrs. Betsy Meester. Betsy and her family live in Gallup, and her husband Dan is the high school principal at Rehoboth Christian School. We look forward to having Betsy on staff, and to the continued connection this creates with our sister school.

Bookkeeper/Secretary: We are still searching for a new bookkeeper and/or secretary since the retirement of Mrs. Marian Roskamp. The position is temporarily being filled by our school secretary, Mrs. Panteah. Please pray that God will bring the right person for this important work, and will sustain our current staff as they take on extra work!

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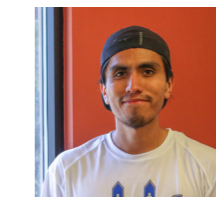
ZUNI CRC MISSION STATEMENT:

"Forgiven by God through Jesus, we are growing together to be a people of grace, truth, love, and light."

Zuni CRC Mission Statement Series Kickoff: During the Pastor Search Team's early transition work, a new church mission statement was developed and approved by the Church Council. As the pandemic began, the introduction of that mission statement was delayed. Beginning September 12, we kick off a series of messages related to our mission statement, what it means, and how we can live this out as a church.

Pastor Search Update: After a congregational vote, and much prayer and reflection on both Pastor Jeffrey Visser and Pastor Jim Kuiper the Church Council felt led to dismiss both of them as candidates of Zuni CRC's pastor position. We love them each and pray for them as they continue to seek God's leading in serving churches with their gifts. Continue to pray for Zuni CRC as we continue the pastor search process seeking more candidates.

NEW & RETURNING MINISTRIES



Tyrell Natewa: We are excited to have alumnus Tyrell Natewa back in the area using his passion for healthy lifestyles to create opportunities for fellowship and sharing the Gospel. While he continues his studies online with Calvin to become a pastor, he is also heading up a couple of ministries at Zuni CRC. These include Cross

Trainers Bible Study events, and Basketball and Bible on Sunday nights. "I hope that we can use walking/running to enjoy God's creation and develop healthy habits and relationships to deal with life's difficulties."

ZCRC Youth Group: We are grateful that we have been able to resume youth group activities and meetings in person twice per week. Youth leaders Barlow Gasper, Shanell Leekya and Sheldon Tamez also attended the annual Warrior Leadership Summit in Illinois with seven students they have been discipling.

Celebrate Recovery: Celebrate Recovery's purpose is to provide a safe, supportive place for Christ-centered hope, healing, and freedom in the Zuni community. "We encourage health and well-being in our self-worth, choices, relationships, thoughts, and spiritual life." Tim Eisenga

GEMS: We are once again kicking off our GEMS program for girls in grades 2-6 on Sept. 20!

Other Weekly Ministries: Men's Prayer Time & Alcoholics Anonymous

