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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 **6:30 am** *DAWG Pound* **9am-5pm** *Life Line Screening*
2 **9:20 am**-S.S. **10:30 am**-Worship Lord's Supper **Noon** - Cast Potluck **1:30 pm** Dress Rehearsal **2:30 pm**-*AMV*	3	4 **6:30 pm** CEF Banquet *Quality Inn* **6:30 pm** Ladies' *BSF*	5 **11:30 am** Lenten Services **6:30 pm** *Great Adventure* Youth **7 pm** Prayer	6 ***OneCry*** April 6-8,	7 *Prayer Conf* Bismarck	8 **6:30 am** *DAWG Pound*
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16 **10:30 am** Easter Worship **After Worship** **Directory Photos** **7 pm** Passion Play	17	18 **6:30 pm** Ladies' *BSF*	19 **6:30 pm** *Great Adventure* (TBD) **6:30 pm**-Youth **7 pm** Prayer	20	21	22 **6:30 am** *DAWG Pound* **10 am** Community Prayer, *Grace Episcopal*
23 **9:20 am** - S.S. **Directory Photos** **10:30 am** Worship	24	25 **6:30 pm** Ladies' *BSF*	26 **6:15-8 pm** *Great Adventure* Bowling Party **6:30 pm**-Youth **7 pm**-Prayer	27	28	29 **6:30 am** *DAWG Pound*
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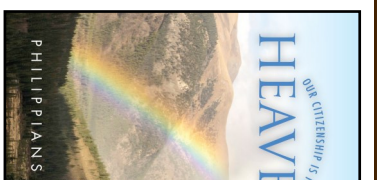

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As most of you already know, Sarah and I received some exciting news a couple of weeks ago – we're going to be parents! On Tuesday, March 7, our adoption case worker called to let us know that we had been matched with a family in Alabama to adopt their daughter, due to be born April 12. My head was spinning, and my heart overwhelmed at the sound of this wonderful news! I've been ready to be a dad for quite some time, so the fact it was *actually* going to happen was exhilarating! Not being able to tell Sarah about it for over an hour (she was seeing a client) was rough, but I figured neither she nor her client would appreciate my running into the office shouting, "You're going to be a mom!" Sarah teared up when I finally had the opportunity to tell her the news. I didn't, because I'm a man. Well, maybe one tear, because I have a sensitive side, but in a tough, manly sort of way. Okay, okay - I cried. Happy?

I can't speak for Sarah, but after a time of enthusiasm about this soon-to-be addition to our family, my joy progressively morphed into worry. My mind quickly moved from, "This is wonderful news!" to "This is wonderful news, but what about a crib, a stroller, diapers, health insurance, bottles, baby clothes, etc.?" And probably the most pressing question, "How are we going to come up with all of the money on such short notice for the adoption?" Sarah and I have been saving since we started the adoption process eighteen months ago, but found ourselves still coming up significantly short of the needed amount.

My Grace

Although Sarah had expressed several times that do this by ourselves." was my response. "Well, what if the roles were reversed and someone asked you to give money so that someone else could adopt?" she asked. "Then of course I would give money, but that's different!"

The reality is that I didn't want to accept help from anyone because it felt like I was admitting failure. But the beautiful thing is that Christ's power is made perfect in our weakness (2 Cor. 12:9). When Sarah and I expressed our financial need to our Life Group one evening, our awesome group rallied around us by setting up a fundraising page on Facebook where people could learn about our adoption story and support us both prayerfully and financially. As the word spread, Sarah and I were (and still are!) blown away by the generosity we experienced from our family, friends, church members, and complete strangers! Although I still struggle with receiving help from others, it is incredible to see God's love and provision through His people.

Humbling circumstances ought not lead us to guilt or shame, but rather closer to the community of Christ. The Father knew what he was doing when He knit us together in our mother's womb. He created us intimately, not only as a sign of our preciousness in His sight, but so that we could live authentically with others. My false-self says, "I don't need you. I can do this on my own." while my authentic self knows that I am incapable of making it without the love and support of the body of Christ. We need one another. We just need to admit it.

Pastor Kalen Heller

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