



March 2018 Newsletter - Spreading The Light

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Know Jesus, Love our Neighbors, Share Jesus

Easter Services

April 1, 2018

6:00 am Sunrise Service, Memory Park

7:30 am Covered Dish Breakfast

10:15 am Easter Worship Service

Choir Presentation:
"Love Took His Breath Away"



Pastor's Paragraphs

Do you ever feel weak? Have you been insulted? Have you gone through hardships, persecutions or even calamities? Be encouraged. You're not alone. Your best shot at experiencing God's strength is right in the middle of all that! Paul said in II Corinthians 12:10 that he was content with all that because, "when I am weak, then I am strong!"

Paul prayed three times for God to remove his "thorn in the flesh" (II Corinthians 12:7), but God's answer to him was verse nine, ... "*my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*"

Wouldn't you want God's power perfected in you?! Shouldn't our lives just bring glory to Him? That's why He created us, chose us, and mapped out what each of us should do with our lives!

Ephesians 2:10 says, "*For we are His workmanship, created in Jesus Christ for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*" If you're not sure that's you or that can be you please remember Ephesians 3:20 "*Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us ...*"

The church today desperately needs to break out of its comfortable complacency and reach the nations with the life transforming gospel of Jesus Christ. God wants people everywhere to know Him, and He has set us apart to reach them! But it will only happen in His strength! Salvation comes to us because Jesus died for us in our place, taking our sin upon Himself on the cross and then after being buried He rose on the third day conquering sin on the cross and death at the tomb. When we recognize our sin separates us from God and we are willing to forsake our sin and repent from it and give our lives to Christ and follow Him we are saved! Galatians 2:20 says... "*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*"

The rest of our lives, lived under the Lordship of Christ means we are disciples of His, loving, living for, learning of Him and laying our lives down for others to communicate the gospel to them. Matthew 28:19-20, "*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*" He places us in a community of believers in a local church to equip us together to follow Him! So!, when we go through stuff we go through it together in His mutual strength and for His glory. Isn't God Good?

Are you a disciple of Jesus and are you a disciple maker?

In His Strength Alone!

Pastor Mark



From the Corner.....

By A. Little Churchmouse

Wow, two months gone already, and here we are in March! February was a busy month; Valentine dinner, Cowboy dinner/Pie auction.

There was a lot of work done on the Fireside room kitchen. Jean and Alan Christianson spent a lot of busy days on it. There was also a water leak causing a bit of damage. Got to remember to leave the heat on some this time of year.

Also the church is sponsoring a Good News Club at Territorial school on Thursday afternoons. Interested in helping? See Pam.

The WMU ladies have set the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering at a \$1,000. This offering goes to support missionaries in the US, as well as the North American continent. There will be candles lit at the front showing the progress toward the goal. Easter is April 1st, almost here already! Breakfast coming up then, I guess, so I'll have to keep my tail out of the way! Have a great Month!

A. Little

Senior Ministry

Our Valentines Dinner on Feb. 17, 2018, was a wonderful evening with good friends, good food , and good music. The music was from Karman and Kompany. They played some country, gospel and worship songs. They were really good.

I would like to thank Denise and Fred Spindler, Jean and Al Christensen, for help in organizing and decorating for the party. All of our seniors who helped to take the decorations down. Together we make a GREAT team.

The food was fantastic, I would like to thank the FSBC Kitchen Crew, for all of their hard work. Everyone enjoyed the meal so much. I would like to thank the Youth for serving our dinner, they did a wonderful job, along with Greg Barnes overseeing them.

Our next get together will be on Saturday, **March 24th**, we will be planning a trip to the Desert Botanical Gardens to see the butterflies and the Science Museum to see the Pompey exhibit. Watch for more information in the bulletin: date, time, and price, sign up sheets will be in the foyer.

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Children's Ministries

GOOD NEWS: The Good News Club was started at Territorial Early Childhood Center on Feb 8th. Our first meeting had 24 children attend. We can always use helpers if you can spend a couple of hours being Missionaries to the largest mission field in the world.

KIDS 4 TRUTH: We have finished the first 10 weeks Theme "God's Word, the Bible" and are moving into Theme 2 – "The Greatness of God". All 1st thru 6th graders are welcome on Thursday evening – we start about 6:45pm and finish about 8pm.

BIBLE ADVENTURE: We are currently studying the books of Paul. We've learned about his missionary trips and will be moving to the actual letters he wrote to the churches.

PRAISE KIDS, YOUTH & ADULT CHOIRS: We are assembling a 'family' choir for Mother's Day [i.e., kids, youth, adults] so if you'd like to join in celebrating mothers, please let Sandy know at 480-213-6716. We will have ONE rehearsal on Sunday, May 6 at 10:15am in the Fireside Room.

SUMMER CAMP: Please put a note on your calendars for April 22 (after Service) for the Children's Summer Camp Fund Raiser. Detail to come...

EASTER SERVICE

The adult choir will be leading the worship service on Easter, so please come and bring a friend to this annual event (Easter, that is, not the choir singing). Easter is April 1 {no foolin;}

BALANCES as of January 31, 2018

C' BUILDING LOAN BALANCE: \$415,829

*Decrease of Based on current giving rate, estimated
payoff date is: August, 2032 (at end of December, this
was November, 2031)*

GIVING

Total Income Budget (YTD): \$ 23,833

Total Income Actual (YTD): \$ 21,750.91

Income **LESS THAN** Budget (YTD): \$ 2,082.09

PARKING LOT RESTORATION

(\$30,000 total)

17.6% has been donated in Since August 2017.



Men's Ministry - Ken Miller

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: Ecclesiastes 3:1 New International Version (NIV)

The last couple months we've been talking about committing to a change in life. One of the hard things to do is stay steadfast in life changes as we try to live in an ever changing world. Let's use Arizona weather for an example. One day you're in a tee shirt, the next a parka. Our weather is never predictable. Just like life itself, one minute your healthy and strong, then BAM, all of sudden you're at a doctors office cause you're sick. Or how about just the changing in electronics. Who can afford to keep up with that? The worst is our own emotions. Just driving to work can bring about happiness and anger all within two seconds. How do we remain steadfast when everything around us is ever changing? How do we stay spiritually focused when there are so many distractions?

In Matthew 5:6 Jesus says, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled". Basically, you are what you eat. If we feed our bodies fast food and junk, then you should expect to not be healthy. This doesn't mean you won't get sick. But, if you make it a life habit to try and eat healthy foods, then the long term is that you will be healthier. No one just wakes up one day, eats one healthy meal and your body is healed and healthy the rest of your life. NO, it requires a commitment to eating healthy and moderate exercise. The same goes for what you feed your spirit. Let's face it, in today's world there is a whole lot of tempting spiritual junk food out there. Just as to remain healthy physically, it is recommended to eat 3 meals a day minimum. Substitute water for a soda, and carrots instead of a snickers for snack and you start to find yourself feeling healthier. Feed your spirit on God's word 3 times a day minimum. Take in the occasional spirit snack in between of a devotional. Maybe wash it all down with scripture based music. Basically, surround your eyes & ears with uplifting Godly stuff and your heart will be able to stay more focused on God. We spend on average about one and half hours a day feeding our bodies. Do we spend at least that much time in prayer and reading God's word?

Heavenly Father, we ask for your wisdom. Please show us Father where we waste time that you have given us to spend time with you. Open our eyes to see where we can become better stewards with our time. Help us Lord to commit to giving you more of that time. Draw us closer to you Lord. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



March Birthday's

3 rd	Charlane Rhoades
5 th	Jerry Hooper
11 th	Robert Hardwick
18 th	Rhoda Faloon
25 th	David Buehler



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>March 2018</h1>					Pastor Mark and Carolyn will be on vacation March 9-17.	
				1 10:00 am WMU 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:45 pm Kid's 4 Truth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study Men's Study	2 Pastor Off	3 Pastor Off 7:00-9:30 am Prayer Breakfast
4 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 11:45 am PCLT	5 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers 5:00 pm Oathkeepers Pastor's Prayer & Study	6 2:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House	7 10:30 am Grief Recovery 5:45 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	8 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:45 pm Kid's 4 Truth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study Men's Study	9 Pastor Off	10 Pastor Off 12:30 - 4:30 pm Oathkeepers / Bldg C
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18 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 11:45 am Ministry Mtg.	19 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study	20 2:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House	21 10:30 am Grief Recovery 5:45 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	22 12 pm Sr. Luncheon 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:45 pm Kid's 4 Truth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study Men's Study	23 Pastor Off	24 Pastor Off 12:30 - 4:30 pm Oathkeepers / Bldg C
25 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 11:45 am Business Mtg.	26 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study	27 2:00 pm Bible Study 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study/ John T's House	28 10:30 am Grief Recovery 5:45 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	29 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:45 pm Kid's 4 Truth 7:00 pm. Wm's Study Men's Study	30 Good Friday	31 9:00 am-12:00 pm Choir Dress Rehearsal