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ANNOUNCEMENTS

C3 (Crafty Christian Chicks)

We are meeting on Thursday, April 26th at 7:00 pm. Please join us for fun, food, fellowship and some crafts.

Brotherhood

We are meeting on Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00 pm.

Faith Circle

Join us on Thursday, April 12th at 9:00 am for our trip Hamilton, MO.

OWLS

We will be meeting on Friday April 20th at 11:30 at LaPeep's.

"In Context" Chronological Bible Study

Please consider joining us for the awesome Bible Study every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We are studying the Major and Minor Prophets.

Recharge: A Midweek Music Service

Please join us for Recharge on Wednesday April 25th at 6:30 pm.

Women of Joy Conference

Please be in prayer for 15 of our women as they will be attending the Women of joy Conference in Branson, MO April 6th-8th.

Happy 90th Birthday

Gwen Montgomery celebrated her 90th birthday with her family and friends at her party held at the church on Sunday March 18th.

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Women's Fellowship Garage Sale

We will be holding our Garage Sale on April 27th from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm and Saturday April 28th from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm.

We will start setting up for the garage sale on Monday April 23rd through Thursday April 26th. Please have your items marked before you bring them if at all possible

Card Sunday

Card Sunday will be on April 22nd. Please stop by the table before or after the service to sign cards for our shut-ins.

Communion Services

We will start having a separate tray with gluten free crackers for those who need them during our communion services. Please note that they will look different from the bread squares.

Lawn Service Bids

We are accepting sealed bids for our lawn care until March 29th. An application is enclosed for anyone who may wish to apply.

From The Pastor's Desk

“A SECOND CHANCE”

In Luke 22, when Jesus is sitting with his disciples during the last supper, he begins to tell them that one of them is going to betray him. His disciples begin to argue about which one it could be...and even about who among them was the greatest? Imagine that? Then Jesus tells Peter that he has prayed for him specifically, and that his faith wouldn't fail. Peter's response is pretty predictable. He says in vs. 33-34, ***“Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you.”***³⁴ ***But Jesus said, “Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.”*** Can you imagine the heartbreak Peter is feeling as those words are coming out of Jesus' mouth? Can you imagine the heartbreak that Peter feels even as the words of denial are leaving his mouth each of the three times? I think we all have done that. We all have heard words leave our mouth that we can't believe we are saying and soon regret. But Peter, he has denied Jesus three times, and the last glimpse he has of Jesus before His crucifixion is in the glow of the fire in the high priest's courtyard, where he actually made eye contact with Jesus. And then he went out and wept bitterly. How does your conscience live with that?

What kind of look do you think Jesus gave Peter when their eyes met? Do you think it was one of those I-told-you-so looks? Do you think it was one of scorn, as if to say, "How could you betray Me?" I don't think it was either one. I think it was a look of love, a look of compassion that said, "I still love you, Peter." And I believe that is why Peter went out and wept bitterly. He had failed the Lord so miserably. He probably thought there was no hope for him.

But then a message went out from the empty tomb that Jesus had risen, followed by these instructions found in Mark 16: 7, "Go, tell His disciples—and Peter. . . ." It was not, "Go tell the disciples, including Peter, James, and John. . . ." It was just Peter, because Peter needed a special word of encouragement...a second chance.

Jump ahead to John 21. Jesus is standing on the beach with a charcoal fire going. The disciples realize that it is Jesus standing there and make their way to him from the Sea. The smell of that charcoal fire would have taken Peter back to that night of denial. Then Jesus asks Peter...three times...do you love me? Each time Peter responds, ***“you know I love you.”*** Jesus then tells Peter to feed his lambs, care for my sheep, and feed my sheep. Jesus wanted Peter to know that the promise made to him long ago in Matthew 16 that, ***“upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”***¹⁹ ***And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven,***” still holds true. Peter was given a second chance. For each time that he denied, he was forgiven! Can you imagine the relief?

Do you need encouragement during this Lenten Season? Maybe you have fallen short. You didn't plan on it, but it happened. And like Peter, maybe you ended up with the wrong people in the wrong place at the wrong time, ultimately doing the wrong thing.

God sent Jesus to die on the cross for times just such as this! God gave Peter a second chance to help build His church and He will do the same for you!

Be God's!

Pastor Jim

Calendar of Events

- Apr. 1st - Easter Breakfast 9:00 am
- Apr. 1st - Easter/Communion Service 10:15 am
- Apr. 3rd - Election Day
- Apr. 6th-8th - Women of Joy Conference in Branson, MO
- Apr. 9th - Stratford Place Meeting 6:00 pm
- Apr. 10th - Food Kitchen Team #2 5:00 pm
- Apr. 12th - Faith Circle to Hamilton, MO 9:00 am
- Apr. 17th - Brotherhood 7:00 pm
- Apr. 19th - Leaders Night 7:00 pm
- Apr. 20th - OWL’s Luncheon @ LaPeep 11:30 am
- Apr. 22nd - Card Sunday
- Apr. 23rd - Start Setting up for Garage Sale
- Apr. 25th - **Recharge 6:30 pm**
- Apr. 26th - C3 Meeting 7:00 pm
- Apr. 27th - Women’s Fellowship Garage Sale 8-4
- Apr. 28th - Women’s Fellowship Garage Sale 8-2

Communion Assistants

Apr. 1st - Ruth Sharp & Merry Sharp

Acolytes

- Apr. 1st - Jordan Hill & Josh Oswald
- Apr. 8th - Montana Frakes & Brodie DeSchepper
- Apr. 15th - Rawlins Brant & Jordan Hill
- Apr. 22nd - Josh Oswald & Montana Frakes
- Apr. 29th - Brodie DeSchepper & Rawlins Brant

Van Drivers

- Apr. 1st -
- Apr. 8th -
- Apr. 15th -
- Apr. 22nd -
- Apr. 29th -

Report	Current Fund	Building Fund
Feb. 25 th -	\$3,936.00	\$155.00
Mar. 4 th -	\$3,495.00	\$376.00
Mar. 11 th -	\$2,872.00	\$137.00
Mar. 18 th -	\$1,382.00	\$35.00
Totals:	\$11,685.00	\$703.00

\$11,291.00 needed each month to meet current expenses.

Attendance	Service	Sunday School
Feb. 25 th -	83	25
Mar. 4 th -	86	31
Mar. 11 th -	94	24
Mar. 18 th -	86	21

ENCOURAGING VERSE FOR THE MONTH!

“The name of the Lord is a fortified tower the righteous run to it

and are safe”

Proverbs 18:10

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Praises: We are truly Children of God – His own Chosen Ones; the season of Lent; Gwen Montgomery- 90 on March 22nd; 75th wedding anniversary on March 20th of Don & Mary Root

Cancer Patients: Paul Bridenstine (chronic leukemia); Andrew (5yr. old son of Central High teacher Mr. Hart) – is in remission with an inoperable brain tumor; Shelby Erb- got her wish to swim with dolphins- Terminal; Ryan Frakes (friend of Denny Cobb’s) – cancer; Trudy Lewis- Sassy has cancer; Sharon Rumpf- doing better

Other: Continued prayers for Glenn Spitzer – family unity & health & friends; Donita Sunderland- chronic health issues; Heidi DeSchepper- chronic health issues; Donna Brooks- chronic health issues; Tom Vanlone- home with home health; Coleman Collins (Linda Trapp’s great-nephew)- 12 yr. old- prayers for serious heart problems; All suffering from severe depression; The Catron Family; Elizabeth Schoenlaub; individual & family- blood transfusions; Brothers of Joanie Shaw – Ronny with diabetes & Jim with congestive heart failure; Andrew Powers (a K-State grad) – spending 3 years teaching in India (2020); Baby Chloe- friends of Darren & Amanda Wood; Reggie West- his mother, Emily, who suffered a stroke- put on hospice; Gracie Abersold- at Diversicare for rehab; Prayers for Miranda Nill, a friend of Angela Cobb, as she is facing tests for tumors; The Bryson family- family issues; Scotty Sharp family- family issues; Mina McCall- has lost all hearing in her left ear; Layne Insko- newborn in NICU in Cincinnati, Ohio (friend of Amy Bryson); Prayers for students’ safety while away at college; All those seeking jobs; All flu sufferers; Beau Near (McCall’s grandson-in-law)- gall bladder surgery being scheduled; Mindy Johnson Pettegrew- job search; Marcia Johnson- biopsy scheduled for March 26th; Devera Lambing- mother

Traveling Mercies: Ashley West in Australia.

Sympathy: The family of Jason Heald (husband of the McCauley’s niece) who passed unexpectedly; the family of John Dylan Meyers (former classmate of Jordan Hill); the family of Gary Gann who passed away on March 18th; the family of Ermal Gottswiller who passed away on March 20th; The family of Tom Van Lone who passed away on March 21st.

Finally: all our people & programs; Recharge Worship Service & Portions Worship series; attitudes- may we live as Jesus told us- “love one another as I have loved you”; our music director, Steve Haskey; our youth Director, Alex King; Our Pastor Jim Oswald and their families; be **of good Courage!** – No opportunity is too small!