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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan 17, 2010

- 9:00 A.M. Coffeehouse & Library Open
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
- 10:50 A.M. Worship Service
- 4:00 P.M. Outreach Team Meeting

Wednesday, Jan 20, 2010

- 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice
- 6:30 P.M. Children Bible Study
- 6:30 P.M. Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 P.M. Prayer Meeting

Answers to previous trivia:

1. Abraham;
2. 100;
3. Famine in Israel;
4. Joshua;
5. David

Jan 17, 2010
BUS DRIVER & MONITOR
 Tom Sturdivant

VAN DRIVER & MONITOR
 Charlie Niemi & Todd Johnson

ATTENTION BUS & VAN RIDERS:

If you need a ride to services, please contact the church office. If you are on our "standing reservation" list to ride the bus or van, you are scheduled to be picked up unless you contact the office or a member of the Transportation Committee. **Remember to call the church during normal office hours (8:30-3:30-Mon-Fri).** Thank you!

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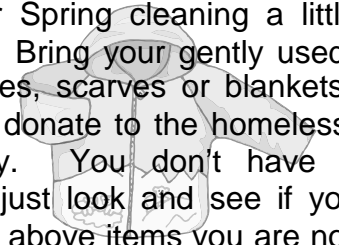
OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering Envelopes have been given out for 2010. If you need envelopes and did not receive any, please let the office know and we will be glad to get you a box.



WARMTH FOR THE HOMELESS

Start your Spring cleaning a little early this year! Bring your gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves or blankets to the church to donate to the homeless in our community. You don't have to buy anything, just look and see if you have any of the above items you are no longer using. Bring them to Todd Johnson and he will distribute them. If you have any questions, please call Todd or the church office for more information.



TEAM MEETING

The Outreach Team will meet this Sunday, Jan 17, at 4:00.

ROOM IN THE INN NEWS

We sponsored two nights of Room in the Inn this month because of the super-low temperatures we were having and the lack of facilities available for housing the men right now. On Friday night, we had 23 of our people come to help serve! On Saturday night, we had 12 volunteers to come, which was great!!!

What a great way to show up for Christ!!

Thanks so much to all of you who came to support this important ministry and we look forward to serving with you again! Our next Room night will be Friday, February 12, 2010. To get involved, contact the office or Joe Hutto for more information.



THIS WEEK TO:
1/13/10-1/20/10

Jan 13-Kenneth Traugher; Jan 15-Rodger Crain; Jan 16-Tim Cutrell; Jan 17-Johnnie Harris & Dawn Brogen; Jan 18-Tommy Sturdivant; Jan 19-Mattie Poole

THANK OFFERING UPDATE

As of today, we have received \$11,003 toward the expense of painting and repairing the gutter work. Our goal is \$19,543. We are getting closer each week and thank everyone who has been able to contribute to this necessary project.

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PIANIST - Jane Crocker

CHURCH SECRETARY - Ginny Stuart

HOUSEKEEPING - Katie Taylor

A Word From the Pastor

Dear Family,

I do not watch much television and when I do I am not interested in reality shows such as American Idol. That being said, last night I watched some of American Idol's season opener. This is the ninth season and I have watched three episodes. The thing that has struck me every time I had the opportunity to watch is how completely oblivious many of those people are to their lack of talent. Then the dose of reality they get seems to put them in even more denial. This is evidenced when they start to get mad and think of everyone who has told them they can sing, because apparently those people in their lives know better than professionals who have spent their entire lives in the industry. I understand that I can sing better than half of those who show up to audition, but I also understand there is no way I would be good enough to pass my audition.

Most American Christians are in the same boat as these American Idol Contestants. We think we are so good and right where we ought to be. If we had an audition we would leave the room mad, confused and embarrassed due to our lack of "Christian" talent. Ultimately the correct question isn't what we think or even those around us, but what does our Father in heaven say.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Let us use the Bible and come to Christ's Words and his Spirit with tentative hearts in an effort to be sanctified so that we may live as Christians should live.

Bro. Israel

A WORD FOR THE CHURCH

Bringing The Truth:

So as you go up the stairs to the youth room we have a sign that says, "At this point please remove all masks unless you're a superhero." One thing that I try to implement to my kids is to be real, in every situation, because honesty is always the best policy. Isn't it funny how we as Christians begin to put on certain masks in order to promote something that isn't true about ourselves? I began to think about this for a while and wondered why we are always trying to sell ourselves to everyone around us? A man by the name of Benjamin Disraeli once said, "Never apologize for showing feeling. When you do so, you apologize for the truth." And what's the truth; the truth is that we are all sinners and have fallen desperately short of God's original plan for our lives. So when we fall short we shouldn't try and cover up our sin because when we do, it takes away the whole point of the cross. The reality is that we are all going to mess up at different times; (people like Apostle Paul/me) mess up multiple times every day and we must begin to recognize that where we are weak he is strong. So we recognize that Jesus' grace is substituted for our sins, does this mean that we should go out and sin all of the time without a moments notice...heck no! The apostle Paul states in Romans 6, "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?" The bearing of justification comes through grace by living a holy life.

(Continued in next section)

Okay Adam, that's cool and everything but how do we deal with our sin if we don't hide it from one another? Well, in James 5:16 it talks about confessing our sins to one another so that we may become healed. You mean tell my wife that I lost my job and can't pay the bills, or telling my Dad that I have been sneaking out at night to see a boy, or tell my sister that I've always held a grudge against her for being the baby; but then won't they see who I really am? Most definitely yes, they will. I do not believe in relative truth but believe in absolute truth. Thus we can all become similar to Dr. Watts and begin to heal one another when we take the first step and remove our mask. You cannot help a patient who is unwilling to come to the hospital, and in the same way you cannot deal with your sin if you keep it hidden in the dark. And one last quote I would like to leave you with, there's this one guy I know who said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." - Jesus

Because He Lives,
Bro. AB



BIBLE TRIVIA: The Exodus

1. Who rescued Moses from the ark of bulrushes?; 2. What did the Israelites borrow from their neighbors?; 3. What guided the Israelites through the wilderness?; 4. What was on top of the Ark of the Covenant?; 5. Who was Moses' successor?

(Answers next week!)

SUNDAY, Jan 10, 2010

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE ...

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 48

Sunday School Visitors..... 1

New SS Members 0

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

SUNDAY Jan 10, 2010

Budget Receipts \$ 1,357.50

RESTRICTED

Thank Offering 1,000.00

100th Anniversary 6.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 2,363.50

Needed weekly for Operating Budget: \$ 4,098.00

Needed to date for Operating Budget:\$ 8,196.00

Rec'd to date for Operating Budget: \$ 5,871.00

TELLERS FOR THIS WEEK

Jan 17-Helen Brown & Karen Hudson

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our Military
Monica Cutrell
Red & Alene Cowan
Hilda Baker
Jim & June Austin
Cora McNeil
Mary & Walter Crocker
Jamie Smith
Josephine Crain
Luella & Theron Morris
Mattie Poole
Ruby Hall
Harold Holland
Shirley Marsh (Denise's grandmother)
Myrtle Smith
Peggy Birdwell
Caitlin Gibson (Martin Taylor's girlfriend)
Don & Juanita Cutrell
Juanita Baker
Lorene Givens
Edward Anderson Jr. (Uncle of Amy Anderson)
Ray Scherer
Earthquake Victims in Haiti