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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb 7, 2010

9:00 A.M. Coffeehouse & Library Open
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:50 A.M. Worship Service
4:30 P.M. Super Bowl Party

Wednesday, Feb 10, 2010

5:30-6:30 P.M. Fellowship Supper
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

Friday, Feb 12, 2010

6:00 P.M. Room in the Inn

Saturday, Feb 13, 2010

5:00 P.M. VIP Sweetheart Dinner
7:00 P.M. Gold City in concert

Feb 7, 2010
BUS DRIVER & MONITOR
Vicki Watts & Fay Baker

VAN DRIVER & MONITOR
Adam Bretz & Joey McLeod

ATTENTION BUS & VAN RIDERS:

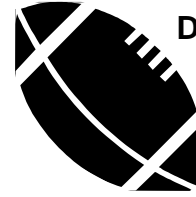
If you need a ride to services, please contact the church office. If you are on our "standing reservation" list to ride the bus or van, you are scheduled to be picked up unless you contact the office or a member of the Transportation Committee. **Remember to call the church during normal office hours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

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DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US THIS SUNDAY, FEB 7 FOR THE SUPER BOWL PARTY! 4:30pm

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER MENU 2/10

Hamburger steak, creamed potatoes, veggie medley, salad, dessert & drink. Remember, only \$5 and everyone is welcome to join us!

ROOM IN THE INN NEWS

Room in the Inn will take place on Friday, **Feb 12** at 6:00 p.m. The Sanctuary class will be the sponsor this month. We would love to have you join us.

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. Especially needed right now: Coats & Blankets.

NEW INFORMATION ON THE SWEETHEART DINNER & CONCERT

The dinner and concert scheduled for Sat, Feb 13 will be as follows:

Dinner-5:00

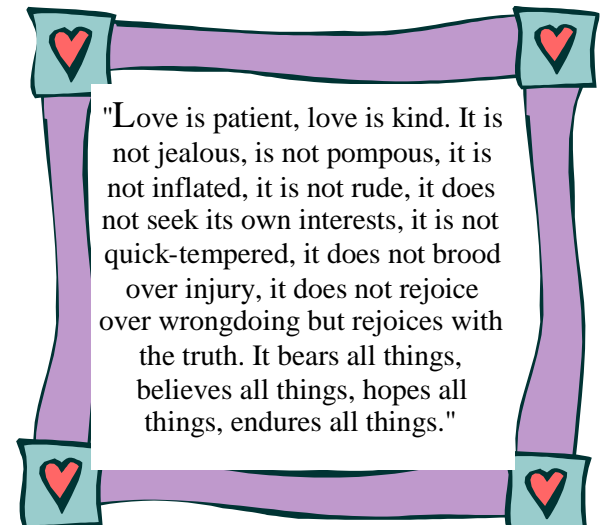
Concert-7:00

The price for members is: \$5.00 for the dinner only and free for the concert.

Non-members will pay \$20.00 for the dinner and concert and \$10.00 for the concert only.

Reservations **MUST** be made. Please call the church office to make your reservations *no later than* Wednesday, Feb 10.

The menu for the dinner will be a choice of Baked Pork Tenderloin or Chicken Cordon Bleu, with mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert and drink. If you have any questions, please contact the church



"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

A Word From the Pastor

Dear Family,

Last week Denise, my sister and I had the privilege of being someone's guest to the Battle of the Boulevard (Belmont versus Lipscomb) basketball game. It was an exciting and close basketball game, but unfortunately Belmont lost. As we walked up the bleachers to leave the game a drunken student ran into Denise pretty hard. He did not knock her over, but the only reason was because she was able to brace herself and move just enough. My first reaction was that of protection for my wife and I stepped over to the drunken student and let him know with sternness in my voice that he had better watch it. He was drunk so as he kind of laughed and then ran into someone else we walked off.

As we were driving home I thought about my first instinct and came to the conclusion that protection was a good first instinct to have, especially with your family. Then I started to think about my first instincts as a Christian. How do I react to things life throws my way? What is my first response and is it the response Christ would want to see in me? My conclusion was I do not know the Word of God well enough.

You see, when that student bumped Denise I did not even have to think but simply to react. We should know His Word so good and be so consumed with His Spirit that we do not even think, but Christ comes out in our response. John the Baptist comes to mind when he said, "He must increase and I must decrease" speaking of Christ. We must dissipate so that the only thing left is the Lord. Then our first instinct and only response will be that of our King's.

Let us rid ourselves of us and be filled with His Holy Spirit and Word.

Bro. Israel

Bringing The Truth

This is part of Martin Luther's commentary on Galatians. I read it and was blown away, thus I wanted to share it with you all. I encourage you to sit down sometime and read through this commentary fully.

Practice this knowledge and fortify yourself against despair, particularly in the last hour, when the memory of past sins assails the conscience. Say with confidence: "Christ, the Son of God, was given not for the righteous, but for sinners. If I had no sin I should not need Christ. No, Satan, you cannot delude me into thinking I am holy. The truth is, I am all sin. My sins are not imaginary transgressions, but sins against the first table, unbelief, doubt, despair, contempt, hatred, ignorance of God, ingratitude towards Him, misuse of His name, neglect of His Word, etc.; and sins against the second table, dishonor of parents, disobedience of government, coveting of another's possessions, etc. Granted that I have not committed murder, adultery, theft, and similar sins in deed, nevertheless I have committed them in the heart, and therefore I am a transgressor of all the commandments of God.

"Because my transgressions are multiplied and my own efforts at self-justification rather a hindrance than a furtherance, therefore Christ the Son of God gave Himself into death for my sins." To believe this is to have eternal life.

Let us equip ourselves against the accusations of Satan with this and similar passages of Holy Scripture. If he says, "Thou shalt be damned," you tell him: "No, for I fly to Christ who gave Himself for my sins. In accusing me of being a damnable sinner, you are cutting your own throat, Satan. You are reminding me of God's fatherly goodness toward me, that He so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. In calling me a sinner, Satan, you really comfort me above measure." With such heavenly cunning we are to meet the devil's craft and put from us the memory of sin. -Martin Luther

Isn't it great we cannot earn our way into heaven? My bests best still wouldn't even come close. I know that a lot of times I try and cover up my sins instead of exposing them. We are all great self-promoters, but what I am starting to realize more and more is that I cannot point others to Israel, and I definitely cannot point others to be more like me. I mess up all of the time; but we must point Christians toward Christ. I feel like a lot of times we think that maybe if we take the next step in being holy that God will reveal some awesome manifestation in our church. Through this thinking, I believe that we are missing the point. The more holy we are doesn't mean the more that Christ is going to show up at church. We must recognize that we are all sinners in total depravity and that on our own we cannot do a single good thing, but alas, when we seek him and yearn for Jesus that is when his manifestation will come. (Now this is me speaking and my personal opinion) I've said it before, Christ doesn't desire obedience in our lives, but rather, He wants 'us' to desire obedience in our lives.

Because He Lives,
Bro. AB



THIS WEEK TO:
2/4/10-2/10/10

Feb 4-Mary Brogen; Feb 10-Al Mason

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- Feb 7-Super Bowl Party
- Feb 10-Fellowship Supper
- Feb 12-Room in the Inn
- Feb 13-VIP Sweetheart Dinner featuring Gold City
- Feb 14-Deacon's Meeting
- Feb 24-Fellowship Supper

Please note: The concert featuring The Kingsmen on Feb 26 has been cancelled.

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies are extended for the recent loss of Mrs. Irene Russell.

BIBLE TRIVIA: The Epistle of James, Part 2

1. What does faith require to make it a living faith?;
2. Which OT character showed his faith by offering his son on an altar to God?;
3. What happens if you break one commandment of the law?;
4. Which small body part is responsible for great things?;
5. To what does James compare this small body part?

(Answers next week!)

Answers to last week's trivia:

1. Count it all joy;
2. He is enticed by his own lust;
3. Ask God for wisdom, in faith;
4. To keep yourself unspotted from the world;
5. Do not judge them, but treat them impartially.



NO SERVICES WERE HELD JAN 31 DUE TO WEATHER

SUNDAY, Jan 31, 2010

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE ...
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Sunday School Visitors.....
New SS Members

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

SUNDAY Jan 31, 2010

Budget Receipts \$
RESTRICTED

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$
Needed weekly for Operating Budget: \$ 4,098.00
Needed to date for Operating Budget: \$ 20,490.00
Rec'd to date for Operating Budget: \$ 14,165.85

TELLERS FOR THIS WEEK
Feb 7-Paula Boyd & Vivian Johnson

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)
Juanita Baker
Edward Anderson Jr. (Uncle of Amy Anderson)
Ray Scherer
Susan & Steve Pippin (Friends of Ginny)
Rilla Barnett (Ginny's aunt)
The Family of Marguerite Babb