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From Your Pastor



The Seasons are changing and we are having more and more pleasant days again. On the positive side that means more comfortable weather. More opportunities to go birding, or whatever your favorite form of outdoor recreation is. It also means the approach of Easter. Easter will include a Maundy Thursday Service centered around the Lord's Supper where we remember and focus on what Jesus did for us on the cross.

Then on Easter morning we will first think of the Resurrection by holding an outdoor Easter SonRise Service. We will continue praising God in remembrance of the resurrection in our normal service later that morning. Chances are pretty good that we will have additional events thrown in which will allow us to celebrate together in additional ways.

But the bad news is that we will also be quickly moving towards summer. Winter visitors will slip back to their other addresses. Temperatures will increase and effectively stop or greatly hinder outdoor activities. The attendance normally drops a little that time of year and enthusiasm is scalded off by contact with superheated car seats and steering wheels. When those days of summer arrive we will have to find ways to counteract the dampening affect of the season.

But those days have not come yet. Even though we know they are coming, we also know we have a couple of months or more to enjoy the best days, temps and opportunities. So my sincere recommendation is that we choose these days and current opportunities to find ways to pull together, work together, accomplish together and make the most of each opportunity.

If we focus backward too much we shiver with the remembrance of the cold, windy, wintry fronts that have moved through this year. If we look forward too much, we begin to anticipate the misery of sweat constantly streaming down our neck. But if we look around, we realize that the days we are currently experiencing are pleasant and packed with potential.

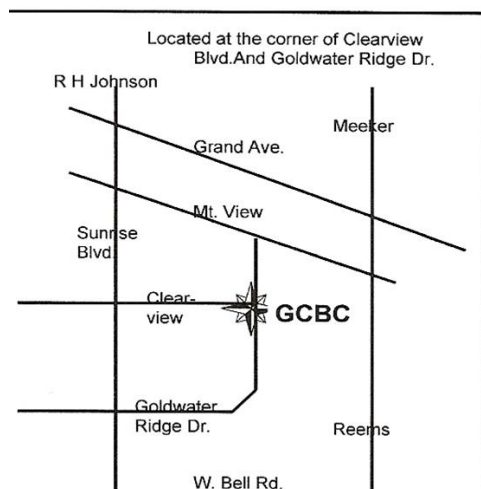
The context is a little different, but the point is made in John 9:4. Learn to recognize and to do God's work, in the days of opportunity.

I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

John 9:4 NKJV

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supporting Missions in North America will be taken from March 5th to Easter Sunday. Our goal this year is \$10,000. Pray about what God would lead you to give to this offering.

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



Magnify God, Proclaim the Gospel, Care for the Community!

The Church office is open Mon. – Thur. from 8:00am to 1:00pm

Please call if you have any questions or concerns. 623-975-6262

Come Worship with Us

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Services

Bible Study at 9:00 AM ... Ministry Center

Worship at 10:00 AM ... Worship Center

Evening Worship at 4:00 PM ... Worship Center

Mondays	8:00 am	Men's Bible Study, Ministry Center Classroom
Wednesdays	4:00 pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, Worship Center
Thursdays	9:45 am	Women's Bible Study, Ministry Center classroom

Please Welcome Our New Members!



Robert & Georgene Mason

Joined January 22, 2023

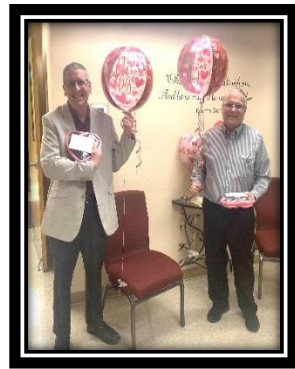
Greetings in the Name of the Lord!



The Apostle Paul tells us that we are to pray for one another. I would like to encourage you to take our church directory and each week pray for 5 families. Pray that they will be bold in sharing Jesus. Pray that they will share the Gospel with clarity. Pray that they will have the opportunity to share Jesus. When we pray for one another for boldness, clarity, and opportunities – we will begin to see God work in marvelous ways.

We will continue Pray & Go every Friday until Easter. April 7 will be our last “Pray & Go” until it cools off. We have prayed over 3,913 homes as I write this newsletter. You still have a chance to join us from 10-11am. I am praying that each of us will be found faithful as we seek to honor and serve our Lord.

In His Service, Brother Gary



Valentine's Surprise!

On this Valentine's Day, the Pastor Aid Ministry Team and the Church wanted to give Pastor Chip and Pastor Gary a token of our appreciation and love for all they do for the Lord.

And boy, were they surprised!

Bible Studies



Hello ladies! We are now fortunate enough to have two Bible studies available each week.

Stephanie Short is leading a Women's Bible Study from 10 to 11:30 am on Saturdays. March 11th we will meet from 3 - 4:30 pm as a one-time change. Watch your bulletin for updates.

Our 9:45 to 11 am study on Thursday mornings is starting a Life Change study on the book of James. Some chapter topics are "Patience and Prayer", "Genuine Faith", and "Doing what You Hear". Books are available in the office, and in the classroom on Thursday mornings. Evonne Starrett



Hello guys! I just wanted to remind you of the Bible study we are doing on Mondays.

We started a new study to improve our view of the Good Lord for the next few weeks. I hope you will come and be a part of it.

I want to remind you that we are also having a monthly breakfast at The Grand Café, 19781 N. Remington Dr. Surprise, on the last Wednesday of the month at 8 am. So please come and be a part of this great bunch of guys. See you there, Russ Baldwin

Fun and Games

2:00 pm on the 3rd. Saturday of each month is Fun and Games Day in the Ministry center. It's a great time to bring friends (and non-goopy snacks) for an afternoon playing your favorite board games, polishing up on one or learning a new one. We all help each other! The next get togethers are March 18th and April 15th.

In MEMORIAM

Carmen Bryant..... 1-22-2023

From The Cookie Table



Greetings from the Cookie Table. I want everyone to know that the volunteers that bake for the cookie table outdid themselves when the Liberty Quartet was here. We had ten bakers! For a lot of people who came to see The Liberty Quartet, this was their first time at our church and they marveled at our cookie table. They also enjoyed all the cookies. Some said they would be back because we were so friendly.

If a cookie can get them here, praise the Lord! Then the pastor can do the rest.

A special thanks to Sarah Bacon. We ran out of coffee and she hurried to the kitchen and made another pot.

If you think you would like to be a part of this ministry, please let me know and start baking cookies! (We still accept store bought cookies.) Marie Miller, Cookie Lady

From Your Building and Grounds Committee

Greetings from B&G committee! We are working to make sure our church property is well maintained and safe for everyone who enters. One of our major projects this year is to develop a plan for a replacement of our 20 yr. old HVAC system. Our current system uses the old freon type coolant and cannot be repaired easily or inexpensively. Of course, the replacement of the units will not be inexpensive either but putting it into the budget to replace any that are showing signs of failure is of utmost priority so that we are all comfortable in the church (unless Pastor Chip is preaching fire and brimstone). Our second major project is to do maintenance on the parking lot once again and this one will require part of the original asphalt be removed. Again, this is a major expenditure but needed to keep potholes from appearing and causing falls or difficulty for people with mobility issues.

The situation with the emergency exit doors on the SW side of the building has a resolution: the doors will remain as they are as they meet fire safety code. Carol Thompson

The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch had a marvelous holiday season, and spring promises some super get-togethers. In February we celebrated Valentine's Day at Longhorn Steak House with door prizes galore.

In March we are returning to Betty's Roost for those incredible homemade desserts as well as great main dishes. In April we'll be going to Chef Peter's for BBQ or whatever tempts your taste buds. Besides the food, we enjoy each other's company. If you've never joined us, take the plunge and sign up on the sheet in the foyer. We'd love to see your smile and get to know you better.



Virginia King