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Church of Christ Northwest
Where Friends Learn
to Live Like Jesus

January 8, 2017



Sunday
9:30 AM
Bible Study
(all ages)

Sunday
10:30 AM
Worship Service

NO Tuesday
Morning
Men's Bible
Study
1/10

Wednesday
Morning
Galena Park
Bible Study
10-11:30 AM
David Spillman

Wednesday
Evening:
Small Groups
◆ Kennedy's
begin on 1/18
@ 6:30 PM

Thursday Morning
Ladies' Bible Class
(on break until
mid-January
Watch for details!!)

ESL
CLASSES
by
appointment
only!

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The Rib - God's Message to Men and Women

—Source Unknown

When I created the heavens and the earth, I spoke them into being. When I created man, I formed him and breathed life into his nostrils.

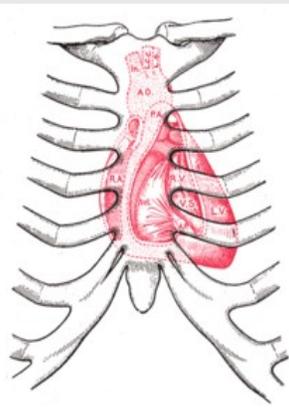
But you woman, I fashioned after I breathed the breath of life into man because your nostrils are too delicate. I allowed a deep sleep to come over him so I could patiently and perfectly fashion you.

Man was put to sleep so that he could not interfere with the creativity. From one bone I fashioned you. I chose the bone that protects man's life.

I chose the rib, which protects his heart and lungs and supports him, as you are meant to do. Around this one bone I shaped you. I modeled you. I created you perfectly and beautifully.

Your characteristics are as the rib, strong yet delicate and fragile. You provide protection for the most delicate organ in man, his heart.

His heart is the center of his being; The rib cage will allow itself to be damaged to the heart. Support man body.



his lungs hold the breath of life. broken before it will allow as the rib cage supports the

to be under him, nor were you him. You were taken from his held close to his side.

You were not taken from his feet, taken from his head, to be above side, to stand beside him and be

You are my perfect angel. You are grown to be a splendid woman of when I see the virtue in your heart. Your lips - how lovely when they perfect in form, your hands so your face in your deepest sleep; mine.

my beautiful little girl. You have excellence, and my eyes fill Your eyes - don't change them. part in prayer. Your nose so gentle to touch. I've caressed I've held your heart close to

Of all that lives and breathes, you are the most like me. Adam walked with me in the cool of the day and yet he was lonely. He could not see me or touch me. He could only feel me. So everything I wanted Adam to share and experience with me, I fashioned in you: my holiness, my strength, my purity, my love, my protection and support. You are special because you are the extension of me.

Man represents my image - woman, my emotions. Together, you represent totality of God. So man - treat woman well. Love her, respect her, for she is fragile. In hurting her, you hurt me.

What you do to her, you do to me. In crushing her, you only damage your own heart, the heart of your Father and the heart of her Father.

Woman, support man. In humility, show him the power of emotion I have given you. In gentle quietness show your strength. In love, show him that you are the rib that protects his inner self.

Our Vision...

is to glorify and honor our Lord and God with our lives, by bringing people to Christ and membership in His family and by helping to develop Christ-like maturity in each member, equipping them for service in the church and in the world.

Special
Ministry
Food
Pantry

Jan 10, 2017
(CANCELLED)

Next Date:
Feb 14, 2017

"Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man."

Genesis 2:22

Others Helping Mothers (sewing diapers for Nicaragua Mission Trip)
Work Days — All begin at 6:30 PM

Location (fellowship hall): Below is the schedule. Please contact Rachel Gardner with any questions. 309-253-8167 (text or call)

| DATE | LOCATION |
|------------------|-----------|
| January 20, 2017 | Northwest |

ATTENTION MEN!

Mark your calendars now and sign up to attend the 2017 men's retreat to be held on Friday, February 3rd and Saturday, February 4th.

Friday, February 3rd is a dinner at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. There will be a video shown explaining the *No Regrets Men's Conference*. On Saturday, February 4th the group will attend a live simulcast at 9:30 AM — 5 PM at Bethany Baptist Church. The *No Regrets Men's Conference* is an annual event, started in 1994, designed to create an environment for men to be challenged in their relationship with the Lord at home, in the workplace, and in their ministry. It is held live in Southeastern Wisconsin on the first Saturday in February and simulcast via live HD video to numerous host sites. The *No Regrets Conference* is growing into a national men's conference with over 10,000 men attending the 2016 conference at 93 faith sites in 28 different states and two countries, there is a global movement growing of men who are choosing to walk toward a lifetime of faith.

You need to sign up as soon as possible for each of these days. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

If you have questions, please see Terry Grant.



SECRET SISTERS

Forms are hanging on the main bulletin board in the hallway. If you are interested in participating, please pick up a form, fill it out and return it to Susan by January 22nd. All of the information you need to know are on the form. Once she has all the form, she will let everyone know who their new secret sister is. If you have questions, please contact **Susan Moreland**.



THANKFUL THAT OUR GOD IS UNFAIR

—by David W. Spillman

Upon first glance at the title, you may be thinking that the computer made an "auto-correct" that I did not catch! God is unfair??? No, the title is correct, but can we really say that??? And, can we genuinely be thankful that He is unfair? Absolutely!

Do you remember the story that Jesus tells in Matthew 20:1-16? If not, take just a moment to go back and read it before going any further. This is where Jesus tells a story about a landowner that had a lot of work that needed to be completed in a day. So, he goes to the town square first thing in the morning at the start of the work day and hires some workers making an agreement that he will pay them the normal daily wage for their work. Seeing that he still needed more workers to get done at the end of the day, this landowner went back to the town square and hired more workers at 9am making the same agreement with them that he had made with the first group. Needing still more workers, the landowner went back into town and hired more workers at 12 noon and 3pm making the same wage agreement with them as he had with the earlier workers he had hired. With one hour left in the work day, the landowner went back to town one more time and hired workers for that last hour at 5pm. But this time in the story Jesus tells, the landowner makes NO agreement about pay as he had done with all the other groups of hired workers that day. No doubt this last group would be thankful for whatever the landowner would pay them for the one hour of work so they could at least buy food for their families that night, regardless of how meager it might be!

Here is where things get a little tricky, when the landowner called all the workers together to receive their pay, he started with the ones hired last and had worked only an hour and gave them a FULL DAY'S wage! Wow! The ones who had worked 12 hours were getting excited because they see how generous this landowner is and they are wondering just how much of a "bonus" they are going to get! But, when all is said and done, EVERY worker receives the exact same amount! Now those who had worked a full day were not so thrilled with the landowner's generosity and were very angry at what they perceived was his unfairness.

Honestly, if you were in the shoes of those who had worked all day, what would you be thinking? "This stinks?" "This is totally unfair?" And it IS unfair! It is NOT unfair to those who were paid what they had agreed to be paid for a full day of work...they were not underpaid but paid exactly what they had agreed upon. In this story the unfairness was for those who were paid MORE than they DESERVED! This is not a story about the workers, or a story about you and me. It is a story about our generous, unfair God and I am thankful!!! It is not a story about the underpaid, but a beautiful story about the OVERPAID!!! That is you! Me! Us! I am so thankful that God does not pay us what we deserve, but that He is unfair and over pays us even when we do not deserve it! Now read this story again and let the Truth of His grace wash over your soul as you fall to your knees in worship to this wonderful, unfair God that we serve! Be blessed...



Eunice Roseboom (Don's mother) is sick. **Elouise Staley** (Douglas' mother) hospitalized with cardiac AFIB. **The Family of Trudy Welton** (Tom and Rebecca Prichard's relative) as they mourn her passing. **The Family of Becky Triplett** (Lyle Britt's sister) as they mourn her passing. **Eleanor Richey** (Dottie Roseboom's mother) broke her hip and is rehabbing at Rosewood Care Center (Peoria). Her room is #404. Her phone number is (309) 589-6330.

Shut-Ins: **Mary Lou Judkins, Mary Meeks, Helen Moore** (now in hospice care), **Texie Ray, and Bessie Scott.**

Our military and their families (**Jeremy & Jacob Spillman** are in Quartar.) **Our nation** as it struggles with many disasters, unrests and political divide. **Our judges and elected officials**—wisdom to make Godly decisions. **Our police officers** as they struggle to regain respect and help people come together in peace. **Unsaved souls** (you supply the names). **Those who have left the fold** and need a helping hand to find their way home.

Our college students: as they struggle with studies, life changes, temptations and travel back to school.

Praises/Updates:

Those Needing New Jobs: Chris McWhirter, Ray Balteau, Ken Martin (Ryan's father), Curtis Baker (Fern's son in Kansas City), Mark Fore and Jeremiah DeVore.



"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

Newly Printed Directories



If you haven't gotten a directory or need another copy, you will have to notify the office. We will not leave the directories sitting out in the hallway any longer.



I wish to thank everyone for the prayers for me when I was in the hospital. The flowers are still beautiful. God bless each one and keep you in Jesus. Love, Fern Baker



Church,
Thank you all for your prayers and cards during my stay at the hospital.

In Christian Love,
Carol Sunkin



Jan 11th—Ray Balteau

Dear Church,
Thanks to all of you who helped put together the finals care package! It was a really nice (and delicious!) surprise before a super stressful week. Thanks again, **Jennifer Rasbury**



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| Mike Ahten | Member | Serious Back Problems |
| Renetta Ballard | Annie & Smitty's daughter | Lung Cancer |
| Jerry & Deb Bane | Members | Lung Cancer/Memory |
| Marsha Barnes | Member | Sore on foot not healing |
| Jan Bell | Allen Neese's sister | Breast Cancer |
| Terry Bell | Allen Neese's bro-in-law | Thyroid Cancer |
| Shirley Darnell | Former Member | Serious Eye Problems |
| Malanie DeVore | Jim DeVore's sister | Undergoing Chemo |
| Scott Eisenbarth | Kyle's brother | Colon Cancer |
| Vincent Ernst | S.&T. Law's grandson | Drug Addiction |
| Michelle Hilts | Friend of J. McWhirter | Stage 4 Breast cancer |
| Denise Hunt | Former Member | Undergoing Chemo |
| LaDonna Hunter | Cindy DeVore's sister | Diabetic Foot Sore |
| Beckham Kuhn | D&S Spillman's nephew | Struggling to live |
| Casey Lehtinen | Granbury CoC | CML Leukemia |
| Tim Majors | Linda Cotrell's nephew | Cancer |
| Jerry Lynn Mason, Jr. | Pat Haines' brother | Stomach Tumor |
| Dorothy Meister | Co-worker's wife-Hargrove | Stage 4 brain cancer |
| Rick Meyers | Member | Prostate Cancer |
| Lynn Molleck | Friend of N. Goble | Stage 4 Cancer |
| Josh Retzer | Grandson of B/C Sunkin | Addiction |
| Ken Roberts | K. Lovell's father | Alzheimer's |
| Bessie Scott | Member | Leukemia |
| Russ Scott | M. Rasbury's son | Cancer (nearing the end) |
| Sophean | Cambodian Orphan | Healing from 2nd surgery |
| Carol Sunkin | Member | Shoulder/Back/Infection |
| Troy | Friend of B. Howell | Colon Cancer |

NOTICE !



Today—Right after service in the Fellowship Hall, Nathan Gardner is calling a short (appx. 30-minute) meeting for all those desiring to go on the Nicaragua 2017 mission trip.

Hearts on Fire Calendar

- Jan 8th: LTC Practice (1-3 PM)
Fondulac (3:30-6 PM)
- Jan 15th: LTC Practice (2-5 PM)
- Jan 22nd: LTC Practice (2-5 PM)
Summer Mission Trip Meeting (5-7 PM)
- Jan 29th: LTC Practice (1-3:30 PM)
South Side Mission (4-6 PM)



Happy New Year Everyone!

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

ADULTS—AUDITORIUM
Transformed (the miracle of life change), by Chip Ingram
 Facilitator: Terry Hargrove

LADIES BIBLE STUDY—FELLOWSHIP HALL
Uninvited (book & Video series) by Lysa Terkeurst
 Facilitator: Cindy DeVore



"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."

II Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

Negativity in character eats away the very essentials of self worth.

—Dr. Anil Kumar Sinha



THERE WILL BE NO PANTRY SERVED THIS MONTH!

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

| | Last Wk. | Year-to-Date |
|--------------|----------|--------------|
| 2017 Budget | \$5,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| Contribution | \$4,791 | \$ 4,971 |



| | Attendance | Jan 01 |
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| Bible Study | | 51 |
| 10:30 Worship Service | | 102 |
| EEM To Date | \$ | 19,128 |
| Bergner's Booklets | \$ | 2,458 |
| Zambia Orphans' Education | | Goal met! |
| <small>\$1,920/HS student (2) ; \$2040/College student (1) Needed for 2016 = \$5880.00</small> | | |
| Shults-Lewis Children's Home | \$ | 46.67 |
| <small>Coins in the weekly contribution + \$10 of each Dining Tour Book!!!</small> | | |

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Challenge: Pray daily for our entire church family (by name).

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Lee DenBraber

Songs: Can You Count the Stars? (pg. 992)
 Lamb of God (pg. 176)

Communion: Aaron Campbell
 Phillip Bumbalough, Ronald Akpan, Gene Muehring, Don Roseboom

Offering

Songs: The Lord My Shepherd Is (pg. 126)
 A Beautiful Life (pg. 570)

Scripture Reading: Sam Fritz (Matthew 21:12-17)

Sermon: David W. Spillman
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO BE ANGRY ABOUT IN 2017?

Song: I'll Be List'ning (pg. 988)

Shepherd's Time: Allen Neese

Hearts on Fire Announcements: Ryan Martin

Song: To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way (pg. 867)

Greeter: Delores Simmons

Facilitator: Rick Meyers

Nursery Attendant: Christian Windell

Communion Preparation: Marie Doak

Wondering if Service is cancelled?

We will try to notify you by 7 AM Sunday morning....
 E-mail, local TV stations, Facebook, and phone call (only if you don't have email). We will also change the answering machine message. We do not want to put anyone's life in danger due to weather!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan 08th—Nicaragua Mission Trip Meeting
- Jan 10th—Pantry has been CANCELLED!!
- Jan 15th—Election of Officers
- Jan 22nd—Deadline for Secret Sister Forms to be turned in to S. Moreland



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Please Turn off Your Mobile Phones

See something that needs to be fixed — leaky faucet, broken window, dirty air vent, etc.? Please report it to the office for BaGG (Building and Grounds Group) to place on their list.