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Church of Christ Northwest
Where Friends Learn
to Live Like Jesus

January 29,
2017



BE TRANSFORMED

Sunday
9:30 AM
Bible Study
(all ages)

Sunday
10:30 AM
Worship Service

Tuesday Morning
Men's Bible
Study
7:30 AM
@ Kennedy's

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

Wednesday
Evening:
Small Groups

- ◆ Kennedy's @ 6:30 PM
I John Study
- ◆ Haines' @ 6:30
Q & A

Thursday Morning
Ladies' Bible Class
@ 10 AM

ESL
CLASSES
by
appointment
only!



BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND!

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.

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Feb 14, 2017

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"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."
Romans 12:2 (NIV)

MESSY. . . by David W. Spillman

Life is messy! Since life is messy, then loving and serving others can get very messy. When we look closely at Jesus, His life was not all sanitized and above the messiness of this world, and neither will ours be.

Sometimes I believe we are so blown away by the miracles of Jesus, that we fail to see the reaction of many around Him to His acts of love and giving. Do you remember the situations that Mark recorded in his gospel? In Mark 5, Jesus had been meeting the needs of all sorts of people, arriving by boat on an opposite shoreline where He had been and He and His disciples are met by a mega crowd. Breaking through the crowd is the synagogue ruler, Jairus, falling at the feet of Jesus fervently begging for Jesus to come and heal his dying daughter. As the crowd followed Jesus and Jairus on their way to this religious leader's house, a woman with a bleeding disorder gets healed. Take the time to read it because this is no walk in the park miracle! After this encounter, Jesus, Jairus, the disciples, and the crowd continue on to Jairus's house and his dying daughter. Upon arrival, they are told that they are too late and the girl is dead! Fact, with Jesus, it is never too late! Jesus goes in to heal the girl and does so, raising her from the dead! What an incredible miracle! But, did you notice the reaction of the crowd as Jesus went in to raise this girl from the dead? Mark 5:40 says "the crowd laughed at Him"! Messy situation.

Mark continues in chapter 6 with Jesus and His disciples returning to Jesus' hometown, Nazareth. As He taught in His hometown synagogue, He blew away His neighbors, they were amazed with His wisdom and power to do the miracles that they had witnessed! Good stuff here, right? Not exactly, they "scoffed" at Him and were deeply "offended" (verse 3). Messy! Anytime we deal with people it gets messy!

Mark continues in Mark 6:30-44 with the monster miracle of feeding 5,000

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starving men, not counting the women and children who were in this gargantuan crowd of people! Wow! What a colossal miracle! All of these people had their hunger pangs completely satisfied by Jesus with two meager fish and five loaves of bread! But did you notice that before Jesus encountered this massive throng of people, He and His disciples were seeking a place to be alone by themselves to rest because "so many people coming and going that Jesus and His apostles didn't even have time to eat" (Mark 6:31)? Things got a little messy when Jesus and His disciples were going to try to get a little rest and food for THEIR hungry stomachs! I don't know about you, but I know about me...I get very cranky when my rest and meal time gets short circuited. How would I have reacted had this been me? How about you?

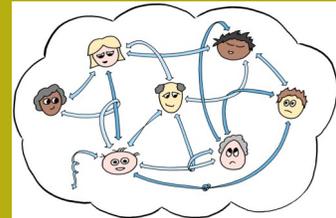
Mark gives us one more snapshot in Mark 6:45-56. After this massive miracle of the feeding of the 5,000+, Jesus sends His disciples away by boat to the other side of the lake while He goes into the mountains alone to pray. A huge storm comes out of nowhere (which was normal for that particular lake) and was swamping the boat the disciples are in to where their lives were in danger from the boat capsizing. Jesus goes out to them by walking ON the water! Now think about this sight!!! But, they had already eye witnessed some super-sized miracles by Jesus, so why were they so afraid that they thought He was some kind of a ghost? As He speaks to them and climbs in the boat and calms the storm completely, Mark says that the disciples "hearts were too hard to take it in"! (verse 52b). Wow! What??? His own disciples? Hard hearts toward Him? You talk about messy!

Bottom line, the Jesus-way is not easy, it is not always squeaky-clean. Looking at Jesus and His tremendous miracles and the messy attitudes that surrounded Him, we must realize that it will be no different for us as we go into all the world to make disciples by loving, serving, and giving of ourselves. May we always follow our King into our world no matter how messy it gets! God bless!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Alan and Susan Moreland are the proud parents of another baby daughter. Amelia's sister was born on January 26, 2017 weighing 7 lbs. and 5 ozs. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Let us all welcome **Sadie Wynn** to our church family! Congratulations mom, dad and Amelia!



ATTENTION MEN!

LAST CHANCE — SIGN UP NOW to attend the 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 — 4 PM at Bethany Baptist Church.

If you have questions, please see Terry Grant.

Let Nate Gardner know by 2/10/17,
if you are going to Nicaragua!

BABY SHOWER



A "diaper shower" is being hosted by Barb and Kendall Juers, Kristin Campbell and Rachel Gardner for Susan & Sadie Moreland on Sunday, February 26th in the fellowship hall right after worship.

*"I do not want merely to possess a faith,
I want a faith that possesses me."*
~ Charles Kingsley (English)

Angela DeVore (dau-in-law of Cindy & Jim) multiple surgeries and complications. **Emily Huamani** to have surgery this week. **Jerry Bane** is now home (in Florida) from the hospital and recovering from pneumonia & having AFib issues. **Mike Burton** (Connie's husband) has shingles on his face and in his eye. They are concerned about him losing his eyesight. **Linda Cotrell** is home recovering from pneumonia. **Tristan Schupback** (son of friends of the Eisenbarth's) in need of a miracle. **Scott Eisenbarth** (Kyle's brother) operation to remove cancerous lesions from his liver. **Carol Sunkin** as she continues to be plagued with kidney infection and other health issues. **Trina Trulove** (C & B Sunkin's daughter) diagnosed with lupus. **Scott Sunkin** (C & B Sunkin's son) suffering with back problems. **Karla Young** (member of E. P. CoC) fighting lung cancer. **Gene Muehring** has Bells Palsy. **Lavonne Maki** (Aaron Campbell's mother) has entered hospice care. **Penny DeVore** (daughter of Jim & Cindy DeVore) broke her wrist. **Wanda VanderMeer** (friend of the DeVore's) has CDif. **Beverly Howell** asking for our prayers as she is struggling with making changes in her life. **Tony Parks** (Susan Flowers father) suffering with multiple health issues.

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

Our military and families (**Jeremy & Jacob Spillman** in Quartar.) **Our nation** as it struggles with many issues. **Our president, judges & elected officials**—wisdom to make Godly decisions. **Our police** as they struggle to do their job. **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 Eric Owens (nephew of B & R Meyers).

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
Scott Eisenbarth	Kyle's brother	Liver & Lung 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
Eleanor Richey	Member	Rm#404 Rosewood
Ken Roberts	K. Lovell's father	Alzheimer's
Bessie Scott	Member	Leukemia
Russ Scott	M. Rasbury's son	Cancer
Sophean	Cambodian Orphan	Healing from 2nd surgery
Carol Sunkin	Member	Shoulder/Back/Infection
Troy	Friend of B. Howell	Colon Cancer

Sweetheart Dinner & Couples Painting!



Join us for a night to remember!!! We've planned an "Italian Feast" and "Couples Painting".

You may opt for one or both activities (see sign-up sheet)! We'll enjoy fun games and fellowship during our meal which includes yummy desserts! Stick around after the meal to paint a one-of-a kind work of art with your sweetie. Two individual paintings, one created by each and placed side by side to become ONE beautiful scene. You will be guided by painting instructors from the Hive. **NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

Date: Saturday, February 18, 2017

Where: Church of Christ Northwest Fellowship Hall

When: 5 – 7:00 PM Dinner; 7 – 9:00 PM Painting

Cost: Meal: \$20 per couple; Painting: \$35 per couple (What a deal! These classes typically cost appx. \$40 per person!)

Please sign up on the bulletin board **NO LATER THAN Sunday, Feb 12th**. Indicate if you will be attending one or both activities, as we need separate accounting. **Please be considerate and have your payment to the office NO LATER THAN Feb. 12th**, as it is no fun to have to chase someone down at the event to collect their payment!



Feb 02

Phil & Sharie Bumbalough



Jan 31—Ron Routh

& Tori Balteau

Feb 02—Kathy Bell

& Madisyn West

Feb 03—Autumn, Noah

& Savannah Meyers

Hearts on Fire Calendar

Jan 29th: LTC Practice (1-3:30 PM)

South Side Mission (4-6 PM)

Feb 5th: LTC Practice (1-3:30 PM)

Fondulac (3:45-6 PM)



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

“Let my teaching fall like rain
 and my words descend like dew,
 like showers on new grass,
 like abundant rain on tender plants.”
 Deuteronomy 32:2 (NIV)



GIVING HOPE



Last week we highlighted three of the Zambian students we have been supporting by helping with the cost of their education. One of them has now graduated. The other two are a junior this year and in need of additional support. The cost for one student for one year is \$1,920.

Please consider helping these two students, if at all possible, so they can finish their education and go on to become productive Christian men and women in their communities.

Without an education life is extremely difficult, and we know that life in Zambia is always a struggle.

Thank you for sharing and for caring for others — even those we do not know.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	Last Wk.	Year-to-Date
2017 Budget	\$5,000	\$ 20,000
Contribution	\$3,575	\$ 16,040

Attendance	Jan 22
Bible Study	96
10:30 Worship Service	132
EEM To Date	\$ 19,128
Bergner's Booklets	\$ 2,458
Zambia Orphans' Education \$1,920/HS student (2) Needed for 2017 = \$3,840.00	\$ 0.00
Shults-Lewis Children's Home Coins in the weekly contribution + \$10 of each Dining Tour Book!!!	\$ 55.09

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Aaron Campbell

Songs: Sing and Be Happy
 Lord, Reign in Me

Prayer
 I Am a Sheep (pg. 533)
 EveryTime
 Here In This Place

Communion: Ryan Martin
 Dean Kennedy, Tom Flanagan, Phillip Staley, Butch Sunkin

Offering

Song: Unto Thee, O Lord

Scripture Reading: Nate Gardner (Acts 8:26-40)

Sermon: David W. Spillman
CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS...

WELCOME OUTSIDERS!

Song: I Am A Sheep

Shepherd's Time: Terry McWhirter

Hearts on Fire Announcements: Ryan Martin

Kids Sing: Ryan Martin

Song: Doxology (pg. 66)

HAVE A GREAT SUNDAY IN THE LORD!

Greeter: Marie McWhirter

Facilitator: Walt Koch

Nursery Attendant: Beverly Howell

Communion Preparation: Marie Doak

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Feb 2nd— Groundhog Day
- Feb 3 & 4 — Men's Retreat
- Feb 14th— Pantry (12:30-2PM)
- Feb 14th— Valentine's Day
- Feb 18th— Sweethearts' Fellowship
- Feb 19th— Brief VBS Meeting (front of auditorium after worship)
- Feb 20th— President's Day
- Feb 26th— Baby Shower for Susan Moreland (after worship)



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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.