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Church of Christ Northwest
Where Friends Learn
to Live Like Jesus

March 25, 2018



Sunday
9:30 AM
Bible Study
(all ages)

Sunday
10:30 AM
Worship Service

Tuesday Morning
Men's Bible
Study
Will resume April 3rd

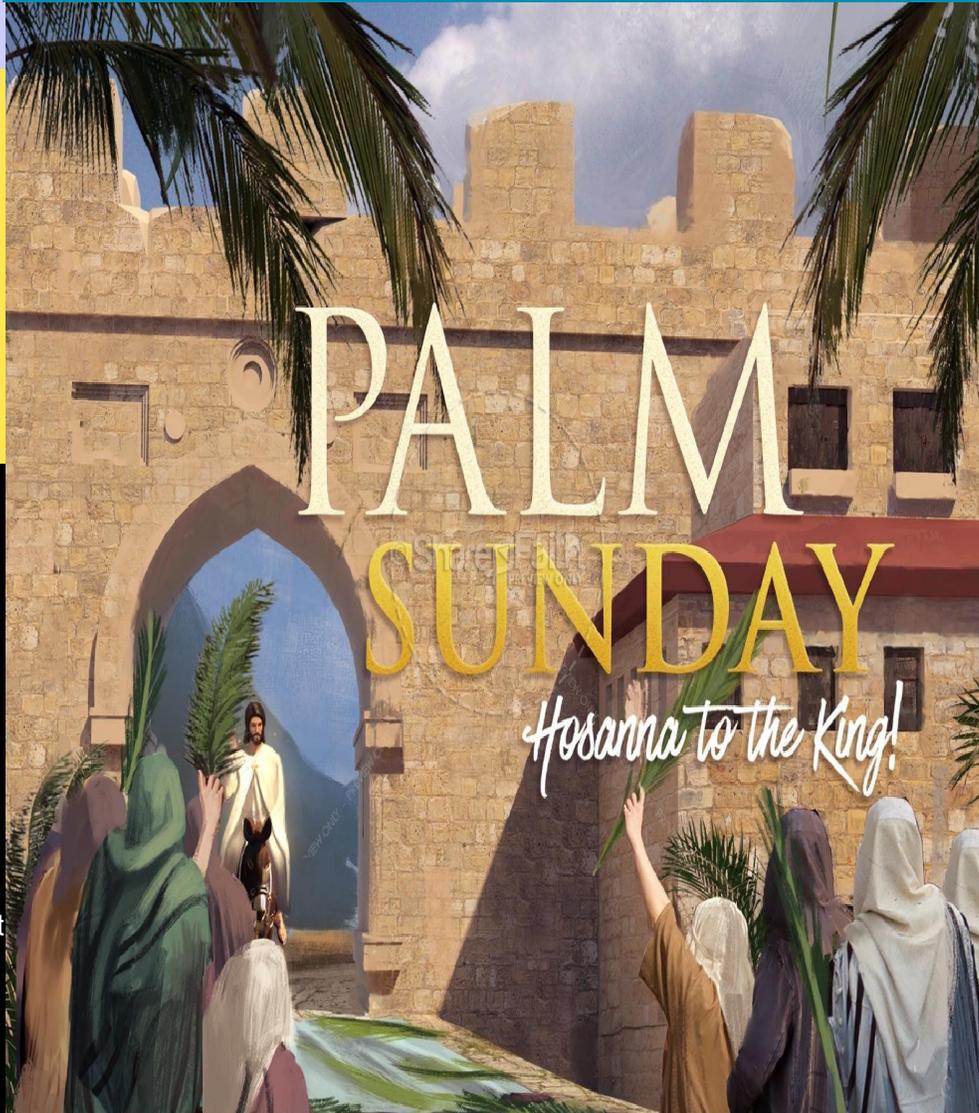
Wednesday Morning
Galena Park
Bible Study
10-11:30 AM
David Spillman

Wednesday
Evening:
Small Group
Bible Study
@ 6:30 P.M.

- ◆ Campbell's:
Women in the
Bible
NO Small Group
Wed., Mar. 28th
- ◆ Haines':
Ephesians — What
Jesus Coming to
our World Means
- ◆ Kennedy's:
NO Small Group
Wed., Mar. 28th

Thursday Morning
Ladies' Bible Class
"Wait and See"
Join us: 4/5, 4/19
@ 9:30-11AM

THE KING OF KINGS — HERE TO SERVE!



HE REIGNS VICTORIOUS!

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

Next Date:
Apr. 10, 2018

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"After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands."
Revelation 7:9 (NIV)

MISSION MILESTONES

2018 Nicaragua Mission Trip

The dates for the 2018 Nicaragua Mission Trip are May 31 - Jun 09.

Kingdom Kids Sponsors

Don't forget to write your sponsor child this month! Sending a letter is simple through the Kingdom Kids website where you can simply fill out a form and press send! <http://www.misionparacristo.com/kingdom-kids>

Topic for March: Community

Tell about some interesting facts on the town or state you live in. What do you like most about your hometown? What do the people of your community do for fun? Ask your sponsored child if he/she has friends who live nearby his/her home. Do his friends know about Jesus? Tell about some activities you do in the Church to serve God and why you do them.

GET YOUR BAG (preferably in a back pack) OF GOODIES READY TO BE TAKEN TO YOUR ADOPTED CHILD! LABEL THEM & BRING THEM IN BY MAY 13TH .

MISSIONARY DONATIONS / DRIVES

Please be aware that for the time being we are no longer accepting in-kind donations for Zambia. So, please do not bring, clothing, eye glasses, pill bottles, and the like.

We request that you do not bring in items for any of the collection boxes, unless you know for a fact we are accepting donations for a specific cause. Notices will be carried in the bulletin should that be the case.

Example: we are accepting T-shirts for diaper-making for Nicaragua, along with sewing supplies and diaper pins. We are also accepting baby clothing (washed and very gently used or brand new) for the orphanage babies in Nicaragua. And, we are accepting care back packs for sponsored children in Nicaragua. Be sure the child's name is inside and outside the back pack. It needs to be very visible. **All of the Nicaragua donations going with the missionaries must be here by May 13th at the latest.**

If you have food items to donate for the pantry, please check with Rebecca Prichard before bringing, to be sure they can be used.

Does anyone know where we might be able to donate all the classroom learning/teaching materials we have been keeping? We would like to donate, if we knew where.

If in doubt about a particular in-kind donation, send an e-mail to the office and we will try to find an answer for you as quickly as possible.

We request that you do not donate things for use in the kitchen unless you have cleared that through the office. Too many times, things have been donated that we have no storage space for, and/or we never use. Note: Once it is donated, it is the church's to do with as they please, which includes getting rid of it.

We are no longer accepting aluminum can donations! If someone would like to take that on as their ministry, feel free to let the office know, and we will let the congregation know who that person is. Betty Meyers is no longer doing this.

Thanks for your cooperation and understanding. We are trying to clean up the clutter! SEE ARTICLE ABOUT SPRUCE UP FOR SPRING!

THE ROAD INTO JERUSALEM

by David W. Spillman

Two thousand years ago on this day, Jesus made His way into Jerusalem for the last time riding on a donkey's colt. Jesus rode a donkey into Jerusalem, but it wasn't a donkey that put Him on the road into this city that swelled to over a million Jews coming from all over the world to celebrate the Passover. Jesus knew that His time had come to fulfill God's plan of being offered as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all the world, and that by the end of the week He would be the Passover Lamb.

If it wasn't the donkey that put Jesus on the road into Jerusalem, then what was it? It was you. It was me. It was a world that had lost its way ever since the serpent entered the Garden of Eden and destroyed God's perfect fellowship with us, as the humans He created in His very image. Jesus' march on this road into Jerusalem was not by accident, but it was intentional. It was His choice! "Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that His hour had come to leave this world and return to His Father. He had loved His disciples during His ministry on earth, and now He loved them to the very end" (John 13:1 NLT). It is LOVE that moved Jesus down that road into Jerusalem. "We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us" (1 John 3:16 NLT).

It is His LOVE for us that drove Jesus down that road in Jerusalem and right up a hill called Golgotha, where His death on the cross would set us FREE from the sins that literally enslave so many around us who do not acknowledge Him as Lord and King. Three days after He was placed in a tomb dead, God raised Him from the dead, giving Him POWER over not only sin, but over death as well, giving us, as His disciples, security. Security that no matter what happens in this world, just like our sins, even death does not have the final say in our lives because Jesus does! These truths are what propels us to live our lives in a radically different way from the rest of the world! "Thank-you Jesus!"



ATTENTION EVERYONE !

Whenever we use the fellowship hall for an event, we MUST put away the majority of the tables and chairs! We pay someone to scrub our floors. They are not paid to put up tables and chairs. So, we ask that the men of the congregation, please be mindful of this and be so kind as to volunteer to help make this happen. Please leave out no more than 5 tables.

NEW ADDRESS

Earl and Millie Rasbury have a new address. Be sure to check out the "members only-directory" section of the website. You will need to know the access code to get into that section. Call the office. We protect sensitive information. Don't have access to a personal computer — call us to obtain the address.

Linda Cotrell spent some time in the hospital due to breathing difficulties. She is home and doing better. **Randy & Emily Koch** (Kyle Eisenbarth's co-worker) as they mourn the loss of their infant son after months of medical complications. **Wally** (infant son of Kristina Routh's co-worker) has been in and out of the hospital since birth in December — seeking healing for Wally and relief from stress for his family. **Kathy Pigg** (Meta Kennedy's mother) as she recovers from her heart operation. **Corbin Juers** looking for a job. **Sherry** (Co-worker of Anita Routh) suffering with multiple injuries from car accident.

Shut-Ins: M. L. Judkins, Texie Ray, and Eleanor Richey.

Our military. 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.** **Our enemies.** **Our VBS 2018!** **Those being persecuted** for being Christians. **Those who persecute** others — may their hearts be changed! **Our young!** **The families of the victims of the school shooting in Florida.** **Schools nationwide** to be safe from those who would do harm. **Those Traveling.** **Those dealing with earthly disasters.** **Victims/Families of violence and terrorism.** **Our LTC group,** as they prepare their presentations. **Our Bible study groups.**

Praises/Updates:

Pray, pray, pray, and then pray some more!

Hello Friends /

You've all been good to me, so just wanted to say hello. Spring is coming . . . Thanks for everything!



Richard Camp

- Mar 25th — Alex Ahten
- Mar 27th — Christian Windell
- Mar 28th — Jake Goble
- Mar 29th — Sharon Law
- Mar 30th — Brad Wilke
- Mar 31st — Don Taylor & Kathy Trowbridge



Spruce Up for Spring

We are in need of a good cleaning throughout the building and the grounds. We haven't had a day set aside to do this for some time now. We are overdue and need your help to make Saturday, April 28, 2018 (8—Noon) a successful spruce up day! We are compiling a list of projects to be undertaken. Please sign up to show up and help. A light lunch will be served! Let us know what you think needs attention. We will add it to the list.

Jerry & Deb Bane	Members	COPD/Memory
Jerry & Deb Bane	Members	Sale of Home
Carries 8-yr old son	Friend of C. Schiele	Terminal Illness
Rick Clark	C. DeVore's brother	Liver/Colon Cancer
Delores Dancer	J. Taylor's sister	Cancer
Shirley Darnell	Former Member	Serious Eye Problems
Scott Eisenbarth	Kyle's brother	Liver & Lung Cancer
Logan Flotkoetter	C. Burton's great nephew	Stage 4 lymphoma
Pat Haines	Member	Lupus
Mark Hall	G Park Bible Study	Severe Depression
Maggie Heaton	Galena Park Participant	Severe Headaches
Mary Lou Judkins	Member	Under hospice care
Walt Koch	Member	Parkinson's
Gene Muehring	Member	Cancer — recovering
Lynn Molleck	Friend of N. Goble	Stage 4 Cancer
Becky Murray	Mike Dralle's aunt	Breast Cancer
Mary B. Nugent	Friend of Meyers	Cirrhosis of Liver
Lori Prichard	T&R Prichard's daughter	Conversion disorder
Millie Rasabury	Member	Stage 4 Cancer
Josh Retzer	Grandson of B/C Sunkin	Addiction
Ken Roberts	K. Lovell's father	Alzheimer's
Curt Sparks	B. Juers' brother	Ankylosis spondylitis
Carol Sunkin	Member	Shoulder/Back
Trish Veytia	Member	Depression



IS THIS ME?
IS THIS YOU?
IS THIS US?

Hearts on Fire Calendar

- ♦ 03/25: LTC Practice (1-3:30 PM)
South Side Mission (4-6 PM)



FYI

The City of Peoria will be conducting a public meeting on March 29th from 4—8 PM in the auditorium of the Church of Christ Northwest concerning the restructuring of the highway at Allen Road and Willow Knolls. A double-laned round-about is being considered. The public does have input into the final decision as to how the four-way will be constructed. Anyone may attend.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

ADULTS—AUDITORIUM
BREAKTHROUGH: Unleashing God's Power into Impossible Situations—Chip Ingram
 Terry Hargrove, Facilitator

Hearts on Fire Sunday School Classrooms

Glimmers	Birth—3	Upstairs—Room 7
Sparks	Ages 3-Pre-K	Upstairs—Room 6
Embers	Kindergarten-Grade 2	Upstairs—Room 10
Flames	Grades 3-5	Upstairs—Room 9
Heat	Grades 6-8	Downstairs—Room 13
Blaze	Grades 9-12	Downstairs—Room 16/17

“Laziness means more work in the long run.”
 — C.S. Lewis



SURPRISE

There will be a **SURPRISE** open house to celebrate the retirement of Barb (Glover) Cordry on Saturday, April 14th. Please join us anytime between 9:30-11:30am in the "Senior Room" at Five Points in Washington (360 N Wilmor Rd, Washington, IL 61571) to help us commemorate her 27 years of teaching! Laura Glover Picker

Giving Changes Everything!

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

	Last Wk.	Year-to-Date
2018 Budget	\$ 5,000	\$ 55,000
2018 Contribution	\$ 8,082	\$ 54,851

	March 18
Attendance	92
Bible Study	130
10:30 Worship Service	
EEM To Date	\$ 20,028
Bergner's Booklets	\$ 2,458
Zambia Orphans' Education	Goal Met !!!
\$1,920/HS student (2) Needed for 2018 = \$3,840.00	
Shults-Lewis Children's Home	\$ 15.23
Coins in the weekly contribution + \$10 of each Dining Tour Book!!!	

Acknowledgement: Some clipart/photo images may have been taken from "Images (c) FaithClipart.com".

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Ryan Martin

Children Sing / Easter Devotional

Song: Step by Step (pg. 15)

Scripture Reading: Alan Moreland (Matthew 21:1-10)

Songs: How Great is Our God?
 Come, Share the Lord (pg. 364)

Communion: Terry McWhirter
 T Hargrove, Elston Rasbury, G. McWhirter, W. Haines

Song: Shout Hallelujah!

Speaker: David W. Spillman
 IT BEGINS . . .

Song: Shine, Jesus, Shine (pg. 290)

Hearts on Fire Announcements: Ryan Martin

Shepherd's Time: Rick Hipp

Greeter: Sandy Burch

Facilitator: Walt Koch

Nursery Attendant: Sharon Law

Communion Preparation: Marie Doak

- Mar 29th — City of Peoria Public Meeting (4-8 PM)
- Mar 30&31 — LTC in Indianapolis
- Apr 01st — Easter Sunday
- Apr 8th — We Are One Luncheon (after service)
- Apr 10th — Pantry (12:30 — 2:00 PM)
- Apr 12th — Carpet Cleaning Throughout
- Apr 15th — Volunteer Dinner (5 PM)
- Apr 19th — Ladies' Bible Study (10-11:30 AM)
- Apr 22nd — Compass Kids (after service)



Elders

Rick Hipp

Dean Kennedy

Terry McWhirter
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Allen Neese

Deacons

Lee DenBraber

Tom Flanagan

Terry Hargrove

Rick Meyers

Alan Moreland

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Ryan Martin

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(MWF)

Betty Meyers

(TT)

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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.