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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

Church revitalization, it's a topic you have probably heard me talk about a fair amount over the past 6-8 months. Some may be asking the question, "Why? Aren't we a pretty healthy church?" I thought I would just spend this space talking a little bit about the call of the church to express the love of Christ to our community. I think of Paul's letter of Colossians 1:9-12

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light."

Paul in writing to this church begins to pray for them that they would be in a continual pattern of growth. Shortly before this section, Paul is celebrating all the ways in which God is at work in their lives and their faith is evident all over the place. Yet even in the midst of this celebration of what God has done, he exhorts them to continue to grow. He prays that they would be growing in knowledge, wisdom, fruit, joy, thanksgiving, power and strength.

One reason we continue to talk about church vitality is because we know that God is not finished with us yet. He has us here for a reason and we have a calling to be walking in the kingdom of the light. We also know that while the message of the gospel never changes, the ways in which we present it can. For example, we know how much God moved through the Billy Graham crusades, and we praise the Lord for the many lives which have been transformed through that, however it does not seem like that model of ministry is reaching the generations that have followed. That is in no way an insult to Dr. Graham, but an acknowledgement that some of what we have done as a church might need some tweaking, just as Dr. Graham would be modifying the ministry he was leading if he was still alive today. One of the phrases typical in Presbyterian circles is this, "Reformed and always reforming." This phrase pictures beautifully the goal of church revitalization, that we would celebrate what God has done in the past while continually striving forward for what God has next for our congregation.

God Bless you all

Pastor David

Pastor David's Office Hours:
Mon 9 - 12 & 1 - 4 pm | Tues & Wed 1-5 pm | Thurs 9 am - 12 pm | Pastor David's Phone: 906-290-3510

March 2024

He has risen!!

Session News

Please welcome Joanne (Jo) Gould as a new member

Thank you to the family who donated funds to allow us to purchase a new printer, costumes for a children's program and to help us purchase a new furnace



New life

Many people know about the jail ministry that goes on at our church. Around five people go and meet with people in the county jail, doing one on one bible mentorship. It's extremely rewarding and I want to share some encouragement from our time there recently.

We've been meeting with one inmate on and off for 3 years. She was unrepentant and generally just angry at God-very stuck in a victim mentality. If I would have had to pick the least likely candidate for seeing lasting change it might have been her. Well, the Holy Spirit got ahold of her over the last 6 months and her whole life is changed. She is living a missionaries life on the inside of the jail. The few pennies she had to her name she spent on bibles for others. Now she's holding bible studies in her cell and just last week lead 12 people to Christ. The change in her radiates and when I read verses about being born again or being made new I see it before my very eyes with her. What a joy it is to serve Him and to get to see new growth. Just like watching tulips pop out of the dirt in the spring, I'm in awe that such a bold life was living under the surface.

HE IS NOT
HERE, HE
HAS RISEN

Luke 24:6-7

The Lord God Created It All



I recently read an old trip journal about a visit to Yellowstone National Park. It is one of my favorite places that I have visited multiple times. God's marvelous creations include majestic mountains, dramatic canyons with impressive waterfalls and rivers, an every-changing variety of wildlife sightings, lush forests and mystical thermal and volcanic features including geysers, mud pots and hot springs. There is always something new and amazing to discover. I was feeling a little let down when I looked out at my brown winter backyard. It was a grey, damp day which made everything outside look drab and dreary. Winter in rural Indiana tends to be mostly shades of brown.

The next morning, I was treated to a dazzling display of twinkling lights in my backyard. All those brown trees, bushes, garage roof and ornamental grass clumps were covered with a heavy coating of white hoar frost. The bright morning sun was slowly melting the frost and turning it into sparkling prisms of light. God created a spectacular display against that formerly dull brown background. God used the dampness of the dreary day before and the cold night temperatures to create a winter wonderland. Praise God!

God's unique special creations are everywhere. We don't need to travel to new places to see the beauty around us. We need to be receptive and open to experience God's creations in nature wherever we may be. Yes, brown Indiana winters are special, too. Praise God for surrounding us with all the blessings of creation!

Paula Guth, the Church Mouse

Genesis 2:1 "The heavens and the earth and all who live in them were complete."

50 Days to Vitality

With the start of Lent our church has embarked on a journey through a study called, "50 Days to Vitality". This is one of the many processes that we are undergoing in a church revitalization process! The study cultivates and equips us to better understand church health, growth and multiplication. Pastor David's sermons will match with the themes of the study!

In the 7 week study we will be going through:

Week 1: Nehemiah- Vitality/Revival

Week 2: Disciplines of the Great Commission Churches

Week 3: The promises of Matthew 16:13-18

Week 4: The great commandment of Matthew 22:34-40

Week 5: The commission of Matthew 28:16-20

Week 6: The Great Witness of Acts 1:8

Week 7: The great mission of Luke 19:10



MARCH 2024



COMMUNION

March 3rd	1. Howie E 2. Nora S
March 10th	1. Dave G 2. Derrick M
March 17th	1. Brenda W 2. Randy C
March 24th	1. Lyle C 2. Nora S
March 31st	1. 2. Dave G
	1. Set up, serve, assist with cleaning 2. Assist with set up, serve, clean up

COUNTING

March 3rd	Howie E & Nora S
March 10th	Lynn B & Derrick M
March 17th	Brenda W & Randy C
March 24th	Lyle C & Nora S
March 31st	Howie E &

ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 3rd	Glen F
March 10th	Cindy B
March 17th	Mark A
March 24th	Kitt C
March 31st	Jim P

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

March 3rd	Lynn & Andy Lesson 9
March 10th	MaryBeth & Joyce Lesson 10
March 17th	Erin & Eva Lesson 11
March 24th	Deb & Kathy Palm Sunday
March 31st	No Sunday School

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Wendy Glynn	6 th
Taylor Pelkin	6 th
Jerry Reiss	7 th
Jim Eastman	8 th
Kathy Chapek	9 th
Cindy Brandt	12 th
Derrick McGee	14 th
Tom Loomer	17 th
Patrice Sessler	19 th
Eloise Pleuss	20 th
Randy Chapek	21 st
Brenda Reiss	21 st
Kim Koelzer	21 st
Rob Wenzel	22 nd
Cecelia Malke	26 th
Bryon Boehmke	26 th
Amy Kaufman	29 th
David Pleuss	29 th

Tom and Linda Loomer 17th

If we missed your birthday or anniversary,
or got it wrong, please call the church office so that we
(hopefully) don't make the same mistake in the future!

MARCH

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PRAYERS

NOTES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sunday School Worship 10am Potluck Young Adult Group 6pm	4 Jail Outreach	5 Sarah's Circle 12:30pm Worship Prac 6pm AA 7pm	6 Men's Group 6:30am Hub/Hub Jr Lent: Potluck 6pm Service 7pm	7 Men's/Women's Group 6:00pm	8 AA 7pm	9
10 Sunday School Worship 10am Potluck	11	12 Sarah's Circle 12:30pm AA 7pm	Lifeline Event 13 Men's Group 6:30am Hub/Hub Jr Lent: Potluck 6pm Service 7pm	14 Men's/Women's Group 6:00pm	15 AA 7pm	16 Young Explorers
17 Sunday School Deacon Mtg 9am Deacon Offering Worship 10am Potluck Young Adult Group 6pm	18 Jail Outreach	19 Sarah's Circle 12:30pm AA 7pm	20 Men's Group 6:30am Hub/Hub Jr Lent: Potluck 6pm Service 7pm	21 Session 6pm Young Explorers 4-5pm	22 AA 7pm	23
24 Sunday School Worship 10am Potluck	25	26 Sarah's Circle 12:30pm AA 7pm	27 Men's Group 6:30am Hub/Hub Jr Lent: Potluck 6pm Service 7pm	28 Men's/Women's Group 6:00pm	29 Good Friday 6pm AA 7pm	30
Easter 31 Service 8am Breakfast 9am Service 10am						