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FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH



For Youth – For Youth at RidgeCrest Conference Center, July 11 – 15.

Cost is \$325 with a \$50 deposit due **Apr 1**. Sign-up sheet in Youth Hall upstairs.



For Kids (completed Grades 2 – 5) – For Kids at SkyCrest Conference Center, **July 23 – 27**. Cost is \$300 with a \$50 deposit due by **Apr 1**. Sign-up sheet in the Children’s Hall.

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Sunday Services

9:00 a.m. Life Groups
 (Bible Study)

 10:30 a.m. Worship
 11:00 a.m. Kids Worship

Life Verse

I want to hear from you! I am interested in knowing your “life verse” and the story behind it. Perhaps the Lord has used the verse to sustain, encourage or correct you during a critical time in life, or it could be the verse serves as the foundation upon which you live each moment. My goal is to look at your ideas and put them together to form a sermon series entitled “Life Verse.” If you have a short story or example of how the Lord used the verse, please include it as well, and let me know if I have your permission to share the story. I may even ask some of you to share your own story on a Sunday morning, so pray about your willingness to share it publicly. I can’t use every story and every verse, but I hope to find some common threads to share. Please email me your life verse and story at jmutoml@gmail.com. Put “life verse” in the subject line. I plan to collect them over the next 3 - 5 weeks. I look forward to hearing from you!

Pastor Tommy



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Recognizing our sin and struggles does not make us unworthy of the Lord’s Supper if we are willing to biblically deal with them. Instead, it is an important aspect of the event. I encourage you, then, to see the hurt, anger, and difference you may have with another through the lens of the cross of Christ and never dishonor the Lord by allowing these things to keep us from sweet fellowship with Him or His people!

In His love,

Pastor Tommy

Sinning Against the Body and Blood?

During my 17 years in vocational church ministry, I have observed many Christians make what I believe to be an egregious and sinful error, and I believe it is based, in part, upon a misunderstanding of one verse of Scripture. I say “in part” because some truly believe they are honoring the Word of God with the aforementioned error, while others are using the verse to hide behind their sinful pride and harbor sinful bitterness. Let me explain. 1 Corinthians 11:27 reads, “Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.”

Their argument normally proceeds in a manner similar to this: “Since I am mad at, frustrated with, don’t agree with, or have been wronged by a particular person or group I should not participate in the Lord’s Supper. After all, the Bible says, “do not participate unworthily.” Ok. Let’s ponder this for a moment. While it is true that a fundamental aspect of the Lord’s Supper is examination, I do not believe it is intended to be an excuse not to participate in this most sacred and precious event. Simply consider: what is it we are remembering and celebrating with the Lord’s Supper? According to 1 Corinthians 11:26 it is the death of the Lord, a death that was a substitutionary sacrifice for our sin, a death that is our forgiveness and salvation. Since the setting for the Lord’s Supper is the church and the instructions of 1 Corinthians 11 involve the fellowship, we can safely assume that the Lord Jesus intends for this memorial to unify His church around the remembrance of His death.

What do we know about the Lord’s death for us that might help instruct on this matter? First, Christ died for the ungodly, for sinners (Romans 5:8). He did not die for folks who deserved forgiveness or had earned his favor. Scripture also makes clear the reality our salvation is an act of grace (Ephesians 2:8-9); it is not merited and is a gift freely given. How does this gracious gift of forgiveness guide us in our handling of the Lord’s Supper, particularly those who may have wronged us or those with whom we do not agree or have an issue? Simply put, it sets an example for us to follow.

Colossians 3:13 commands us to forgive one another as we have been forgiven, specifically, “as the Lord forgave you.” When we remember the death of our Lord and Savior, we should be compelled to forgive as we have been forgiven. When a Christian refuses to participate in the Lord’s Supper and instead holds onto anger or holds a grudge against a brother in Christ, he is dishonoring and disrespecting the sacrificial death that is his own forgiveness. If Jesus died for sinners and freely offers forgiveness and salvation, how dare we hold onto our anger, resentment, or frustration with another believer or let a difference divide us? If the Lord has loved us while we were still sinners how dare we not allow love to cover over a multitude of sins? (See 1 Peter 4:8) What I often see is sinful pride causing the Lord’s people to hold on to that anger and resentment; seeking retribution or validation can easily become more important than fellowship with Jesus or His people.

How then are we to proceed if we are struggling with an interpersonal relationship, whether it be anger, resentment or a fundamental disagreement? Simply accepting it, not dealing with it and refusing to participate in the Lord’s Supper is not the answer based on the gracious, loving sacrificial death of our Lord.

I believe we begin by remembering that any sin against us is ultimately a sin against God, and the Lord Jesus paid for that sin with His own blood. For us to harbor ill will or anger is an affront to our Lord. The Lord’s Supper is a perfect time to let love cover over that sin against us because Jesus paid for that sin. Second, if we are harboring anger, we need to see it for what it is and own up to it, confess it. Many verses warn us about anger; we need to heed them and confess our anger. (See Ephesians 4:26; James 1:20). If we are unable to let it go and let love cover it, we need to go to the person with whom we have an issue and seek reconciliation, whether we are the offender or the offended the onus is on us. This is why I often encourage you to leave your seat and go seek out the person you need to get straight with if it’s possible before we share the Lord’s Supper. (See Matthew 5:23; Matthew 18:15). Finally, how disrespectful to our Lord to allow a disagreement or difference to keep us from unity around the Lord’s Supper table! Again, that is nothing more than pride driving you to prove or make a point instead of focusing on Jesus. Love for the Lord should cause us to “submit to one another out of reverence for Christ” (Ephesians 5:21), keeping His glory and purpose in focus.

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JMBC Goal: \$8,000



LIBRARY NEWS

Hours: Sun: 8:45 am - 9:00 am and 10:00 am – 10:30 am

Wed: 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Pastor’s Picks

Shepherding a Child’s Heart by Tedd Tripp

What Every Christian Ought to Know by Adrian Rogers

The Power of a Praying Husband by Stormie Omartian

The Prodigal God by Timothy Keller

Desiring God by John Piper

FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, led by Pastor Tommy
The Armor of God - "Be Strong in the Lord," from Ephesians 6:10-20



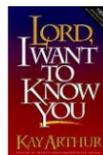
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS - Sign up with Betsy Gardner on Sunday mornings or call the church office (484-5568) **no later than noon** on Tuesdays. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, free for children 8 and younger. Menu is subject to change. Please check weekly bulletins.

Menu: Mar 7: Corned Beef, Cabbage, Parsley Potatoes, Cornbread, Dessert
Mar 14: Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert
Mar 21: Meat Loaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Roll, Dessert
Mar 28: Turkey, Ham, Yams, Collards, Stuffing Roll, Dessert



MARCH OPEN and LOCK-UP TEAM: Tony Emberton and Ronnie Vance

"LORD, I WANT TO KNOW YOU" – A Ladies Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays** from **10:00 am – 11:30 am** in the **Overflow Room**. Led by Donna Johnson, this is a study by Kay Arthur on how to know God better through His names.



NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS WEEK OF PRAYER "On Mission Here & Now" – **March 4 – 11** – This week is observed annually by Southern Baptist Convention churches to pray specifically for missionaries in the field, their ministry needs and the needs of their families. With over 269 million people in North America who do not know Jesus Christ, we must pursue God's plan to be "on mission here and now."

JOY GROUP - Our monthly luncheon will be **Thursday, March 15 at noon** in the **Fellowship Hall**. Dawn Childress will speak on home health and hospice services. Music will be provided by Eddie Arnold. Also, join us **Friday, March 23** as we visit the **Glass Studio at Chrysler Museum** for a glass blowing demonstration and lunch at the **Wisteria Gardenside Café** inside the museum. We will meet at **JMBC at 11:15 am**. To sign up, see the Senior Ministry bulletin board just off of the foyer, or call or text Dee Elliott at 944-0941.

EASERN SHORE and STANDING ROCK MISSION TRIPS – The Eastern Shore Mission Trip is **July 8 – 14**. The cost is \$350 per person. **A \$75 deposit is due by May 1** with the application. The Standing Rock Mission Trip is **July 22 – 27**. The cost is approximately \$1,500 per person. Applications are due with a **\$125 deposit by May 1**. Flyers and applications are available. Please pray about participating in these mission trips.



Daylight Savings Time
Begins
March 11, 2018

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
MONDAYS	9:30 am Nifty Knitters (Room 110) 6:00 pm Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall/Overflow Rm)
TUESDAYS	10:00 am Staff Meeting (Conference Room B)
WEDNESDAYS	10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Room A14) 5:15 pm Church Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 5:45 pm Handbells (Music Hall) 6:30 pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) Mission Friends (Preschool Hall) Children in Action (Room 222) Youth Bible Study (Youth Wing) Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
THURSDAYS	7:30 pm Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall/Overflow Rm)
SUNDAYS	9:00 am Life Groups (Bible Study) 10:30 am Worship 11:00 am Kids Worship 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

MEETINGS / SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1 THURS**
6:00 am Feeding the homeless (OASIS)
10:30 am Carol Knight Group Mtg (Overflow Rm)
- 3 SAT**
9:30 am North American Mission Prayer Brunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 4 SUN**
2:30 pm Senior Ministry at Emily Green Shores
- 6 TUES**
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Rm 102)
- 8 THURS**
9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern Elem
- 12 MON**
6:30 pm Personnel Committee Meeting (Conf Rm A)
Budget Committee Meeting (Conf Rm B)
- 15 THURS**
12:00 pm JOY Group Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
- 19 MON**
7:00 pm WMU Barbara Deal Group Meeting
- 20 TUES**
6:30 pm Church Council Meeting (Choir Room)
Backpack Ministry Packing (FH)
- 22 THURS**
9:00 am Backpack Delivery to Southwestern Elem
- 26 MON**
1:45 pm Leave for Orioles vs Tides Baseball Game
- 31 SAT**
10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch (Fellowship Hall and Grounds)

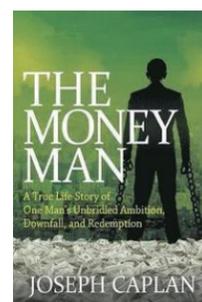
WEEKS IN REVIEW

	Feb 4	Feb 11	Feb 18	Feb 25
LIFE GROUPS (Sunday Bible Study)				
Enrollment	346	348	348	348
Attendance	169	175	160	167
Visitors	10	6	3	11
Total Attendance	179	181	163	178
WORSHIP				
Morning Services	220	219	217	221

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

BUDGET				
Required Per Week	12,963.63	12,963.63	13,080.70	13,080.70
Received	10,676.25	9,171.60	10,064.61	6,567.00
Mid-Week Received	1,735.00	2,150.00	1,320.01	876.00
Online Received	1,045.00	882.00	1,235.00	1,235.00
Required to Date	64,818.15	77,781.78	90,862.48	103,943.18
Received to Date	54,939.15	67,305.75	79,572.37	88,250.37
BUILDING FUND				
Phase 2 (New Sanctuary)	110.00	300.00		100.00
MISSIONS				
East Asia		125.00		
JMBC	200.00	100.00		200.00
Lottie Moon		1.00		15.00
OTHER				
Benevolent Fund	140.00			295.00
Deacon Fund		15.00	15.00	
Food Pantry		20.00		

FEBRUARY BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS: \$45,722.47



A true life story of one man's unbridled ambition, downfall, and redemption, by our own Dr. Joseph Caplan, will be released later this month. Immediately after worship services in March, Dr. Caplan will be in the foyer for anyone who wishes to preorder the book. The *Jackson only* discount price is \$15 (including tax), payable by cash, check or credit card. All books will be personalized and signed by the author.

