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Notes for the Journey

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Mission Trip Coming Events

● **SOUP DINNER**—A soup dinner will be held in the fellowship hall after Sunday School on January 22. Menu consists of vegetable and chili soup and desserts. A free will offering will be accepted but not required. We are also going to make available for you to take soup home as well.

● **OLNEY DISCOUNT CARDS**—Mission Trip Team will also be selling Discount Cards with local business discounts on them. Each card is \$10. Please see a member of the Mission Team or Stacy to purchase a card.

● **MUDLOVE**—In February we will be selling MudLove products. We will be selling their mugs and bracelets; pictures will be shown on the order forms. The great thing about MudLove is that with this brand every item they sell they provide 1 week of clean water for someone in need. So with every item you buy you are not only helping our Mission Team but also providing a week of water for someone in need.

Stacy will be glad to talk to you if you have questions about any aspect of our Mission Trip.

Thought of the Week

Our theme for 2017 is, "Seek, Submit, Commit." Last Sunday we looked at II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sins and will heal their land."

In seeking God we were encouraged to think about the phrase "called by my name." Many believe in God and call themselves Christians. But what does it really mean to believe? A.W. Tozer says this, "A nominal belief is what you hold in name and the practical belief is what you hold in reality and what holds you."

As we seek God, we must ask ourselves, are we just Christians in name or have we recognized the great treasure of a relationship with Him and are holding on to him for all we are worth as He holds on to us? This week may we pray that God will renew our awareness of the treasure we have in Him and may we seek to reach out and hold on to Him. Let's be practical Christians.

Questions in the Upper Room

If you are not currently involved in a Sunday School class, let me invite you to consider joining us in the Upper Room (upstairs of the east wing) for our new series, "Questions."

Each week we will be discussing a question submitted earlier by someone in the class. As we discuss these questions we will also be exploring and learning various bible study techniques to guide us away from simply giving opinions, to discovering what the bible says about each topic. This week's question is: "Will childlike faith get you to heaven?"

Looking forward to seeing many new folks in the class!

— Choir —

It is only 15 weeks until Easter and I would love to put together a choir for the Easter season. If you enjoyed singing in the Christmas Choir or if you missed out and would like to get in on the fun, please let me know.

I will need to know soon as I will be choosing music shortly. Thanks. Pastor Steve



Lectionary Scripture

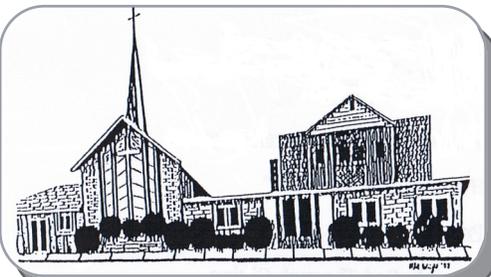
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Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42



Mission

*A community of believers
endeavoring to live and love
as Jesus taught.
Come—Experience
Community!*

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 15

Morning Worship 9:30am
 Sunday School 10:40am
 Children's Ministry 6:00-7:00pm
 Youth Group 6:00-7:30pm

Monday—Saturday

Men's Coffee

Monday, January 16

Ladies Night Out at El Cactus Grill 6:00pm

Tuesday, January 17

Elijah Men's Group 6:30pm

Wednesday, January 18

Ladies' Bible Study in the Library 10:00am

Friday, January 20

Narcotics Anonymous 7:00pm

Happy Birthday



Diann Colwell..... January 15
 Justin Foerster..... January 15
 Hannah Turley..... January 15
 Ron Hazel..... January 16
 Jack Storment..... January 19
 Owen Grimes January 22
 Cynthia Kieffer January 22

Gifts to Take on the Mission Trip

When our youth set out on their Mission Trip to South Carolina in June, they would like to take with them some very much needed gifts for the Homeless Shelter near the mission where they will be headquartered.

They would like for our church and the community to be involved with helping provide the gifts. The main items they would like to take are tooth brushes, tooth paste, deodorant, and socks (primarily adult size).

If you can help with this special endeavor, you can bring your donations from now until we leave on the trip. A special container will be available in the foyer where you can deposit the items.

Thank you so much for your help with this effort.

Sportsman's Banquet

The Annual Sportsman's Banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, January 21 at 6:00pm at the Holiday. See Pastor Steve for tickets.

Statistics for January 8

Morning Service	119
Offering (weekly need—\$4,050)	\$ 4,967.73
UMC-Kay Stotts Godoy, Michael & Maria	
Long, Mark & Lena, Russ & Sherrie	
Cole (goal \$8,000) YTD	\$ 530.00
UMC-Home Missions (goal \$6,118)	
YTD	\$ 141.00

Prayer Needs

Dennis Wilson & FOHO Team Trip
 Darlene Dickerson—cancer
 Trenton—knee injury—Cindy Storment's grandson
 Norma Fore—surgery
 Paul Doss—health
 Becky Payne—health
 Please continue to pray for needs previously listed



FOHO Team Trip to Haiti

Thank you Church Family for your prayers for our FOHO (Friends of Haiti Organization) trip the next two weeks.

We absolutely depend on the prayers and support from the people back home who make this trip possible for us to minister in Haiti.

I'm not good at posting pictures on Facebook, but if you want to Friend Me, Joyce will monitor my site.

Thanks again for supporting missions in Haiti.
 Dennis Wilson

Tithing Envelopes

Don't forget to pick up your new 2017 tithing envelopes located on the table in the foyer. There are extras if anyone would like to have them.

Ladies Night Out

Ladies, we are having our "Annual Ladies Night Out" this Monday evening, January 16 at the El Cactus Mexican Grill on Main Street at 6:00pm.

All are invited to join us and enjoy some good food along with fun and fellowship. This has become an annual tradition for many of our ladies.

As we need to make reservations, please call Joyce Wilson 618-562-8163 if you can **MEET US AT THE GRILL!**