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ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK

Sunday, March 21st
12:00pm in the CLC

Last names starting with:
A-M bring Salads & Desserts
N-Z bring Meats & Vegetables



Verse of the Week:

Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.



Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Featuring the Choir
Friday, April 2nd @ 6:30 PM

Children's EGGstravaganza

Saturday, 4/3/10 @ 9:00 AM

24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Begins @ 7:30pm Friday, April 2nd

Half hour time slots available to pray at FCC
for our city, our region, and our country.

(If you would like to oversee the building for a few hours,
please contact David Jarrett.)

Easter Services - Sunday, April 4th

8:15 & 10:30 am - Worship

9:30 am - Adult Bible Fellowships

Sunday, March 21

8:15 a.m. Early Worship
9:30 a.m. Bible School
10:30 a.m. Worship
4:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship
6:00 p.m. Silver Ring Thing-
SCHS

Monday, March 22

10:00 a.m. S.A.M.
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Tuesday, March 23

8:45 a.m. Sonshine School
3:30 p.m. H2O setup
6:00-7:00p.m. Worship Team
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, March 24

6:15-7:45 p.m. Teen MOPS
6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Options;
LIGHT (Ladies' Bible Study);
2-3 yr. & 4-5 yr. classes; K-5-
Foundation Rock
6:30-8:00 p.m. Jr/Sr High- H2O

Thursday, March 25

9:30 a.m. Priscilla Ladies'
Bible Study

Prayer Requests:

AT HOME

Peggy Wilson
Warren Williams
Bud Burden
Wesley Fitzwater
Kim Odom
Doris Baldrige
Freida Gaston

Karl Squibb
Earl Gain
Ruth Ruprecht
Steve Crane
Mary Jo Beck
Joyce Jones

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to the family of Naida Telford.

SALEM HOSPITAL

Charles Monical

MISSIONS OF THE MONTH

China Now,
Danny Thurston family;
Mustard Seed Global Fellowship,
Jared & Stephanie Henke;
Sonlight Ministries,
Stephen & Beth Puricelli

Facts & Figures **March 14, 2010**

8:15 am Worship	140
Bible School	192
10:30 am Worship	280
Total Worship	420

*Ministry Fund Offering	\$ 9,986.85
Weekly Ministry Needs	\$12,855.77
*Add. Designated gifts	\$ 318.25
Total	\$10,305.10



Taylor Thomas	31
Trisha Alvis	31
Jessica Pommert	April 3
Kori Jo Arnold	4
Sandy Tefft	4
Mary Thomas	6
Titus Duke	6

**Ladies' Day
Oil Belt Camp
Saturday, April 17th
8am - 4pm**

Linda Mirante, Speaker
Worship by Dee Ann Schnautz

Cost: \$15 (includes light
breakfast & lunch)

Reg. deadline: April 2nd

**Coming Up on the Calendar
March**

- 21-All-Church Potluck, noon
- 21-Choir Rehearsal, 4pm
- 21-Silver Ring Thing, SCHS, 6pm
- 23-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm
- 23-VBS meeting, 7pm
- 28-Choir Rehearsal, 4pm

April

- 2-Community Good Friday Service,
12:10 @ 1st Baptist
- 2-FCC Good Friday Service, 6:30pm
- 3-EGGstravaganze, 9am
- 4-Easter
- 6-Leadership Team Meeting, 7pm
- 7-MOPS, 9:15-11:15am
- 9&10-BIG Overnighter
- 11-Missions Meeting, 4:30pm
- 13-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm
- 13-Board Meeting, 7pm
- 17-Oil Belt Ladies' Retreat
- 20-Prayer Meeting, 7pm
- 21-MOPS, 9:15-11:15am
- 27-Prayer & Praise, 6:30pm

Overseeing Elder: Craig Vieira

March 21, 2010

Deacons: 8:15-Jerry Boswell, Max Dye, Kyle Kell, Bob Stroud, Norm Barton, Steve Tucker, Marshall Goostree, Will Webb; 10:30-*Chuck Tinsley, *Dave White, Ed Phillips, Duane Snow, Jeff Baldrige, Randy Schultz, Randy Rose, Ken Brewer...underlined to serve shut-ins, asterisk to serve Doctor's.

Attendance Tabulation: 8:15-Wayne Puricelli; 10:30-Ron Stanley

Worship Tech: Gary Kennedy, Logan Pontious

Nursery: 8:15-Donna Charlton, Donna Snow; 9:30-Ashley Elmore, Judy West, Barbara Ball; 10:30-Mary Wilkinson, Kristin Jarrett, Cheryl Vieira

Stepping Stones: Sheri Molenhour, Becca Lambert

Preschool Greeter: Shelli McIntosh

Toddler Room: 8:15-Trisha Alvis; 10:30-Michael Gaston

Kidz Church: 8:15-; 10:30-

FIM Captain: Lucy Molenhour

Greeters: Jay & Michelle Luse, Lisa Pontious, Ron & Geneva Stanley

Ushers: 8:15-Katharine Black; 10:30-Elizabeth Hite

Section Hosts: #1-Robert Uchitjil; #2-Naida Uchitjil; #3-Joan Buhnerkemper

Parking Lot: Joe Pemberton, Eldon Prosis, Keith Kemp

Baptismal: 8:15-Pat Baldrige; 10:30-Joan Buhnerkemper

Care Team Leaders: 8:15-Terri Leathers, Connie Dunahee; 10:30-

Communion Preparation: David Blair

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

The EGGstravaganza is coming soon! If you would like to help out by donating candy, please drop the candy off at Casey's office or pick up a bag of eggs to fill. All of the donations that were made last year were greatly appreciated by Casey and the kids! This year's Eggstravaganza will be on Saturday, April 3rd at 9:00am.



LIBRARY NEWS

We are currently in the process of cataloging the church library. Please check your bookshelves and/ or video collections! If you have any books, videos, CDs or DVDs belonging to FCC (that you are not currently reading/ watching), please return them as soon as possible. If you're not sure if you have any library items, please check the list in the church office.



BIG OVERNIGHTER

The Children's ministry is going to be taking another group of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders to Oil Belt camp's Big Overnighter on April 9th-10th. Registrations are due by March 24th. For registration forms and more details, see the bulletin board outside of Casey's office. Also, if you would like to attend the Big Overnighter as an adult sponsor, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Casey's office. Adult sponsors get in for free.



A FRESH, NEW VBS

We are thinking about fresh, new ways to do VBS this year. If you would like to help brainstorm and plan for this year, please join us in a creative session on Tuesday, March 23rd from 7:00 - 8:00pm in the Kidz Church room upstairs.



SILVER RING THING

The Silver Ring Thing promotes the message of abstinence until marriage centered in a relationship with Jesus. We are excited to bring this program to Salem and impact students and parents with the truth of God's plan for purity. Join us this Sunday, March 21st from 6 - 8:30pm (doors open at 5:15) at the Salem Community High School for this FREE EVENT! You must register for these free tickets at www.silverringthing.com.

Additional Parents Session starting @ 6pm.



Mann's Masterpiece

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How well do you really know your spouse? This past Sunday our Sunday School class talked about how we communicate with our spouses. Some replied that their communication type is, "The Sounds of Silence; Speak softly and carry a big stick; the Great Communicator; Shout, shout, let it all out; or Let me hear your body talk."

We all communicate in different ways, so it's very important to identify with your spouse how you each communicate. Then while you communicate, it is very important to actually listen! Stay focused and concerned.

Men, it's OK to ask questions if you don't understand. Couples need to work on growing closer by better understanding the messages they're sending each other – and the emotions behind them! Take time this week with your spouse to work on your communication. Never assume your spouse is sending a certain message, because chances are, they're not! Take time this week to speak with wisdom, give faithful instruction, praise your spouse and let them know about the blessing they are!

Dave's Musings

Dave Jarrett / Creative Arts Minister
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Why and How We Do What We Do

Over the next few weeks I want for us to take a look at the elements of our worship service. It is important for us to revisit the reasons why we worship the way we do. If we don't, we may find that over time we forget to think

Biblically about the expressions we use in worship. If that happens, we base everything on our own experience, on us. And church is not for us, it is us.

Don't hear what I'm not saying. I don't think we are doing anything wrong. In fact, looking at scripture may confirm our practices. But from time to time I have conversations about worship that are based solely on tradition, and when we exalt a method that isn't necessarily a prescription of scripture, we walk a dangerous road. And that road has the possibility of leading us in the wrong direction.

We all tend to look at our experience in church and want to experience that over and over, thinking that is the only way to experience God. But when we impose our experience on others or scoff at something done differently we may be guilty of not thinking biblically about church, life, and our combined experience. And we should all ask God to reveal himself to us in new ways every day. That is how we grow in our relationship.

What I hope comes out of these next five articles is an open and honest conversation about God, worship, church, and life. I also hope that we all grow through it, learning how to ask God to experience Him in new, groundbreaking ways.

Humbly, Dave

Case in Point

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Have you ever borrowed something from someone for so long that you forgot it did not really belong to you? In my office, on my desk sits a Bible. It is tattered and torn. It no longer has a cover. It is faded, water damaged, and fragile. For almost 10 years I have gotten very good use out of this Bible, but this Bible does not belong to me.

One Wednesday night when I was a teenager I was running late for church. I could not find my own Bible, so I grabbed this Bible from my dad's office. Of course, he was happy to let me borrow it. After church was over I mindlessly took the Bible to my car and threw it in the back seat. When I got home I found my own Bible, so the borrowed Bible stayed in my back seat for a while. I kept meaning to give it back, but weeks turned into years and the Bible went with me to college. In college I thought that since I had it, I might as well use it and return it eventually. This Bible has been with me through my first career, my first ministry, my second ministry, the beginning of my family, and is still with me today. Now, the fact that it does not belong to me slips my mind. Every once in a while I will remember and think, "Boy, I really need to return that Bible." I recently mentioned it to my dad and he said that he was just glad it was getting some good use.

I think it is easy to do that to God sometimes. It is easy to forget that everything we have, including our very own bodies, belongs to God. He is just letting us use it. Psalm 24:1 says, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." So, it is good for us to step back and evaluate every once in a while. Am I getting good use out of the things God has given me? Do I think of it as his or mine? Am I taking good care of it? Am I using it in a way that would please him? Am I thankful for what he has blessed me with? I want to encourage you to take some time this week to think and pray on that. Ask God to help you know how to be a good steward of his things.

From Phil's Desk

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Unequivocally, without a doubt I am pro-life, and we are a pro-life church. Therefore, I want to encourage you to voice your opinion about Illinois House Bill 6205 (HB6205).

I think we can agree that abortion is a deeply personal issue, and to many like myself, who are pro-life, it is a moral issue that cuts into the core of our beliefs and values. We must stand and defend the unborn!

Even though HB6205 deals with the issue of abortion. It is more about our government's intrusion into the American home. This bill isn't so much about whether you think abortion is right or wrong, instead, it is about the well-being of underage girls, the protection of the family, and parental rights.

Abortion is an extremely emotional and physical procedure that can leave lasting scars on a woman's life. The studies that prove this and the real life testimonies from women are too numerous to list. Allowing a teenage girl to go through such a traumatic procedure without the notification of her parents not only puts her well-being at greater risk, but undermines her parents authority and care of their own daughter.

The conversation between a daughter and her parents about an unplanned pregnancy is a difficult one to have, but it is a conversation that needs to take place nonetheless. Our laws should protect, support, and promote healthy dialogue between parents and their children. Instead, HB6205 is a bill that seeks to hinder and prevent that conversation from taking place between a desperate daughter and her parents.

I believe our society is headed down a slippery slope when we allow our government to pass laws that usurp and undermine the role and authority of a parent.

Please protect our kids and families. Contact your State Representatives encouraging them to vote against HB6205. Even if you know your representative is already against this bill, it is still good to let them know you support their position.

In His Grip, Phil



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