

"the SON-Light eNews"

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From the Pastor's Heart

So for a change of direction... January is almost over, can you believe it? Time flies so quickly, but there is so many great things coming up in 2011.

I am blessed to write in our very first e-newsletter. It was a difficult decision to discontinue our mailed version, but this great joy, I am pleased to introduce you to Sherry Wilson and Ginny Hibbard as they take on this big blessed task of getting information out to all of you. We do thank you for your patience, cooperation, and 'constructive' criticisms so that we can build this medium to 'get the word out' to our Church.

I encourage you to write 'mini' articles and share 'testimonies' and events, thoughts, whatever may bless someone else's spiritual walk. This is your eNewsletter so let's use it to glorify the Lord! Blessings to all of you!

Spiritual Well-Fare

Sunday Worship Service: 10 am

- **Communion Sunday:** 1st Sunday of the month
- **Bible Studies: Sunday, 9 am**
"Welcome to the Family", SS Bldg., Rm. B115 (starting 02.06.11)
"Soul Care", CE Bldg., Rm. C106
"Pillars of Faith", CE Bldg., Rm. 102
- **Deacon's Fund & Food Basket:** Bring your financial gift and canned or non perishable good every Sunday. "If you see a brother in need....."
- **Church Library:** Library will be open on Sundays: 9:45 am until 10 am. 12 Noon to 12:45
Check out new DVDs and books. Contact: Darla Wilson for Special Needs
- **See** "What's Your Ministry Desires?" for additional Spiritual Well-Fare groups and times.

News Classes Starting

"Welcome to the Family": The Lord has put on my heart to have a new converts Bible Study. It will give you encouragement and help you understand what God has done for you. If you have been a Christian for a while and want a closer walk with the Lord, please come and join in. The study booklet "Welcome to the Family" will show you how the Bible fits into your new life and begin to understand that God wants to make a difference in your life.

- Classes begin on **Sunday, February 6th, 9 am, Sunday School Wing, Rm. B115**
- Please sign up for this great class at the Welcome Center.

How Important Are Your Relationships? God Created Us as Relationship Beings. Change Your Relationships. Change Your Life in 2011, Relationships Consume More Time & Money Than Any Other Feature of Life. Yet, The Majority of Us Invest More Toward Maintaining Our Car Than Toward Maintaining Our Relationships. If your Marriage is Struggling, Or You're in Between Relationships, It's Time for a Tune-up!

- Classes begin on **Wednesday, February 2, 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**
- For more information, contact James V. (Doc) & Paula M. Potter, MA

***What's Your Ministry Desires?**

Is there a tugging in your heart to become more involved with the church? Does your heart "pound" or do you get "butterflies" in your stomach when someone talks about their ministry involvement and wish that you could become involved, too?

Do you have a desire to reach your friends and family, neighbors, our community? There are so many ways to become involved and **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Here are some areas that we suggest you check. There are many others that aren't listed here. For those, contact the church office to make an appointment to discuss your dreams and visions. **PLEASE**, be respectful of their phone and email information (as we are of yours) and direct your involvement desires **ONLY** to them.

Bible Studies: Intercessory Prayer? Wednesday, 6 pm, CE Bldg. Rm. C106

Bible Studies: "How to Wage Spiritual Warfare and Win" Bible Study? Wednesday, 7 pm, CE Bldg. Rm. C16

Bible Studies: Lifeline Prayer & Worship? 2nd Friday of each month. 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

Bible Studies: Women's Ministries? They are studying at present, "Bait of Satan" by John Beyere. The groups meet at different homes and days each week. Call for the addresses of the individuals homes.

- Evening Bible Study: Monday: 7:00 pm, Brenda Anderson's home
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- Daytime Bible Study: Tuesday: 9:30 am, Nancy Mathis's home:

Young @ Heart 55+? This great ministry has been a part of this Church for many years. It doesn't mean, though, that one needs to be "old" to attend. There are special speakers, various activities, and different content that brings richness and fulfillment that carries us through the week. The group also join other 55+ groups in town on other days to broaden mutual bonds of friendship.

- Meet on Tuesdays, unless noted under Monthly Calendar Changes
- Potluck: 5:30 PM Service: 6:30 PM

Children's Ministry? The nursery through kindergarten ministry opens Sunday, 9:30 am, to allow you to check your child in and get to service.

Elementary Children? Your children 1st grade through 5th grade will really enjoy this great and innovative class in "BIG CITY". Children share in the worship service in the Main Sanctuary until they are dismissed to go to class around 10:45 along with their teachers. For the curious parent...go with them...check it out... you just might find that you want to get involved!

Junior High? Junior High is usually a tough go for your young teen. Our curriculum is designed to give your 6th through 8th grader the tools to travel this crazy road. “GRAPPLE” brings to life how your teen can overcome many of the pressures and complex problems of their day-to-day lives, while pouring into their spirits the Word of God that is the Way of Life. As it is with all of our classes, you can visit to see how it all works! “GRAPPLE” starts just after the worship service in the Main Sanctuary when the young people are dismissed to their classes.

High School – Air-Soft Team Ministry? There are two young men that will spear head the mission. I will, of course, support them. We need male helpers. Plus, another strong body or two such as an ex service individual who loves the Lord and young people would be perfect to help these kids, who are mostly boys that signed up for the Air-Soft Team ministry. Would all of the congregation help us Pray for our needs.

The Bible teaches us to love our brothers, don't forsake the assembling of ourselves with the brethren, to be the good Samaritan, to teach our children the Word of God. Stir up The Gift that is within us. Be Like Jesus. We, as Christians, ARE the body of Christ and there are so many different opportunities in front of us just to choose from. Please call one of these coordinators today and become involved. If lacking a coordinator, maybe try on that hat for your own ministry.

Bonnyview Business Meeting

All meetings to be immediately after service

- February 6th, 1st Discussion Meeting
- February 13th, 2nd Discussion Meeting
- February 20th, for the Annual Business Meeting

Your Input & Our Comment

We want to hear from you. Make comments, good or bad, about what is being attempted to continue to inform the Congregation of its events, yet make the form simple, and still have all of the happenings for you to become more involved within your own Church.

All Groups please send or give to the office your information to be included for next issue by 15th of the month prior to the next issue, which comes out near the beginning of the new month. If we don't have it, we can't use it.

Remember, the Newsletter is only as good as the information presented. We want to hear from all of you to enrich all of us. Send by email to: _____ **Subject Line: eNews.** Use Times New Roman, with 10 - 12 point. Send to office via mail or hand carried in written form at a maximum of 150 words. All information submitted is subject to approval and editorial control.

Do you have a Testimony to share? Or something about your ministry?

Remember we aren't continuing all the items and pictures that were in the older printed newsletter. This is in a plain and a simple form trying to bring you what is important, yet not over-burden the eye. Change can be beneficial for all. Thank you for bearing with us, who are just jumping in to start something new for the Congregation.