

February 21, 2016

WORSHIP WITH A FRIENDLY CHURCH

Sunday: Wednesday:

9 am Worship 7 pm Bible Class

10:15 Bible Class and Devotional

5 pm Evening Worship

Van transportation available.

Sermons available on CD .mp3

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Spend Time With Your Bible

Americans love having a Bible. The American Bible Society's (ABS) State of the Bible Study in 2015 stated that 88% of households own at least one copy of the Bible. Many of those own multiple copies with 4.4 being the average.

However, owning a Bible doesn't do much good unless it is used. A 2013 study from the ABS showed that although 26% read the Bible four or more times a week, a majority (57%) read their Bible four times a year or less. That's quite a gap.

What about your Bible? Is it read on a regular basis? Does it naturally fall open to well used passages? Does it contain markings showing where you stopped reading last? Does it have notes, underlining or highlights showing important things you want to remember?

I want to encourage each of you to establish good habits of Bible reading. Set aside a time each day to read God's word. Did you know that the average reader could complete the entire Bible in one year by just reading 15 minutes a day? Yet a majority of Christians will never read the Bible through in their lifetime.

Friends, it isn't the lack of time or not having a Bible around that keeps us from reading God's word. It is our choice to fill our days with other things instead of spending time with God in prayer and reading. We can and should do better.

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night" Psalm 1:1-2. Spend time with your Bible. You will be blessed in so doing.

Mike

AM: Listen to God. 2 Tim. 3:14-17

PM: Teach Us to Pray. Luke 11:1-4

MEETINGS

There will be an Elders and Deacons meeting **TODAY** at 3:30 pm, in the Family Room.

Cradle Roll-Primary Classes teacher's meeting **TODAY** at 4:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting for all the teachers for our adult classes has been changed to **NEXT** Sunday, February 28th at 4:15 pm in the Family Room. This is for all teachers teaching this quarter as well as next quarter.



We are in need of someone to drive the church van, on Sunday Nights, in March. If you can help with this, please see Sonya Cox.



We express our sympathy to Jim McGee and his family in the passing away of his uncle, Ollie McGee. He passed away on Wednesday, February 17th.



Thank you so much to the following people who helped deliver Meals on Wheels recently: George & Joan Cooper, Bill & Geraldine Morrison, Sammie & Linda Fritts, and Cheri Suns (2 days). Your help with this great work is greatly appreciated.

A special note of thanks straight from the heart...To all who have lifted up prayers for Lori, sent cards, made visits and brought gifts while she was in the hospital and rehab. We thank you so much. We are also very grateful to Gene and Jewell, Qution, Bruce, and Drucilla for being with us while Lori was in surgery since it was longer than expected.

*In Christian Love,
Rayford, Rhoda, & Lori*



Trail Ride is less than 2 weeks away. On Wednesday March 2 there will be a truck under the drive through near the Fellowship building where folks can drop their supplies off before services. It will be there beginning at 6:30. Thanks in advance for all you will do for this great event. There will be an updated list of auction items available today on the round table if you want to see what will be auctioned off. Most of the restaurant gift cards and small things will be in the silent auction, beginning at 10 in the morning and going til 12. Pioneer Drive will begin playing/singing at 10.

Don Williams

As early as 2008 plans were being made for some type of work to be done in Haiti involving Evands Pierre, the Airport Road Church of Christ in Port Au Prince and those of us in the States. However, January 12, 2010 changed everything. The 7.0 magnitude earthquake destroyed the Airport Road building, displaced a large number of the members from their homes and changed the focus to strict relief efforts for so many impacted by the catastrophic event. In time the work shifted from relief to recovery and then, in time, long term work was able to be considered again.

Through meetings with Evands Pierre, and by this time Jean Clabert Belton another long term preacher in the same area, the question was asked what one thing could be done to help them, along with the numerous congregations they were connected to, as they look toward the future? The answer from both men was clear, concise and visionary; "teach us to teach our people" they replied. They longed for a mechanism to train current labors in the Kingdom of God in Haiti and the next generation of servants. From their vision was born the Haiti School of Biblical Studies (HSBS). HSBS is the only school of its' kind in Haiti. The school does not have a campus but uses existing church buildings to carry out classes. The non-traditional weekend format is intentionally designed so that those who are employed or in school may continue as such and still attend classes. Those weekend classes, supplemented with occasional one week intensive classes, immerse the student in a four year curriculum of Biblical training equipping them for a life time of ministry and service. The School has no full time staff and no one that is on-going payroll. Through zero overhead cost funds go directly to the student's education. The first class was held October 22, 2013 and the training continues today.

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Mission Report

FEBRUARY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Evands Pierre
C/O Jean-Claubert Belton
Carrefour Michaud # 46 Route Malpasse
Entrée Double Harvest
Croix des Bouquets
Haiti

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The vision for HSBS is to transform Haiti through our students by serving Christ, impacting families, establishing and strengthening churches and changing communities all to the glory of God. In addition to the training component is a vocational piece that is often missing in this type of work. Students who are still in school or not already employed are counseled regarding vocational outcomes. Efforts are then made to assist these students through various avenues; additional vocational training, small business micro-loans, supplemental assistance to attend school, etc. The goal is to help the students become financially independent for a life time.

Florence Boulevard has been involved in this work from the beginning and now serves as the sponsoring congregation. In addition to Arvy Dupuy making several trips each year to teach in the school and check on the work we will be sending a team to Haiti this July to host intensive training for five congregations and all their members. Please pray for the students of the school, the multiple congregations we work with and for all believers in this wonderful country.

Our prayer is that God will give us the nation of Haiti. Psalms 2.8

Arvy Dupuy

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THOUGHTS TO PONDER

If you are not as close to God as you once were, make no mistake about which one has moved.

When you get all wrinkled with care and worry, it's time to have your faith lifted.



SAYS: Will be this Sunday night at Cox Blvd. They begin services at 6 pm. We will meet in the Lighthouse at 5pm and leave for SAYS.

3rd – 6th Grade: Will have a devotional TODAY, Feb. 21st in the Lighthouse after morning services. Guys bring drinks and girls bring desserts.

7th-12th Grade: The March Devo will be announced soon.

Area Bible Bowl: Thanks to our young people who participated in Bible Bowl this year. Our Junior team (Kalyn Robbins, Evelyn Gallagher and Ella Faires) and our Senior team (Miriam Gallagher, Logan Woodfin and Cody Woodfin) both won 1st place last Sunday at the Final competition. We are proud of these youth!

Challenge Youth Conference (CYC): CYC 2016 is almost here, February 25-28! Please pay the remaining balance of \$70 by Wednesday Feb. 24th.

Maywood Christian Camp: Camp is several months away, but registration is NOW OPEN! Please log onto www.maywoodchristiancamp.com and register. Our week is July 3-8 and our director is Tony Brimingham.

Coming Events: Challenge Youth Conference – February 25th – 28th, Lads To Leaders Convention – March 24th-27th, Car Care Clinic – April 9th, Senior Night – May 1st (PM).

Scripture of the week – “¹Then Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, “This *is* the thing which the LORD has commanded: ²If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or swears an oath to bind himself by some agreement, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth.” – *Numbers 30:1-2*

