

Dear Church Family,

Doesn't it seem like yesterday that we were in the midst of the Advent and Christmas seasons? In the last few weeks we have taken down the remainder of the decorations and we have just settled into a more ordinary time on our calendars.

And, once more, it is time for the seasons to change. I am not speaking in the meteorological sense—I mean we have only recently had snow and that was gone in the blink of an eye! No, I'm speaking of a more important time in the worship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As I share these words the Lenten season is quickly approaching. Lent? What are you talking about, pastor?

This is the period of the year in which we spend time examining our daily walk with our Lord and Savior. It begins with Ash Wednesday when we will gather for a service of quiet and introspection. It is a season in which we traditionally forgo something natural or pleasurable in order to remember the sacrifices of our Lord and to remind us of what is really important in life. And we take stock of our "growth in grace" (II Peter 3:18) that we are called to in Jesus Christ.

Are you content with your daily walk with Him? I know I'm not.

Do you desire to grow deeper as a disciple of Christ? I pray continually that my life will mirror His more each day. Lent is a time developed with all hungry Christians in mind!

During the seven-weeks of Lent I invite you to join with me in this excursion of examination. We will observe this emphasis in several ways:

- \* Ash Wednesday service on 26 February, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- \* Giving up something normal as a sign between you and the Lord of your seriousness in daily discipleship.
- \* Spending time reading and praying through the Gospels (more to come).
- \* I will be sharing a sermon series on "putting on the whole armor of God" from Ephesians 6, beginning on Sunday, 1 March. A vital focus in our daily walk with Christ continually, especially in the world we live in today.

Lent is a perfect occasion for us all to grow deeper in our commitment with Christ. It is no surprise that this comes at the moment in which we focus on our Lord's walk to the Cross.

Why is that you might ask?

The Lenten season prepares us to join our Savior with His journey to the cross as it concludes with Holy Week and the victory of Easter morning, when we rejoice by saying: "He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed!" Don't forget that we cannot skip over the Cross before we approach the Empty Tomb.

Come and join me as we follow our Lord and Savior more closely "day by day."

With Love for You All, Pastor Tim.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.
Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Ephesians 6:10-11



#### 1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

Thank You! Because of you, we raised \$936 at our lunch fundraiser! A check was written in the amount of \$500 to The Refuge in Austin. That helps them get one step closer to a home for our local foster children.

March will be a fun month for 4:12 Youth Ministry. On the  $1^{st}$  we will have our regular first Sunday gathering from 5-7pm. On the  $5^{th}$  we will be volunteering at The Clearinghouse from 6-8pm. Then we will have our third Sunday gathering on the  $15^{th}$  from 5-7pm.

We will be heading to Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp after worship on March 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup> for our annual Spring Work Retreat. We will be going to see I Still Believe on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will work all day on Monday and Tuesday, as well as Wednesday morning. We will be doing whatever they may need done to get ready for camping season! During our time there we will be doing a bible study called Redefined. Here is a summary of the study:

"Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them." - Isaiah 42:9

Human beings are nothing if not creatures of habit. We are drawn to routine. We expect the expected and when it doesn't happen, we get frustrated and confused.

Have you ever noticed the result of something completely disrupting our expectations? When something so out of the ordinary happens that it shatters the status quo? It's absolute chaos. We don't know how to respond. But when the disrupter is God, it can be a beautiful chaos.

God is the great redefiner. At the heart of what it means to know and experience God is the process of redefinition. God defines what it means to be new. God spoke a new creation into existence out of nothing, redefining our existence. Through the person and work of Christ, God made complete renewal possible for all who would come to faith in Him, redefining our reality. In the salvation offered by God, we discover a new identity, redefining who we are. And in discovering who God meant for us to always be, our purpose is redefined.

As always, if you have never gotten to know the members of 4:12 Youth Ministry, you are missing a true blessing. They are great teens with a heart for our church and for Christ. We thank you for your prayers and financial support. Because of you, we are reaching another generation for God's Kingdom.

God's Blessings, Pastor Tyler & Leah

COMBAT FISH FRY SUNDAY, MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> 12:00 – 2:00 pm Cost: \$8.00

Sides include Coleslaw, French Fries and a Dessert.

So invite all your family and friends to join you at our church service that day and then stay for a really good meal.

#### **AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN**

If you don't already know, all women of the church are a part of this group. If you are not an active member of this group, we are now only meeting 2 or 3 times a year. Our first scheduled meeting this year is on March 16th beginning at 12:00 pm with a meal of soup, sandwiches & dessert. Judy Peacock is making vegetable soup but other kinds may be brought. You might want to bring sandwiches or a dessert.

After the meal we will plan our Mother-Daughter Banquet which is in May. So, ladies, if you don't have a job, please plan to come and just enjoy the fellowship with other ladies who are a part of your church.

MAN-UP CONFERENCE SATURDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 7:30 a.m.-1:00 PM TURNING POINT CHURCH 899 W. McClain Ave. Scottsburg, IN

Join us for this no more excuses men's conference, featuring teachings on the topics of being properly guarded, purity & sex, and getting to the roots of today's issues that we face as men. Cost: \$10 (breakfast & lunch)

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(September 1, 2019-February 16, 2020)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. I remember singing this old song as a child growing up in my mom's junior church class. As a child I didn't fully grasp what letting my light shine truly meant. When I was about ten years old, I remember going coon hunting with my dad. My dad loved to coon hunt and us boys liked to tag along with him, and listen to the dogs run and tree the coon. On this particular night I couldn't find the flashlight that I always used to take with me when I would go hunting with dad. So, dad being dad went out to the garage and rummaged around and found me an old flashlight he didn't use any more and let me use it. As we started through the woods that night, I remember turning on my borrowed flashlight and quickly realizing that it barely was putting out enough light to see with. I told dad that it wasn't working well so he stopped and put new batteries in it, but unfortunately it did not make it any brighter. I remember dad telling me to stick close to him and that I would be able to see where I was going by the reflection of his light. I quickly realized that as long as I stayed close to dad it was possible to navigate my way through the woods, however if I lagged behind, I could still see my dad's light but was not able to use it to make sure I was not about to trip over a log or get tangled up in a briar bush. The next day I remember dad took the old flashlight apart and noticed that due to neglect and the elements of the damp garage, the reflector behind the bulb had become tarnished and dulled, thus not allowing the light from the bulb to be broadcast to the path in front of me. He patiently took some wd-40 and an old rag and cleaned the reflector until it glowed like new. Looking back on this it reminds me of how this is sometimes relevant in our walk with Christ. When you first come to Christ you are bright and shiny and you're able to cast a nice glow around you that not only lights your path but helps illuminate the path of some of those coming behind you. However we have those times that we get bogged down and tarnished and it seems like our reflector gets dim, and even though we can still see Christ's light ahead of us we aren't close enough to be able to see that obstacle or pitfall that Satan places in our path. Thankfully, we have a Heavenly Father that will take time to let us catch up so that we can walk in his light as he polishes and works on our projector so that once again we can be a light to a dark world around us. As we enter into March how bright is your light shining?

Perry Stainbrook



### MOVIE NIGHT AT KCBC FRIDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>, 6:00 PM

Everyone is invited to the showing of this movie from 2019. Bring your favorite finger food to share with your church family. Movie will start around 6:30ish. Popcorn will be provided.

## **Church Events**

- Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundraising Semi-Formal Dinner at SEBYC, 6:00 PM
- Apr 4th Clean-up Day at the church, 8 am
- Apr 5<sup>th</sup> Marathon Meeting day at KCBC
- Apr 7<sup>th</sup> Red Cross Blood Drive in FLC
- Apr 10<sup>th</sup> Community Good Friday Service at KCBC, 12:05 PM
- Apr 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service at KCBC, 7 pm
- Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Choir Practice, 9-11 a.m.
- Apr 11<sup>th</sup> Pictures w/the Easter Bunny, 12-1
- Apr 11th Easter Egg Hunt in FLC
- Apr 12th Sonrise Service, 7:00 a.m.
- Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Breakfast in FLC, 8 a.m.
- Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
- Apr 12th Morning Worship, Easter Cantata
- Apr 15<sup>th</sup> Team Kid singing at Lake Pointe Village, 6:30 PM
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup> Youth Gathering at Spring Mill State Park, 12-7 PM
- Apr 20-26 Pastor Tim & Pam on vacation
- Apr 25<sup>th</sup> Youth volunteering at the Hardy Lake Sweep, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 PM
  - Apr 26th Pastor Tyler will be preaching

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSAIRES

- 1 Mike & Penny Koehler, 1996
- 2 John McNeely
- 3 Jimmy West, Trish Towne
- 4 Reece Middleton, Harold 'Bill' Hardin
- 5 Bobby Deal, Rita Fields, Joyce Spicer
- 6 Diana Sebastian, Markt Nay, Brittney Walsh, Luke Beverly
- 7 John Robbins
- 10 Stephen Spicer
- 11 Tristyn Beaver
- 14 Shawn Hurt, Conner Gregg
- 15 Judy Peacock, Kristopher Hubbard
- 16 Oliviah 'Livy' Hines
- 17 Kalyn Sebastian
- 18 Karen McClellan
- 19 Chris Beverly, Susan Davis
- 20 Janice Gary, Diane Daniel
- 21 Rob Gary
- 23 Greg Huguley, Kala Johns
- 24 Jeffrey Kelley, Tom Sebastian, Melissa Cole
- 25 Lori Dake
- 26 Marcia Blevins
- 27 Jerry & Jaclyn Goode, 2004
- 27 Jeff McDonald, Brock McNeely
- 28 Jaclyn Goode
- 29 Marvin McNeely, Luke Whitten, Hadden Brown
- 30 Jacob Petty
- 31 Mathew Blevins

# **Wednesday Night Family Meals**

The Wednesday night family meals are open to everyone. It costs just \$1.00 per person (to help cover the cost of the entrée) We ask that you bring an item to share from the lists below or check the Sunday bulletin. If you would like to prepare the entrée for one Wednesday night, please sign up on the sheet on the desk in the small fellowship hall.

MARCH 4 - Potato Soup (Amanda Hurt) Sandwiches, Crackers, Dessert, Drinks

MARCH 11 - Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce (Barb Deal)
Garlic Bread or Toast, Tossed Salad, Dessert, Drinks

MARCH 18\_- Cowboy Beans & Muffins (Lisa Bridgewater) Grilled Meats (Hamburger, Chicken, Pork), Cole Slaw, Fresh Garden Salad, Dessert, Drinks

> MARCH 25\_- TBA Dessert, Drinks

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT ATTENDANCE

	<b>Adults</b>	Youth	Team Kid	<b>Totals</b>
1/22	21	10	12	43
1/29	10	9	21	40
2/05	11	12	19	42
2/12	16	9	20	45
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