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You Are Welcome At Our Services!

Sunday

Morning Worship.....9 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

April Events:

- Wed, Apr 3rd 6:00 p.m. Family Night
- Sun, Apr 7th 4:00 p.m. Good Friday Choir Practice
- Sun, Apr 7th – Wed, Apr 10th 6:30 p.m. Summum Revival
- Wed, Apr 10th 6:00 p.m. Family Night: Easter Potluck
- Thur, Apr 11th 4:30 p.m VBS Meeting
- Sun, Apr 14th 4:00 p.m. Good Friday Choir Practice
- Sun, Apr 14th 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
- Mon, Apr 15th 6:00 p.m. Camp Fellowship: Bader
- Tues, Apr 16th 6:30 p.m. Man Up
- Wed, Apr 17th No Family Night
- Wed, Apr 24th 6:00 p.m. Family Night
- Sun, Apr 28th 4:30 p.m. Youth Committee



Holy Week Activities and Services

- Thur, Apr 18th 6:00 p.m. Foot Washing @ Grace
- Thur, Apr 18th 7:00 p.m. Foot Washing @ Woodland
- Fri, Apr 19th 7:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Service
- Sat, Apr 20th 9:30 a.m. Community Easter Breakfast @ ACC
- Sun, Apr 21st 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Church Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School



When do I need to say something? Maybe you've asked yourself this question as a parent. You see your child struggling, from attempting to tie their shoes homework to deciding on what college to attend, and wonder if you should say something. Or maybe you've wondered that when you see your friend or sibling continually hurt because of their own choices. Or maybe you've been frustrated by someone else's words that don't hurt you directly but hurt others around you. Either way, I imagine you've asked yourself that question, "When should I say something?"

And I've struggled with that question many times over the past several months. Especially since we as a church have adopted a new conflict resolution guideline policy. If you haven't heard about that policy, I encourage you to check out our website and read more about it. The first part of that policy really focuses on our personal responsibility to conflict resolution. We call it the 'self-reflection and prayer' portion of the policy. This is where we pray and reflect on our part in the conflict. And, personally, I don't mind this part of the policy. Where I struggle, though, is when do I need to go to number 2, the 'one on one conversation'?

When does a situation come to the point that I need to say something? When do I need to make my voice heard and express my opinion and pain? And I honestly struggle with that. I ask myself, 'do I truly need to be heard or am I just wanted to attack that person?' I also ask, 'is my pain that severe that I need to make sure the other person knows it, or should I just let it go?' So, when do I need to say something?

And, honestly, I haven't come up with a clear answer. I know it's not healthy to just pretend everything is okay when it's not. I know that if I go home and complain to my wife about what

happened, that isn't good either. And it's even worse when I continue to complain to her because that person continues to do the thing that bothers me even though I haven't told them it bothers me (which of course we'd never do!). And I don't want us to be a church that just ignores issues and doesn't say things because we don't want to offend anyone. But there are times we need to just let things go, too.

And so, where's the line? I don't know. It's really an individual question that we need to ask on a per case basis. But, again, I know I've appreciated being informed of times I offended others. I know I don't want to continue to offend them, and I probably will if they don't tell me. And I know others feel the same. And so, sometimes, it's the most loving thing we can do to say something.

And so, I encourage you, if you've been wanting to say something, especially if it's lingered for weeks or months, please do. In a loving, gracious and kind way, please follow the guidelines that have been outlined by the church and help us to grow as a church body. I pray that through our efforts we will grow into a deeper and more meaningful relationship with one another, and through that, closer to Jesus.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

LaMoine Camp Registration

We will be sending home information for camp at LaMoine Christian Camp in a few weeks, but if you're interested in signing up early, you can do so at their website

app.campdoc.com/!/home/auth/login?r=lamoine.

In order to only pay your half of the fee now and have the church pay the other half, you'll need to

use the code **ASTCC1950**. Please contact the church office with questions.

Easter Events

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events for Easter.

Thursday, April 18th – Foot Washing at Grace Bible (6:00pm) and Woodland Church (7:00pm)

Friday, April 19th – Community Good Friday Service with community choir at 7:00pm at High School

Saturday, April 20th – Community Breakfast here at 9:00am-10:00am, before the Easter egg hunt

Sunday, April 21st – Sunrise Service at 7:00am, Breakfast at 8:00am, Church Service at 9:00am and Sunday School at 10:30am

Camp Cleanup Days

This year, the camp is hosting 3 separate cleaning days for anyone to attend as they are able. They are **May 2nd, 3rd and 4th**. Each day begins at 9am, with lunch being served on Thursday and Saturday. Matthew plans to help on May 3rd if anyone is interested in going with him.

Revival

Sumnum Christian Church is hosting a revival on **Sunday, April 7th through Wednesday, April 10th** at **6:30pm** each night. Matthew will be preaching on Sunday night, but everyone is encouraged to attend as many of these services as possible.

Family Night Celebration & Potluck

Our annual Family Night Celebration and potluck is **Wednesday, April 10th at 6:00pm**. Please plan to attend with a dish to share as well as see the kids perform a short program about the life of Jesus.

March Financials

	Weekly Actual	Yearly Actual	Yearly Budget
Mar 3rd	\$ 1,858.00	\$ 10,642.47	\$ 11,981.61
Mar 10th	\$ 946.43	\$ 11,588.90	\$ 13,312.90
Mar 17th	\$ 1,804.00	\$ 13,392.90	\$ 14,644.19
Mar 24th	\$ 808.00	\$ 14,200.90	\$ 15,975.48
Mar 31st	\$ 1,245.00	\$ 15,445.90	\$ 17,306.77
Totals	\$ 6,661.43		

Prayer List

Tina Althiser (Judy B's friend) – cancer treatments
 Shelly Claxton (Pam K's friend) – cancer spreading
 Nathaniel Griffin – mouth surgery in May
 Todd Hamm - cancer treatments
 Haiti (Blessing Heart Mission) – increased turmoil and physical violence escalating
 Miranda Hoppock – cancer treatments
 Sharon Jones – in nursing home, therapy and recovery
 Leonard Kaufman - cancer
 Garry Myers (Dusti H's coworker's dad) – late stage cancer
 Norma Powell – in nursing home
 Jim Richardson (Chris C's uncle) – kicked in head by horse
 Kim Rodgers – eye surgery went well, awaiting test results
 Alan Rodriguez – recovery from fall
 Brandi Rudd – cancer treatments
 Marissa – cancer (Letha Stambaugh's friend)
 Hailey (14 y/o friend of Carlocks) – cancer
 Mary Belville's friend – cancer
 Mary (Pam K's aunt) – cancer

Praises
Condolences
 Family of Mike Dean