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You Are Welcome At Our Services!

Sunday

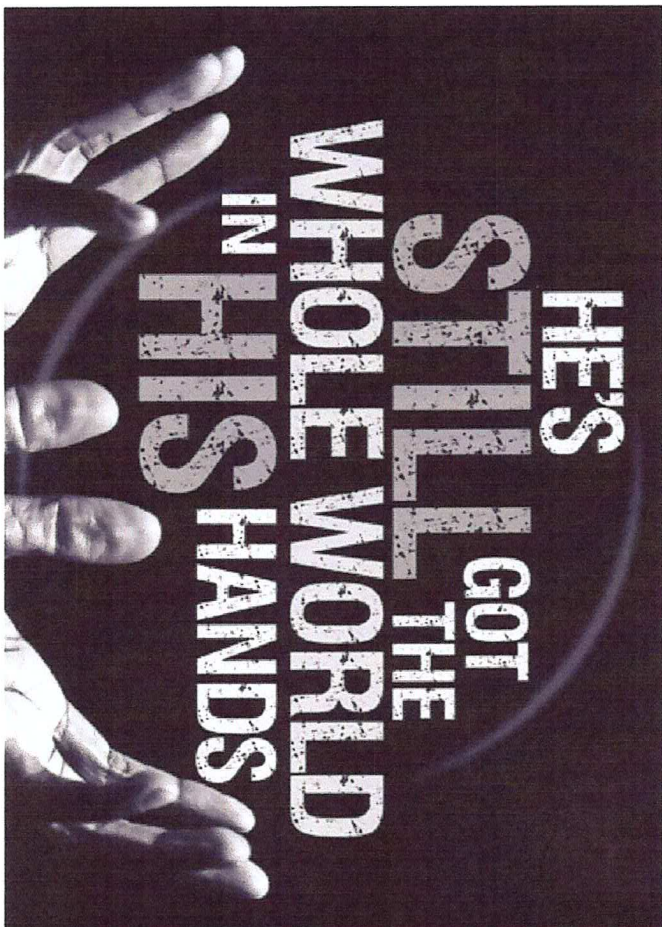
1st Morn. Worship.....8 a.m.
Sunday School9 a.m.
2nd Morn. Worship10 .a.m.
Wed. nights.....6-7:30p.m.

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February

Wednesday, February 1st	6:00 p.m. Family Night Bible Bowl
Thursday, February 2nd	5:00 p.m. VBS meeting in the Basement
Wednesday, February 8th	6:00 p.m. Family Night
Sunday, February 12th	6:00 p.m. Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Community Worship Service at Grace Bible Church
Tuesday, February 14th	6:30 p.m. Church outing to Los Charros in Rushville, carpooling from church at 6:00p.m
Wednesday, February 15th	6:00 p.m. Family Night
Thursday, February 16th	6:30 p.m. Soul Sisters
Sunday, February 19th	5:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
Monday, February 20th	7:00 p.m. Jr. High Lock-In 6:00East LaMoine Camp Fellowship at Summitum Christian Church
Wednesday, February 22nd	Family Night
Fridays in February	5th Quarter after basketball games

*Dates and times are subject to change. Please check
your weekly bulletin for updates.*



The First 100 Days...Ever

since our current president announced his candidacy for President of the United States; he's stirred the pot and emotions of the entire nation. To an even greater extent those emotions were heightened when he won the election in November and more recently we saw further reaction during his inauguration. That's a lot of emotions over the past 18 months and it seems like those emotions will run high as we all watch his decisions over these first 100 days.

Regardless of which emotions you currently have, extreme terror and fear to joy and excitement for the future (or somewhere in between) those emotions are dictated by more than just one man giving speeches and strategies. They're tied to something deeper than the bills or executive orders he signs. Ultimately, each one of us, and our response to these situations, has something deeper inside of us that needs reconciled.

And it's not just the state of the presidency, or even the state our nation, or our state or town or even our own home that dictates our emotions. It's not even the state of our relationships and the circumstances around us. Those things can affect emotions but we all react differently emotionally to these external influences. But why do we react differently to similar circumstances? Have you ever know someone who dealt with a horrific life situation but it didn't break them but maybe made them stronger? How come some people seem to be able to stay so calm when life seems to be falling apart?

I would argue that answer comes in a person. And though we can mask the pain or fear with drugs or alcohol or work or anger, to truly find peace and contentment and joy despite what is happening around us, it comes only through Jesus.

Job knew this well. And though he lived before Jesus, he knew well the God who sent Jesus and he declares, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21, ESV). Not many people can claim to have it as bad as Job (read his story in Job 1-2), but despite his situation, despite his circumstances, Job was able to have confidence in God. And that doesn't mean he didn't struggle or question or doubt, but it meant that at the end of the day, he knew the faithfulness of God, that it would all be to his glory and praised the name of his God.

And so that's my prayer for all of us. That despite our circumstances, despite our pain, we can find comfort, contentment and even joy because of Jesus.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

Church Outing

We are heading to Los Charros in Rushville for a Church Outing on February, 14th (yes, we know it's Valentine's Day). We encourage everyone to plan to join us for this fun evening together. A sign up sheet will be passed at the services so we can reserve spots and we will car pool down from the church at 6:00pm.

Attendance/Offering for January

We are so grateful for the youth offering of \$908.89 on Sunday 29th. This will pay for kids and youth to go to camp and summer trips. Thank you!

Date	at	S.S.	2 nd	Offering	Needed
1	19	20	39	\$1,200.00	\$1,636.41
8	17	27	51	\$1,257.00	\$1,636.41
15	10	17	37	\$1,143.00	\$1,636.41
22	19	25	53	\$1,734.00	\$1,636.41
29	17	26	45	\$1,008.00	\$1,636.41
Totals	82	115	225	\$6,342.00	\$8,182.05
Averages	16	23	45		

Thank you

Bill and Harriett Lockard sent us a 'Thank You' note for the monthly newsletter they receive from the church. They are past members who were married here in 1963. They wrote in the note, 'it gives us a chance to check up on old friends and to add to our prayer list. We are blessed to know they keep us in their prayers and thoughts.'

The Thinners would like to give a great big THANK YOU to those who gave for our Christmas gift this year. This financial blessing is just icing on the cake for all the other blessings we receive from you throughout the year.

Youth Trip to MOVE Conference

We are going back to MOVE this summer. All high school students (current 8th through 12th grade) are encouraged to join us in Holland, MI for the week of June 26th to July 1st. The cost is \$50 per student, so see Matt for permission slips and more information. Deposits are due by March 29th.

Prayer list (1/22/2017)

Please let Matthew or Marcia know prayer list updates.

Thank you

Olivia Anagnostopolus - cancer treatment
Donald Anderson - cancer treatment(10-16)
Doris Baker – Alzheimer's
Joyce Belleville's niece, JoAnn, cancer (10-16)
Betty Bucher - congestive heart failure, hospice (11-16)
Mike Busby - surgery (1-27-17)
Jerry Carlock - hip surgery soon (1-17)
Richard Chockley - bladder cancer surgery & complications (12-16)
Hurley Crossman - biopsy kidney tumor (12-15)
Jack Danner - hospice (12-16)
Ashley Davis- pregnancy risk and blood disorder due in April, Pat B.s granddaughter (12-16)
Brenda Fawcett - cancer return (1-17)
Linda Goodin - broken spine (1-1)
Ashley Griffin - back problem (1-6)
Sharon Griffith - heart, breathing problems
Chris Jones - tumor, scheduling procedure (1-17)
Rosemary Hickle - pacemaker (1-1)
Lenard Kaufman - cancer (10-16)
Rachel Koenig - pregnancy (10-16)
Jake McCombs - surgery went well(1-17)
Lloyd McCombs - fell (12-16)
Verna McCormick (9-16)
Bobby Mummert - health issues (12-16)
Bob Mummert - stin(1-22-17)
Geraldcan Nelson - cancer in bones, chemo (1-1)
Dan Palmer - bladder removed (1-17)
Karen Sager - radiation(1-17)
Tammy Smith (9-16)
Judy Wilson - needs kidney transplant
Praise: Laurie Martin -104% Lung Function (1-7)
Condolences:
Don Watson family
Max Thompson family
Victor Danner family
Sharron Musson's mother passed
Ms. Eckert's mother passed (Astoria Jr. High teacher)