



The Baptist Bulletin

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Our Nation & Leaders
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Oil, Incense, and the Christian Faith

On April 14th we studied Exodus 30:22-38. This is the passage that explains the anointing oil and the incense that were to only be used within the Tabernacle of the Lord.

The purpose of the anointing oil was to ordain. Ordain is the word which means to set apart for a specific purpose. When we see the word used within Scripture it carries the meaning of someone or something that is conferred as holy to the Lord.

The purpose of the incense was to be burned as an offering representing prayer to the Lord. In our newsletter last month we looked deeper into what prayer represents. The incense was to be burned all of the time, which represents what the children of the Lord are to do. They were to be continually in prayer, communicating with the Lord.

I have been asked by a couple of people how the anointing oil and incense apply to our lives today. The answer begins with the fact that both were a part of the Torah, the Law of the Lord. We no longer live under the Law. Jesus stated in Matthew 5:17, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." We no longer live to fulfill the Law, because we can't.

The Apostle Paul shared with the church in Rome that the purpose of the Law was to expose our sin (Romans 7:12). The Law is still active, but we are not under its authority. We are under the authority of grace as Paul shared in Romans 6:14. Now that we have this foundational truth defined, we can move forward with the question of what purpose does the anointing oil and the incense have for a 21st century Christian.

Each was made under the command of the Lord and is a foreshadowing of the redemptive work of Jesus. Every Christian is redeemed by the Lord and serves as the priesthood of the Lord (1 Peter 2:9). There is a huge difference between the priesthood in which Peter shared about compared to the priesthood of the Old Testament. We are not anointed by the oil made by man. We are anointed by the redemptive blood of Jesus Christ. We do not serve until we are 50 years old and then retire from the priesthood. We are called to an eternal service for we are heavenly focused.

The incense was a foreshadowing of what the prayer life of the Christian should be: constant. Paul encouraged the young believers in Thessalonica to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). The incense was to always be ready, showing that the Lord was constantly prepared for communion with His people. That is true today. As the incense of the Tabernacle burned, it was an aroma pleasing to the Lord. Paul utilized this imagery in 2 Corinthians 2:15. Stating that the Christian is the fragrance of Jesus to the world.

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Missionary of the Month ~ Dave & Beth Roberts (Converge)

We are almost two months into our time in the US and have been enjoying our visits with family, friends and ministry partners. We will only be here for a total of four months. It was great to be in Gothenburg recently.

After two and a half years serving at Christ Church, our family will be transitioning to a new church in order to immerse ourselves more into Spanish and Uruguayan culture. We are thankful for the people of Christ Church and the encouraging growth we have seen in that community during our time there. This move will also make it possible for David to focus more on investing in national pastors and church leaders. He will be joining a team of leaders working with a local seminary in Montevideo (Seminario Bíblico de Uruguay). David will focus on developing a spiritual formation program for students, providing pastoral support and occasionally teaching classes. However, there will also be time dedicated to continue working with leaders of the addictions recovery ministry and leaders of the Steiger ministry to secular youth. More will be said about these partnerships in the future.



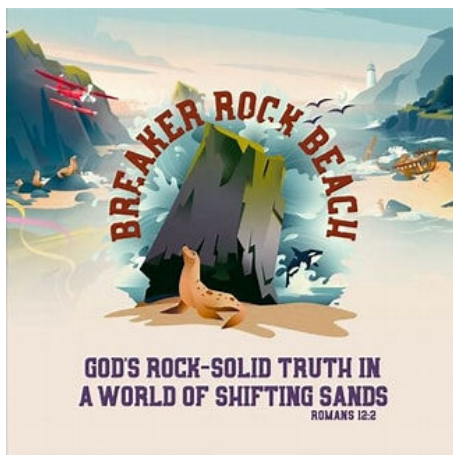
Prayer Requests:

For meaningful and fruitful church and ministry partner visits.

For smooth transitions when we return to Uruguay and begin new roles in life and ministry

For God to provide the finances and people to reach our ministry and family goals for this year

For God to transform Uruguay through church growth and new people being reached with the Gospel



VBS 2024—Breaker Rock Beach

"God's rock solid truth in a world of shifting sand".

Be transformed by the renewing of the mind, Romans 12:2.

June 17-19 from 6:00-8:00 PM

Financial Report ~ ~ ~

Budget for the Year: \$172,415.00

Fiscal Year ends 2/28/25

Offerings Received for 2 months:

\$ 20,189.71

Expenditures Paid for 2months:

\$ 26,760.32

Greeters ~ ~ ~

1st week Jim Flesch / Alissa Urman

2nd week Marsha Weeks / Joyce Sabin

3rd week Kim Crisman / Kelli Beck

4th week Val Parsons / Connie Sitorius

(See Marsha Weeks to volunteer)

Birthdays ~ ~ ~

May 15 Rick Crown

May 17 Hannah Keith

May 18 Jake Peterson

May 20 Kendra Mercer

May 21 Elijah Urman

May 28 Ryan Keith

May 31 Caleb Coleman

Nursery ~ ~ ~

May 5 Marsha Weeks

May 12 Alisa Crown

May 19 Connie Schweitzer

May 26 Dawn Urman

June 2 Kelly Peterson

June 9 Cor Peterson

June 16 Jody Nelson

(See Kelly Peterson to volunteer)

Anniversaries ~ ~ ~

May 24 Rick & Alisa Crown

May 27 Jake & Kelly Peterson

Celebrate Our GHS Graduates*Rebecca Crown, daughter of Rick and Alisa Crown**Rebecca will be attending UNK in the fall and pursuing a degree in early childhood education.**Tucker Keith, son of Ryan & Karman Keith**Tucker will be attending Kansas State and pursuing an degree in education in the fall.*

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The purpose of prayer is about relationship with the Lord which is for those who know, love, and trust Jesus through the power of the gospel. When the gospel is the center of who we are, then the aroma we share with the world is Jesus Christ.



Join us on May 2nd from 12-1 pm at the church for an independent time of prayer as we seek the Lord's will in seven areas: Education, Church, Media, Government, Business, Military, and Families.

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

May 2	NDOP from 12-1 pm
May 2	Women's Council—1:30 pm
May 4	Walk for Life—10 am
May 5	Christian Ed meeting—12pm
May 12	Graduation / Mothers Day
May 13	Management Finance 7:30pm
May 13	Elder Board - 8 pm
May 15	Naomi's Supper—5 pm
May 19	Worship Watchcare—12 pm
May 26	Fellowship Outreach
May 25-31	Pastor on vacation

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<u>Sun.</u>	Worship Service—9:45 am Sunday School—11:00 am Youth Gathering—6:00 pm
<u>Mon</u>	Ladies Bible Study—6:30 pm
<u>Wed.</u>	Men's Bible Study—6 am at Hospital Ladies Bible Study—1:30 pm
<u>Thurs</u>	Prayer meeting—5:15 pm



"It Takes Courage"
Walk for Life
Saturday, May 4th
10 a.m.
Lake Helen

Women's Bible Teacher
Margaret Ashmore
returns for
Livin' Light Revisited

Saturday, June 1, 2024
9:00 – 12:00 noon
First Baptist Church
10th & C Street
Gothenburg, NE

Ladies
Join us for



Coffee at The Cross

A Love Offering will be taken to offset Margaret's expenses