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The Messenger

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Worship Services

Sunday: 10:00 am

Communion

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

Bible Classes

Sunday: 9:00 am

Monday: 1:30 pm, 7:00 pm

Tuesday: 11:00 am

Wednesday: 4:15 pm

Thursday: 1:30 pm

Men's Bible Class

Second Saturday: 9:30 am

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:00 am

Message from the Pastor

MAKING PANCAKES AND BREAKING CURFEW

Instead of getting up and watching cartoons while eating cereal as usual, six-year-old Brandon decided one Saturday morning to make his parents breakfast—their favorite, pancakes. So, having watched his Mom do it, he got out the big bowl and spoon and pulled a chair up to the counter. He went to the pantry and pulled out the heavy bag of flour, spilling it all over the floor. He scooped up as much as he thought he needed and put it in the bowl.

He got out three eggs, broke them open—more or less, shells are too small to matter he figured—and dumped in the milk that remained in his half-eaten cereal bowl. Sugar is always good (Brandon thought) so he put in a whole bunch of that. Even though some spilled, the dog enjoyed that. These would be the best pancakes his parents ever had!

Even though he was coated by the mix, he was beaming. But how much pancake mix should he put in the pan on the stove? And how do you turn on the stove? As he contemplated that, his dog tried to lick the batter. So he pushed the dog away—along with the rest of the eggs, some of the mix, and the pans he had gotten out.

Very soon after the crash, Brandon saw his Dad at the door. Tears welled up in his little eyes. He wanted to do something good, but he'd made a terrible mess. He was sure his Dad would yell at him and maybe even spank him. But, his Dad just walked through the mess, picked up his crying son and hugged him. Can you relate?

Or, maybe you can relate to Brandon's older brother Billy. Billy just turned 14 and began high school. There he found new friends with new ideas. Those ideas were opposite of what his parents had taught him. Question authority; whatever feels good, do it; you're old enough to make all your decisions. Smoking, cool. Alcohol, Oh yeah. Dirty magazines, sweet. Listening to your parents, no way. Church, boring.

Billy resented his parents and their rules. They were holding him back from having ‘fun’. There was a party one night, but not the one Billy told his folks he was going to. He had an 11:00 curfew, but the party was too much fun—until the police showed up to cite everyone there for underage drinking.

The police called Billy’s parents about 1:00 to have them come pick him up from the precinct. They were up worrying about him anyway. Billy thought his parents would really chew him out, ground him till he was 18 or take away his cell phone. But when Dad arrived, Billy received a hug and a ‘I’m so glad you’re OK’. Billy broke down and cried just like his brother.

That’s how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it often turns into a mess. Or we deliberately do something that we are forbidden and it harmful to us. The result is the same. God forgives us. That’s not to say that God—nor Brandon and Billy’s parents—don’t care if we sin. All of them very much do.

It’s just that God is love and wants all people to see their foolishness, sorrow over it, and receive his forgiveness. And life eternal in Heaven. When we are led to repentance (tears in this case), God picks us up and loves and forgives us. We’ve caused him grief and sadness, but he’ll always love us.

Whether we sin intentionally or unintentionally, God wants us to come back to him. That’s what the season of Lent is all about. God wants us to realize our sinfulness, repent of it, and receive the forgiveness Jesus offers us at his cross. **“The blood of Jesus, God’s Son, purifies us from all sin!” 1 John 1:7** Remember that fellow pancake makers and curfew breakers.

Something to Think About What Rings True

If the apostle John were to visit our world of the 21st century, how would he react? After all, about 2,000 years have passed since he walked this earth. No doubt the massive changes in technology alone would make a profound impression on him. Nevertheless, there’s also a good chance that, in a larger sense, the world of the 21st century would not surprise him at all.

The trouble with our world today is that we have things backwards. God intended that we love people and use things. We use people and love things.

Historians have noted that, in many ways, the culture of the 21st century has come full-circle to resemble that of the 1st century. In John’s day, as now, it was popular to presume that there was no absolute, objective truth. In John’s day, as now, there was a chaotic variety of beliefs and non-beliefs. In John’s day, as now, the message of a crucified Savior seemed out-of-step with what people thought/think they needed.

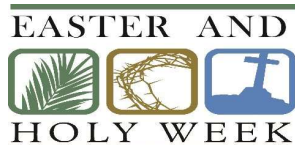
It’s quite possible that, if given the chance, John would look at our present culture, smile, and say, “I’ve seen this all before.” So the Lord led him to pen these words: **“Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.” 1 John 5:5**

By the time the Holy Spirit moved John to write his first letter, John was an old man. He had seen humanity's brokenness up close, and he had seen it many times over. He had seen the fickleness and restlessness of people's souls. He had seen their attempts to find meaning in pleasures, causes, philosophies, and belief systems that held no permanent meaning.

For John, only one thing rang true. For John, only one thing mattered. "Who is it that overcomes the world?" John asked. "Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." He would put that in the 'some-things-never-change' category.

Down through the ages this message has continued to ring. It has continued to show our desperate need for forgiveness of sins and announce the full forgiveness we receive in the One named Jesus. Over the centuries, the message of the cross of Good Friday and the empty tomb of Easter has been proclaimed. And through this proclamation, generation after generation of souls have come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through faith in him we have life in his name.

Pastor Ben Foxen



EASTER AND HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Please join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. There can be no better time to start (or re-start) coming to church to better know Jesus.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (The day Jesus started the sacrament of Holy Communion) **7PM**
GOOD FRIDAY (The day they crucified Jesus; a service of darkness)..... **7PM**
 Easter Breakfast (This is tentative depending on COVID issues).....**9AM**
EASTER EARLY WORSHIP (Outside in the Ramada)**8AM**
EASTER CELEBRATION WORSHIP (In the church; different from the Early)**10AM**

BIBLE BASEBALL

Single- What was the name of the giant that David killed?

Double-Who was the prophet that called down fire from Heaven to consume a water-soaked offering?

Triple- To what city did God send Jonah to preach?

Home Run-Who was the evil son of King David who was killed after getting his long hair caught in a tree?

BIBLE BASEBALL ANSWERS: Single = Goliath; Double = Elijah; Triple = Nineveh; Homer = Absalom

KIDS CORNER

Check out the new series of videos for children 8 and under on our YouTube channel. These short videos include a Bible lesson and fun experiments kids and parents can try out at home.



YOUNG ADULTS EVENING BIBLE CLASS

This group meets on Mondays at 7PM. The first series will be *Engage*, a video and discussion outing designed to get you to think about your relationship with God and others. Contact Pastor if you might be interested.

BIBLE BASICS CLASS

If you don't know the difference between Redemption and Recycling, Ash Wednesday and Trash Day, this class is for you! It's a slow-paced, fun learning experience. It will answer all the questions you might have about God and church. If you know little about the Bible, you need to be in this class. We meet on Mondays at 1:30.

HUMOR

Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Church Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa, but forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered it the morning of the bake sale. Rummaging through cabinets, she found an angel food cake mix and quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, and helping her son get ready for school.

When she took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped almost flat and the cake was horribly disfigured. There wasn't time to bake another cake. So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. She found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing.

Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect. Before she left the house to drop the cake by church and head for work, Alice gave her daughter money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened and to buy the cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. Amanda grabbed her cell phone and called her mom.

Alice was horrified! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized, talked about, ridiculed! All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people talking about her behind her back, calling her the Charmin Queen.

The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake. There was a fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member. She'd try to forget and have a good time.

But, she didn't really want to attend because the hostess was a snob. More than once she had looked down her nose at Alice. Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa. But she had already RSVP'd, and couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

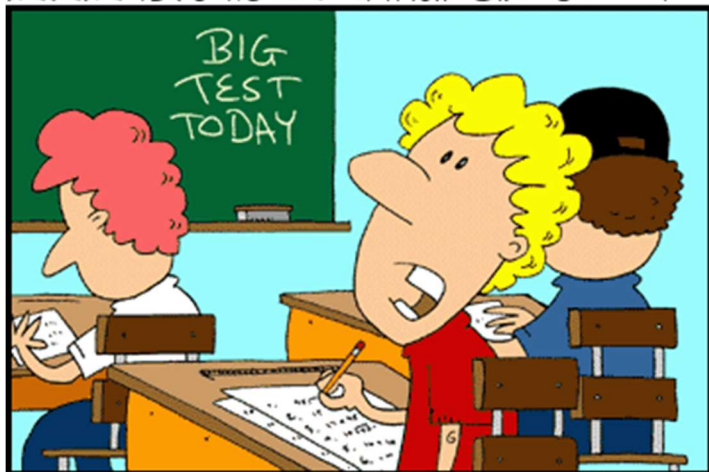
The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south. Still, it was OK, until, to Alice 's horror, her cake was presented for dessert! Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake!

She started to get out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could, the Mayor's wife commented, "What a beautiful cake!"

Alice, still stunned, sat back in her chair. Then she heard the hostess, a prominent church member, say, "Thank you, I baked it myself."

Alice smiled and thought to herself, "God is good."

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LORD, I KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT
INSTRUCTS US IN YOUR WORD ... BUT I
COULD USE SOME HELP IN MATH HERE TOO



THE LADIES CIRCLE MARCH NEWS

March Devotion - "Made to Trust"

from the mini-series "Woman of God"

Contact Rhonda Hutchins, President, if you would like a copy of the past devotions.

We hope you'll join us at this month meeting for fellowship, the devotion and to be a part of the activities/events planned in the upcoming months...great stuff!!!

MARCH MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday, March 13th at 9:30 am

In the Education Building

(Monthly meetings are on the 2nd Saturday of the month)

Call leaders will contact you prior to the meetings.

Note: In order to vote on any business item(s), we need at least 8 attendees at any monthly meeting.

We will continue to practice CDC guidelines with regard to COVID 19...wearing of masks and social distancing.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- Election of Officer nominations
- Bake Sale fundraiser
- Craft Sale Fundraiser
- Tea Party

CHURCH COOKBOOK

Cookbooks (Recipes from the Heart - 2nd Edition) are available to purchase in the Narthex for \$10 each. These cookbooks make nice gifts for any special reason.

CONTINUE TO STAY SAFE & GOD BLESS!



MAR USHERS

**Bill Neal
Carl Barnes
Gage Wolfe
Luke Mangelsdorf**



MAR BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Judy David
2 nd	Pastor Mueller
5 th	Stephanie Coffin
11 th	Marie Huxtable
16 th	Shelley Barnes
21 st	John Taylor
23 rd	Arlene Hetrick
26 th	Ryne Melstrom
29 th	Johannah Brotsch
29 th	Gale Dom
30 th	Merle Tilton



MAR ANNIVERSARIES

6 th	Don & Wilma Nomann
18 th	Bill & Jeanne Neal
19 th	Bill & Petrina Bigford
30 th	David & Stephanie Coffin
31 st	Tim & Gel Brotsch

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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