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BIRTHDAYS: March 1 Lucas Hunt March 1 Lily Hunt March 1 Addison Boesel March 1 Gaia Kreps March 2 Jameson Jutson March 6 Judy Churchill March 7 Patricia Soper						

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Mike's Musings

I sometime find myself helping others understand how God does things. Not because I know more but because I have spent too much time doing the wrong thing. Last year I made my first attempt at teaching the book of Romans and now I am teaching about the book of James. My hope is that I can share things from God's word that will help in peoples walk with Jesus.

When I think back on my life, I know I have believed concepts that were not based on biblical principles. I think we all have those types of beliefs. Whether it is things that we have been taught or just misunderstanding what we have read in scripture. To get to the point I recently read **Hebrews 4:14-16** which says, **"So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."**

Read that scripture again. You see when I used to sin, and God convicted me of what I had done I felt terrible; so terrible that I self-punished and thought God wouldn't forgive me because I keep messing up. I later learned what the writer of Hebrews was saying.

God wants us to obey His word, but he knows we are weak. He has sent Jesus to us to be the sacrifice for our sin. He wants us to come back to Him and He gives us the means to do that. We don't have to agonize and think God doesn't want us anymore, or that he could never forgive our sin. He says for us to **come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.** This gives me and you another chance. Not that we deserve it, but because God shows His grace upon us. I've spent a good portion of my life deceived by Satan that I can never be good enough because I fail God. I hope that this helps you. Remember God always want to be in fellowship with us, it is only one prayer away. If you are away from God believe God and trust He wants fellowship with you. Just say, **God I repent of what I've done, and I need your help to walk with you. Help me Walk in Your grace and peace, Amen.**

Temple Builders: Male and Females!

Monday evenings at 7:30 PM in the fellowship hall, we are hosting a stretching, strength, and spiritual time. It is a fun get together class with movement, stretching, and strength.

We suggest clothes that you can move in and if you have one (or extras to share) bring a mat. The class will have levels for all to feel comfortable- varying so some may be on their floor mat and others will be able to sit in chairs. 1 Corinthians 3:16 "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" Let's build up those temples!



Operation Christmas Child
Ideas for March are socks, underwear, mittens & hats this month.

Food Pantry March 12th and 26th

The Food Pantry is open for the season. Time 10-12:00 pm. The Pantry will run every other Wednesday during the winter months. Donations can be dropped off at the church M-Th from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Cash donations can be made to the Church of the Straits, c/o food pantry. Help on Wednesdays is always welcome! If you have questions, call Rose LaPointe at 231-436-5307.



Change to Make a Change: Wrapped Candy

We will be collecting donations of wrapped candy for the easter egg hunt at the Easter Bunny Lunch April 12th

Reminder: Now is a great time to get coats on sale. SARM has storage to stock up for next years Coats for Kids



Easter Bunny Lunch Saturday April 12th



If you wish to order Easter Lilies, Tulips, Daffodils, Azaleas, or Hydrangeas to decorate the sanctuary for Easter please fill out this form and return it to the church office **no later than March 14th.**

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:

All flowers are in 6" pots and in a basket.
Lilies, Tulips, and Daffodils = \$30 each
Hydrangeas and Azaleas = \$50 each

Make check payable to: Church of the Straits, with the memo area marked "Easter Flowers".

Mail the form and payment to:
Church of the Straits
PO Box 430
Mackinaw City, MI 49701

Please indicate your choice:

☐ Lily

☐ Tulip

☐ Daffodil

☐ Hydrangea

☐ Azalea

Pinecrest Fellowship is the second Tuesday of each month from 2-3 pm. There will be a short devotional, prayer and refreshments. Everyone is welcome to come and visit with the residents.



Want something mentioned in the newsletter?
Let the Church Office know! Thanks.
(231) 436-8682 or cotsoffice@yahoo.com

Change to Make a Change

Kids helping Kids. We will be collecting your spare change as well as other donations to help support several causes this year including:

Coats for Kids

Operation Christmas Child "Shoeboxes"

Purses with a Purpose

We will have collection boxes for any items that are donated. Thanks for your support helping us to make a "Change" in our community.

SARM happenings

At Church of the Straits, We Love Kids!



Cheer for the Home Team



Creation Station

Upcoming Events

Enjoy Spring Break in March!

Easter Bunny Lunch April 12th

Shannon Cooley at Church of the Straits. Wednesday through Friday 11 AM to 2 PM (231)436-8682

***SARM Straits Area Resort Ministry *COS Church of the Straits**

***YMS Youth Ministry Sunday *MC Mackinaw City.**

All changes to SARM schedule will be posted on SARM Youth Facebook page or you can always contact youth director Shannon Cooley at COS (231) 436-8682 for updates.

Straits Talk Newsletter

March 2025



The Mission of Church of the Straits:
To worship God faithfully
To grow together spiritually
To serve Jesus Christ and
our neighbor joyfully
...in the power of God's Spirit.

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OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship 10:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Youth Sunday School 9:30 a.m.



My wife and I, as well as others we have talked to, have recently been experiencing some phone issues with full service for a couple minutes and then no service, cutting off phone conversations. I've tried calling the person back and it says, "failed call". A few minutes later it will be back to full service again. Unreliable is the word I would use, and it usually happens when I am home.

Don't we all desire reliability? Whether it's our vehicles we drive, our phones we use, or our friends we have, we want reliability. None of these arenas can promise us 100% of the time that they will work or be there for us. But there is one who is beyond reliable. He is totally trustworthy and always has our best interest in mind. You know who it is – God!

We can put all our eggs in that basket (even though they are expensive - Ha! Ha!). The Word of God tells us to build our lives around this one who is trustworthy. There is a text many of us grew up with that informs us as to how we learn to trust Him. We build our lives on His Word and in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ our Savior. Here is the text from Matthew 7:24ff

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the wind blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

A house built on sand is unreliable. It won't hold up when the storms come. A house built on the Rock (Jesus Christ) will always stand firm. You can count on the foundation laid in Jesus Christ. He will always be there for you!

It is good to have a constant in our lives that we can always count on and Jesus is it. God is on the throne. The Holy Spirit has taken residence in our hearts. Build on that by reading and digesting his Word and you will not be disappointed.

Love you,

Pastor Dave

Pastor Dave



The Wise and Foolish Builders
Matthew 7:24-27 & Luke 6:46-49

