

DATES AHEAD:

January

- 21st **Martin Luther King Day**
 22nd **Lifeline will be at ACC**
 24th **Senior Event: Louis Giglio's "Indescribable"**
 27th **Annual Church Business Meeting & Potluck**

February

- 2nd **Groundhog Day**
 2nd **Bonnie Johnston Memorial Service**
 9th **Kay Osborn Memorial Service**
 14th **Valentine's Day**
 16th **Harold Marsh Celebration of Life (2pm)**
 18th **President's Day**
 21st **Senior Event: Dennis Kirkland—"His Images"**

March

- 10th **Daylight Savings Time**
(Set your clocks ahead 1 hour)

LIBRARY NOTE:



It seems we have a rather large number of late library books...won't you kindly check around and see if perhaps you've forgotten to return one of these missing books?

We would very much appreciate it! Thanks!!



BIRTHDAYS!

January Birthdays

- 12 Beth Piete
 18 Joe Neiderheiser
 20 Chris Richardson
 22 Alli Johnson
 23 Cindy Quaid
 26 Stephan Vander Valk
 31 Dustin Hill

February Birthdays

- 9 Joe Clement
 9 Wyatt Sosey
 14 Jean Kilishek
 17 Esther Ackerman
 18 Shirley Jordan
 22 Willard Marsh
 23 Leonard Long

March Birthdays

- 4 Pam Baize
 4 Wayne Smith
 10 Rich Reeves
 11 Ashley Clark
 12 Dennis Harmon
 14 Wendy Belanger
 15 Monique Clark
 15 Barbara Long
 16 Les Hill
 18 Kathy Burkleo
 19 Kelly Quaid
 20 Barbara Keosababian
 20 Halley Skudstad
 23 Jim Armstrong
 25 Susie Beams
 26 Connie Quigley
 27 Bonnie Jones



January Anniversaries

- 5 Josh & Anna Hoeft
 12 CJ & Gwen Bernard
 18 Ken & Valarie Emilio

February Anniversaries

- 15 Mike & Connie Quigley
 17 Dave & Kathy Burkleo
 21 Les & Jackie Hill

March Anniversaries

- 9 Wayne & Becky Smith
 29 Dustin & Terra Hill



Men's Bible Study & Fellowship
 Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.



NEWSBREAK

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Dear Congregation,

I've been following the news lately. Not too exciting—not at least in terms of the direction of our country. Our economy, our national debt, the increasingly heavy hand of the federal government, regulations, taxation, moral decline, rejection of God, hatred of Christianity, loving what is evil, hating what is good. . . Frankly, it's a bit depressing.

But since when has the Christian's joy been tied to circumstances? Do you remember Paul and Silas? Publicly stripped naked, beaten with rods and thrown into a prison in Philippi, they were "praying and singing hymns of praise to God" (Acts 16.25). Hmm . . . joy in the midst of adversity? That's not natural joy; it's supernatural joy! It's the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5.22). Our joy is as constant as the One in whom we find it, and our God is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb 13.8).

Paul's circumstances could find him imprisoned and treated as a criminal, but in the face of it he could boldly declare, "The word of God is not imprisoned" (2 Tim 2.9). In fact, our sovereign God used the very chains of Paul to bring His powerful Word to Rome and beyond.

In terms of circumstances, we Americans will likely see darker days in the future, but with Habakkuk, we can declare,

Though the fig tree should not blossom And there be no fruit on the vines, Though the yield of the olive should fail And the fields produce no food, Though the flock should be cut off from the fold And there be no cattle in the stalls, Yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. The Lord GOD is my strength, And He has made my feet like hinds' feet, And makes me walk on my high places (Hab 3.17-19).

The picture painted here is one of complete devastation. In our country, it would not be a recession or a depression; it would mean the NASDAQ is gone, the S & P 500 is no more, the Dow Jones is finished, the New York Stock Exchange is closed, and no matter how much money the U.S. Government prints, it doesn't matter because the U.S. dollar is worth nothing. So you couldn't buy food, and that wouldn't matter anyways, because you couldn't get it, because it wouldn't grow.

Yet even in such extreme circumstances, Habakkuk made up his mind: "I **will exult** in the LORD, I **will rejoice** in the God of my salvation." By God's grace, we can do the same.

Pastor Brian



Join us for Sunday
Evening Prayer
6:00 pm
ACC Fireside Room



**ANNUAL BUSINESS
MEETING & POTLUCK**
January 27th
Immediately following the
church service.

Bring a wonderful dish to
share!

A Family in Need

The Turner Family sure could use help
with meals, so if you could possibly help
out in this way, would you please contact:

Leanne Strom at (541) 474-6614

The Leets and/or Cari can pick up meals at
the church and deliver them to the Turners.
Thank you!!

*Applegate Community
Church*
Memorial Services:

Bonnie Johnston
February 2nd
11:00 a.m.

Kay Osborn
February 9th
2:00 p.m.



LADIES, YOU ARE ALL INVITED!
TO THE LADIES BIBLE STUDY
TUESDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. AT ACC.
WE ARE STUDYING IN
THE BOOK OF MARK.
SEE JACKIE HILL FOR INFO.



Could you tell me what happened in the Old Testament? I've got an idea! How about I give you 96 timeline cards to put in order? Each card will have a fact or event from the Old Testament. We'll soon see how well you know God's account of what He has done for His people before Christ. Does that intimidate you a little? Maybe in May we should have a competition: you versus AWANA kid. By that time, Lord-willing, every child in Sparks and Truth & Training will have been taught (and reviewed on multiple occasions) all 96 cards and the order they go in. Why and how are we doing this?

Why: Because we believe knowledge of God's Word is crucial for anyone to live to the glory of God. The verses they learn are great and a necessary part of hiding God's Word in their heart so they will not sin against Him, but we must help them not to lose sight of the big picture. With this in mind we are teaching them eight timeline cards every few weeks to give them a sweeping overview of the Old Testament.

How: Each timeline card is associated with something in the room and/or a motion. For example, for Creation we turn on the light because God said "Let there be light!" The Fall in the Garden is next, so we all pretend to fall as we say it. Cain and Abel finds us right by the air conditioner/ heating unit in the wall, which reminds us of the two drastically different brothers. You may not have realized it, but a tour around the last three rooms of the C.E. wing will take you through the entire Old Testament!

I hope this year finds you reading through the Bible and studying God's Word on a regular basis. If you get confused as to whether Ehud and Othinel came before or after Samson, or where Gideon's 300 fits in the Old Testament maybe you should ask an AWANA kid this spring. You might be surprised to learn that Sparky doubles as Absalom sometimes. Strange names, yes, but normal people God used to accomplish His plan of bringing the Savior. May we not forget what He has done!

For His glory,

Kelly Johnson