

Newsletter

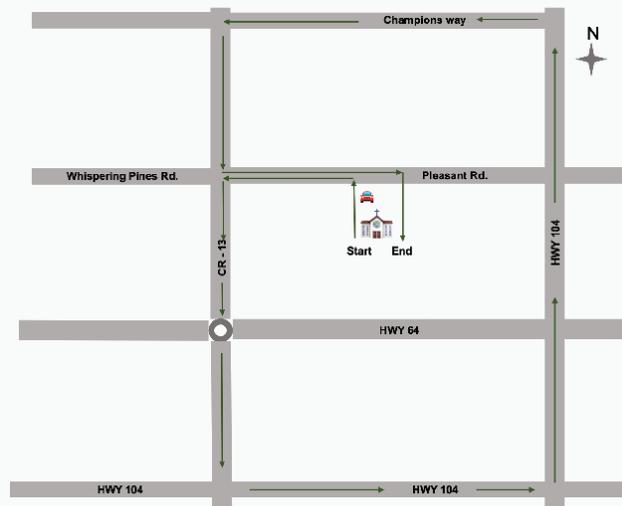
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"Lord, open my eyes"

Hopefully this little four-word prayer has been prayed by you at least once since last Sunday. If you have no idea what I'm talking about, you were probably not in the worship service last Sunday. Let me bring you up to speed. Last Sunday, I asked everyone to take a short Sunday drive consisting of a series of consecutive left turns in the immediate area around our church buildings. You were to take a left out of our church parking lot and drive to the light on CR 13, turn left onto CR 13, down all the way to Hwy 104. Then take left onto Hwy 181, then left on to Champions Way, left again on CR 13, then left on Pleasant Road and back into the church parking lot. While making the drive, I asked you to pray the four-word prayer above. Why, you ask? Well, I've been doing this all around our area, and the Lord has been saying some very distinct things to me. I won't share them just yet, but I would ask you to pray this little prayer as well. And when you do, expect the Lord to show you some things you didn't expect to see!



Paul Matthews
Senior Pastor



Speaking of prayer, let me remind you of several important things to pray about in the life of our church. **First, pray about our renovation plans.** Thanks for your interest and questions. It seems most of us see the need for renovation, though we have concerns about the cost. At this point we don't have a guaranteed price yet, so as soon as we get that, we will let you know where we stand. Please see Daniel's article regarding the renovations in this newsletter! **Second, pray about the upcoming Easter season.** This is an incredible time of year to draw closer to the Lord, worship the risen Lord, and to invite others to church. Make sure not to wait till the last minute to invite friends, co-workers, and neighbors! Easter Sunday is **April 21st.** **Third, start praying now about your gift to the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American missions.** Never in my lifetime has our own country needed more churches and outreach. Our goal this year will be \$28,500.

Let me say one more thing about prayer: thanks for praying for me! Believe me, all of our staff members appreciate your prayers more than you know. Thank you!

Disciple Now Weekend

This year's Disciple Now Weekend was, without a doubt, the most profound worship encounter that our group has experienced together. And please trust me, I am not overstating that in any way. Along with a host of adult leaders, our students spent the weekend submerged in the truth of 1 Peter 1 learning all the ways that our hope is alive because Jesus is alive. In the midst of it, the very Spirit that raised him from the dead demonstrated His presence and power among us. We were led in that experience by our guests. Hunter Gregg proclaimed that Word to us and 2540 Ministries helped us to respond in worship.

So many people work so hard to make sure this kind of encounter can happen. Our entire youth ministry is based on a commitment to God's command in Psalm 145:4, and DNow displays this commitment more than any other event. That passage says that *"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts!"* There were 11 families that sacrificed their weekends and their homes to host our students. There were co-hosts and drivers. Prayer warriors and those who



Joe Stringer
Youth Pastor

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Psalm 145:4

provided scholarships for students. There were cooks and servers and cleaners. And college students who returned to their home church to lead groups of students in study. All of these need to be thanked properly. While, honestly, I am still working on that, I pray that the Lord blesses you 100-fold for your willingness to serve.

I don't want to miss this chance to acknowledge our students. It was you who responded so enthusiastically to a genuine encounter with Jesus.

It is you who is nurturing an ever-growing desire for all the good that God has for you. It is you who will embark on the new work that the Spirit is doing in and through you. So thank you, too. Your willingness to engage so well made this an experience to remember. And one that, I pray, will shape our youth ministry for years to come.

Other stuff to know

For quite some time, we have been working to develop and implement student ministry teams. These groups will allow our students the opportunity to learn to use their gifts and give them a more active role in our youth ministry. That work is very close to fruition. So parents, please know that our adult leaders will be contacting our students in the coming weeks to coordinate those efforts.

The girls have just begun a new bible study. They are working through Amy Byrd's new book called City of Lions. It's a study on Daniel. Though they have already started, we will always make room for you if you want to jump in. They meet on Sunday afternoons at 5 on the youth room couches.

Believe it or not, Summer will be here soon. Plans are being finalized now and you will start to hear more about them soon. One inside scoop: we are all going to camp together again this year. So listen out for all the news on that and other summer ministries...coming soon!

Until April,

Joe

55+ Ministries

Bragg-Mitchel Mansion Tour & Lunch Out

The 55+ Ministry will tour the Bragg-Mitchell Mansion on **Thursday, March 21st at 9am**. Built in 1855 by Judge John Bragg, the Bragg-Mitchell Mansion is a 13,000 sq.ft. Greek Revival beauty. After a tour of this magnificent landmark, we will enjoy a meal at the Ed's Seafood Shed.

Retreat at Shocco Springs

The 55+ Ministry will travel by 15 passenger vans to the beautiful Shocco Springs Conference Center near Talledega, Alabama from **Monday, April 8th to Wednesday, April 10th**. The total price is \$190 per person with double occupancy and \$250 for single occupancy. This price includes all meals, program fees, and 2 nights lodging. You will be inspired, and encouraged with the music and teaching while spending time in such a relaxing setting. A \$50 deposit is due by **March 24th** to reserve a spot at this retreat.



Mike Selby
Administrative Pastor

Renovation: Not Just Facilities

As you all should be aware by now, our church is in the process of beginning a renovation of our facilities. Some of these renovations really amount to much-needed repairs. This is the situation with the roof over the Fellowship Center. However, most of these renovations are improvements: turning our gym/worship space into a dedicated worship space, turning our Reef into a dedicated KIDZ worship space, and turning our courtyard into a dedicated recreation space.

Notice the common word there: **dedicated**. A major goal of this renovation is to move away from multi-purpose space into dedicated spaces. The wear-and-tear of multipurpose ministry has limited the effectiveness of much that we do, and it is time to dedicate ourselves and our facilities to focused ministry.

We want our facilities to be places that facilitates ministry: ministry that is **dedicated** to the making of disciples here on the Eastern Shore and beyond. We are pursuing dedicated, renovated facilities because we are dedicated to reaching our quickly-growing community. God, in His providence, has caused the area around us to be one of the fastest-growing areas in the state. We need to prayerfully dedicate ourselves to reaching the growing population around us.

...I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things..

Philippians 3:8

Pastor Paul has been leading us in study through Paul's letter to the Philippians on Sunday mornings. Consider this quote from author Daniel Im in his book *No Silver Bullets* based upon Philippians 3:8:

"In order to discover those God-given dreams, you need to start by considering "everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Phil. 3:8) so that you can stop wondering "what kind of mission God has for me," and instead begin asking, "what kind of me God wants for His mission."

The above quote holds true for individuals and organizations. What kind of church does God want us to be for His mission here on the Eastern Shore? Certainly, God wants us to be a church that stewards its facilities well for the purpose of mission. However, I would argue that, for us to be the church God is calling us to be, we need more than a facelift. We need to pursue a renovation in all of our ministry areas, a reorientation of all that we do around the goal of glorifying God by making disciples of Jesus Christ.

In the coming months and weeks, you will hear of big plans for our buildings and budgets. Importantly, you will also hear about big plans for Sunday School, outreach, discipleship, and more. I hope you will prayerfully consider where renovation needs to occur not only in our facilities, but also in our ministries, and that you will joyfully dedicate yourself to being the kind of person God wants for His mission.

Kids Praise News

The Born Again Identity kids musical will be presented on **Wednesday, May 8th at 6pm**. The musical theme is set around Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus in John 3. The story is told through the eyes of spies or undercover agents in order to discern what it truly means to trust in Jesus for salvation. The kids have begun working on this musical each **Wednesday night at 6pm**. There is still time for your child/children to be involved.

There are a variety of special parts, both speaking and singing available. Auditions will be held for these parts. Any child 1st - 6th grade may sign up to audition. However priority for larger speaking parts is given to students in 4th - 6th grade due to the large commitment necessary in learning a larger role. Children can audition for both a speaking and a solo role, but usually will only be cast for one or the other. Please know that this audition process is very exciting and yet difficult at the same time. It is not always possible for every child to receive the part that they most desire. We do make our best attempt to provide children who go through the audition process to have some type of special role within the musical. Every child is important to this musical whether singing in the choir or performing a special part.

Auditions will be held at 5pm **March 17th** in the Reef. Audition packets are available for pickup in Kids Praise rehearsals, at the Welcome Desk, or in the church office. Please let me know if you have any questions.



Daniel Murphy
Discipleship Pastor



Joe Howell
Worship Pastor

REPORTS FEBRUARY 2019

YEAR TO DATE
(AS OF JANUARY 2019)

	Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24
Worship Attendance	592	652	617	543
Sunday School Attendance	436	469	434	415
Building Fund	\$1,550.55	\$2,250.00	\$1,696.00	\$1,999.40
Budget Offering	\$32,103.72	\$27,849.00	\$29,305.51	\$26,007.00

Budget Needs	\$ 132,246.58
Budget Receipts	\$116,543.52
Budget Expenses	\$110,909.90
Building Fund	\$5,663.80

WEDNESDAY MENU

March 6th

Baked Ziti
Broccoli
Garlic Bread
Salad Bar
Dessert

March 13th

Roast Beef
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Peas & Carrots
Salad Bar
Dessert

March 20th

Baked Ham
Macaroni and Cheese
Green Beans
Salad Bar
Dessert

March 27th

Hamburgers
French Fries
Baked Beans
Salad Bar
Dessert

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

9:00 & 11:15am
> Morning Worship
10:15am
> Sunday School

Wednesdays

5:00pm
> Wednesday Night Meal
6:00pm
> Adult Bible Study
> KIDZ Praise Choir
Wee Praise Preschool Choir

6:15pm
> Youth Worship
7:00pm
> Choir & Band Practice

Hours & Info.

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