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ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday Feb 1st we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting following the Worship Service. This meeting will be for the purpose of informing the congregation of church business related to the last year. We will also cast ballots for Elders and Deacons during this meeting.



Valentine Party

6:00 pm Saturday, February 14th

This year's Valentine Party will include the entire family and will be held at the Ernte Fest Building in Freistatt.

The evening meal will be catered by Kate Boswell. There will music with DJ's keeping us entertained.

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

The MO Christian Convention will be held this year on April 3rd & 4th in Springfield. The church has done the Rapid Registration so everyone's registration fee has already been paid.

This is the last year it will be in Springfield for a while so this year would be a great time to attend the convention. Make plans today to go.

Leaders Retreat

The Church Council will be on retreat Feb. 6th and 7th. Please be in prayer for this important time together as we talk and pray together about the future of MVCC.

Fellowship Dinner

Sunday February 1st

Please join us for the first fellowship dinner of the year. The dinner will be held immediately following the Church Annual Meeting. As always please bring a dish (enough for your family), drinks will be provided.

Lady Prayer Warriors

Ladies will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 7th. We will enjoy breakfast and have a business meeting. During this meeting we will draw names for Secret Sister again. We will accept additional names for Secret Sister until this meeting. If you wish to participate Carolyn has the forms to be filled out.

Why Do You Go To Church.?

"Some go to church to take a walk.

Some go to church to laugh and talk.

Some go to church to meet a friend.

Some go to church their time to spend.

Some go to church to meet another.

Some go to church a fault to cover.

Some go to church for speculation.

Some go to church to doze and nod.

The wise go there to worship God."

[Author unknown]

HELP DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

We are in need of 2 people to work with the toddlers during the Worship Service 1 Sunday per month. If you can help with this need please talk with Mark or Carolyn.

Prayer Concerns

Pray for the body of Christ, for our Elders, Deacons, Minister, teachers, for workers to go into the harvest fields, church growth (spiritually & in number). Pray for the leaders of our country and our country. Missionaries in Haiti and other parts of the world.

The following people have had prayer requested on their behalf

Bill Weber, James Mangold, Anna Hill, Brian Moore, Joe Stumpff, Roy Stoll, Erma Davis, Kaleb Jay Kingsley, Virginia Hendrix, Andrea Manetzke, Elizabeth Buculo, Jean Dyson, Norma Harris, Jaron Lester, Raymond Kirby, Troy Mikell, Rodney & Freida Brown & Family, Mary Walker, Allen Hawley.

If no updates are received after being on the prayer concern lists for 3 weeks, the name will be removed.

Remember our Service Men & Women in Prayer

Ryan Reid, Daniel Pohlenze, Patrick Feild (Wes Dyson's cousin's husband), Cory Ford, Todd Myers, Chris Stevenson.



Preacher's Blog

by Mark Engler

Recently the issue of worship has been raised at MVCC with the idea that worship is more than what we do when we stand to sing the first song of the Sunday Worship service. With that in mind I would like to expound on the subject of worship.

Worship, what is it? Well, according to the American Heritage Dictionary it is, "The reverent love and devotion accorded to deity, an idol, or a sacred object." The word "worship" occurs in the NIV Bible in its various forms 256 times. Worship is something found all throughout the Bible and is certainly something that God calls us to still today.

If I had to give a definition of worship I would say that worship is what Christians do toward God out of love and devotion for Him. When I think of what worship is I generally reference Romans 12:1. This verse says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."

In love and devotion to God His children are called to give every aspect of their lives to Him in service. We are to do this because of who He is and because of what He has done for us (that is in God's mercy He sent His Son Jesus Christ to us to be our sacrifice on the cross). God's children are called to worship Him by sacrificially give up our lives to Him.

What does this include? In short – our whole life's devotion to God. More specifically it involves things like; prayer, Bible study, giving thanksgiving, offering both financially and our time, being in church on Sundays and other times of the week when we have services, spending time praising God in song, witnessing to others, serving others, etc. There are so many things that we can do to worship God that the list could go on and on. So like I said worship involves our whole life's devotion to God. Worship is really a lifestyle.

WORSHIP AS A LIFESTYLE



You will notice if you look at the "Servants This Month" section of this newsletter and on the "Servants" section of the bulletin that we are no longer are calling the singers & instrument players our "Worship Team" we are now calling them our "Praise Team". We also don't call our song leader (Colton Key) our "Worship Leader" he is referred to as our "Music Leader". This is so we don't give the impression that singing portion of our Sunday service is the only worship we do on Sundays. We consider that the whole of what we do on Sunday is considered Worship to God. Of course

this includes singing, fellowship, offering, partaking in the Lord's Supper, prayer, & teaching (preaching). But as I said before worship is more than that because it involves our whole lives, not just Sunday morning.

I think it should be the goal of the Christian to be in worship to God at all times, in all ways. There are different forms of worship and that is precisely the reason we could as Christians be in worship to God in every aspect of our lives.

In the past I have been told by a former attendee, "I come to church so I can relax and get away from the rest of the world." To this my response was and still is, "worship is a verb" it is something we do, not something we relax at. To worship God it takes effort, time, devotion, and love, all of which includes action on the part of the Christian.

I hope that we can understand that worship is more than singing at church on Sunday and that when we stand to sing our first song on Sunday morning that it is only the beginning of our corporate worship service together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. And I hope we understand that worship also involves everyday activities we do in love and devotion to God. I pray that everyone has a happy and wonderful month. God bless!

Youth News

Join Us on Wednesday

Each Wednesday at 6:30 the youth meet for Aftershock. Aftershock is for Jr. & Sr. High and includes time with your friends in study, games, and music. It's a great time to hang out with others your own age in a Christian atmosphere.

We also have J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) for grades 1 – 5, toddler class & nursery.

Come an hour earlier and join us for our Family meal, we would love to have you!

Tuesday After-School Program

Each Tuesday we have an after school program for grades 1st – 5th. If you would like your children to be involved in this program please call the church at 466-

Big Brother/Big Sister

On February 8th our Youth will begin a new program called Big Brother/Big Sister. The youth will voluntarily step up and be a big brother or big sister to someone younger, praying daily for them and showing them by example that they care. The parents of younger children will be asked to fill out information about their child/children if they wish them to participate. The names will then be drawn and the child assigned to one of the youth. This program will be comparable to the relationship of the Prayer Parent and the youth.

YOUTH Movie Night

The youth will be having a movie night, date and name of movie to be announced soon. They will be watching the movie Fireproof.

Servants This Month

Greeters: Mike & Jane Swortwood **Communion Team:** #2 **Com. Prep.:** Carolyn Dyson

Donuts & Juice: 1st- Terri Stokes, 8th - Carolyn Dyson, 15th- Ronda Jones, 22nd – Julie Taylor

Opening Prayer: 1st – Jackie Moore, 8th – Mark Lee, 15th – Jared Dyson, 22nd – Dustin Eldridge

Scripture Reading: 1st Budd Family, 8th Bartley Family, 15th Dyson Family, 22nd Engler Family

Com. Meditation: 1st – Rick Bekemeier, 8th -- Wes Dyson, 15th – Mike Swortwood, 22nd – Bill Weber

Closing Prayer: 1st – Wes Dyson, 8th – Bill Weber, 15th – Paul Parrish, 22nd – Dale Blevins

Nursery:

Jr. Church: Kdn.: 1st – Dusty & Amy Eldridge, Cassi Boswell, Abby Mangold, 8th – Tim & Julie Taylor, Cindy Kingsley, Isaac Taylor, 15th – Rick & Kima Bekemeier, Mikeala & Shea Bekemeier, and McKenzie Swortwood 22nd – Scott & Beth Budd, Lynna Rathmann, Anissa Jack.

Toddlers: 1st – Maria Engler & Jeanna Brewer, 8th – Mark & Jennifer Lee, 15th – Bill & Donna Weber, 22nd – **Help Needed!**

Home Com.: 1st - Rick Phillips, 8th – Wes Dyson, 15th – Rick Phillips, 22nd – Bill Weber.

Praise Team: Colton Key, Kristy Moore, Julie Taylor, Sara Engler & Amy Eldridge

Tuesday After-School Snacks: Feb. 3 – Terri Stokes, Feb. 10 – Helen Phillips, Feb. 17- Lisa Campbell, Feb. 24 – Maria Engler.

Birthdays

- 2 – Anna Hill
- 2 – Alyssa Davis
- 4 – Betty Hendrix
- 7 – Joni Floyd
- 8 – Brittany Hinshaw
- 8 – Brian Jones
- 8 – Larry Daniel
- 10 – Kima Bekemeier
- 11 – Ola Belle Parrish
- 12 – Sara Engler
- 17 – Helen Phillips
- 18 – Brenda Dyson
- 19 – Jane Swortwood
- 21 – Dale Blevins
- 21 – Laura Tolleson
- 24 – Michelle Lee
- 26 – Mark Engler

Anniversaries

- 22 – Joe & Joyce Stumpff

February Meetings

- 1 – Annual Church Business Meeting Following Morning Worship. Fellowship Dinner After Meeting.
- 3 – City Election (Church is Polling Place)
- 6th -7th Men's Retreat in Ponca, Ark.
- 7th – 9:00 am Lady Prayer Warriors Meeting
- 14th – 7:30 am Men's Breakfast
- 14th –6:00 pm Church Valentine Party.
- 18th – Council Meeting



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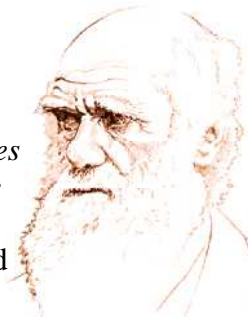
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Meeting Schedule

<p>Sunday</p> <p>9:30 am Bible Classes</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>6:00 pm Grace Groups & Youth Group</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>5:30 pm Family Meal</p> <p>6:30 pm Bible Classes</p>
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Sent with a prayer to:

Year of Darwin



February 12, 2009 marks the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth and the of the publication of his groundbreaking work, *On the Origin of Species Selection, or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life* (Most people do not know the full, racist title). We can expect celebrations of Darwin's achievements in the media, our schools, and periodicals. We recommend yourself so that you may deal effectively with the onslaught against Creationism that is sure to come. Are you and your family prepared for this battle? Answers in Genesis (AiG), an apologetics (i.e., Christianity defending) ministry dedicated to enabling Christians to defend their faith and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ effectively, is a good resource.

Another good resource is Creation Truth Foundation (CTF). Both of these entities can provide various materials to help you teach your children and educate yourself. You need to be equipped with answers from the Bible and science to defend your faith throughout "Darwin's year." Access this information at these websites. www.creationtruth.com www.answersingenesis.org Ben Stein's DVD, *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed*, is also a revealing exposé we recommend.

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