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2019 Pastor's Column

Last year at this time Peg and I were planning a trip out east to Williamsburg, Virginia. It is a long way out there and we didn't quite know what kind of weather we would run into. We planned our motel stops and looked for good eating places along the way. Then it came time to leave Branson on the trip. Have you ever noticed the planning is totally different than the doing! I do believe life itself is rather the same. We think about what we want to do and how it will come out and when we do it we are surprised that it didn't quite go the way we thought.

So, we traveled to Williamsburg and checked into our condo. Peg had a plan for the week and I was hoping I would enjoy what she had planned. Sometimes God has a plan and you hope you will like the plan He has for you. Now, you do have an attitude choice. You can receive God's plan with many reservations or you can open yourself to new revelations from God. I decided the latter for my vacation and I will tell you, "I had a great experience"! There was so much heritage there, so much to see and do. I learned so much that soon the week was over and we were headed back.

It was this lesson that applied to my faith with God. You don't know what God has in store for you until you have an attitude adjustment. Once you accept God has a plan, you are to fit into the plan. You need to be open to the plan or you may never see or have the great experience He has in store for you.

Take time to experience what I now call "The Vacation Plan" God has in store for you. It will enhance and give meaning to your life forever.

*God's Blessing,
Pastor Jack*

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Scriptures for the Month of February

Sunday, February 3: Jeremiah 1:4-10 • Psalm 71:1-6 • 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 • Luke 4:21-30
Sunday, February 10: Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13) • Psalm 138 • 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 • Luke 5:1-11
Sunday, February 17: Jeremiah 17:5-10 • Psalm 1 • 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 • Luke 6:17-26
Sunday, February 24: Genesis 45:3-11, 15 • Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 • 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
• Luke 6:27-38



Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday; Time to reflect and share our thanks, for this is the time that we remember the greatest sacrifice.

Ash Wednesday

Put Ash Wednesday on your calendar, it is Wednesday, March 6. Our March Newsletter will just be coming out so we need the information now. We do not have Lenten services during Lent so Ash Wednesday is really important as it is the only Wednesday service we have and it starts our Lenten time that leads to Holy Week and Easter.

Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Lent is a time of remembrance of what our Lord Jesus Christ did for us. It is the true hope that gives us life now and life to come.

Spring Garage Sale

Our spring garage sale will be either April 25, 26 & 27 or May 2, 3 & 4. Starting March 1 we will start the process of sorting through what we have and asking that items such as good used clothing, small sale items and big sale items be brought to the church. Most of the clothing and small items will be stored in the basement of the Ministry House. Bigger items will be stored in the two garages. Please let us know if you need help with getting items to church.

The sale will be divided into five sections as we will be adding a fifth area. If you have crafts that you are willing to donate or give a portion of the sale to the church let the church office know so we can reserve a table for your sale. The other sections will be

- 1) Clothing, linens, blankets etc. in basement of church.
- 2) Small items in the Welcome Center.
- 3) Large items in the garage and outside.
- 4) Food in basement and Baked goods in the Welcome Center.
- 5) Crafts in the Welcome Center (special craft area)

Stay tuned to how this all gets put together!! One new aspect is that some of the work to prepare will be done in the evening to accommodate the working people to help with this all church event. Thanks for your help and cooperation!!



New Outreach Ministry

Susan Winston has volunteered to lead a Dave Ramsey, Financial Peace University course at our church. This course is encouraged by our Conference and District and we are glad to have Susan willing to lead it. The course will start Monday, Feb. 18 from 6-8 p.m, for 9 weeks. If you would like more information go to www.fpu.com/1081122 or call Susan at 417-331-0935 or the church. This course is open to the community so if you know someone needing this Financial Peace give them the information.

Jack & Peg Celebrate Christmas

This year the Smith clan is meeting (hopefully if the weather and health cooperate) for Christmas on Feb. 10 in Des Moines Iowa. Some of you think we are crazy for celebrating Christmas so late (our families are not able to get together on Dec. 25) and that we are more crazy for going north to Des Moines in February (so true, guess we never learn!). But, so be it, we will travel and enjoy our Christmas then. It has become a tradition!!

Christmas in February



Audio-Visual Booth


Last year at this time we were thinking about adding our visual part of the worship service. By the end of May the system was in and we were using it. That was a nice addition to our worship service, but it was not complete. The congregation had the benefit of the visual but those leading worship either turned around to see what was being presented or needed to use the hymnals. So, with donations to the system and being able to install it ourselves (saves money) we will have a 60 inch TV in the back of the church. That rounds out the audio-visual system. The only final touch will be worship software to help make it easier to go from one presentation to a totally different presentation. It has been a three year process and we thank all those who donated, volunteered, and helped create this atmosphere for worship. Thanks so much!!



Prayer Breakfast



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I always thought love was shaped like a 

But it's actually like a



By the time you read this newsletter, the February prayer breakfast will have happened (Sat. Feb. 2). I like February because it has 28 days (4 weeks exactly). So, prayer breakfast in March is on Sat. March 2. So easy to remember and if all months had 28 days everything would happen on the same day!!



This month's movie will be Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m.. I hope no one gets tired of Christmas movies, I certainly don't. Thanks to Sharon Gilliam for sharing her movie, "The Christmas Note", this month. I am sure it will be a great one. Please come and join us for a great movie night!!



L.E.O.T.A Schedule for 2019



WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

- Feb. 3: Jack & Peg Smith
- Feb. 10: Barbara Curbow
- Feb. 17: Debra Tomkins
- Feb. 24: Jo Chambers

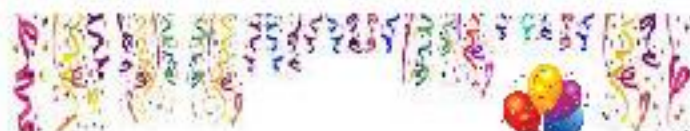
GREETERS

- Feb. 3: Jo Chambers
- Feb. 10: Dave & Sharon Gilliam
- Feb. 17: Barbara Curbow
- Feb. 24: Sybil Mitchell

- Thursday, March 21 Jackie B. Goode's Uptown Cafe'
 - Saturday, April 13 China Wok, 76 Branson
 - Saturday, May 18 Tequila's 2, Gretna
 - Tuesday, June 11 Pickin Porch Grill, Branson
 - Saturday, July 13 Big D's BBQ, Branson
 - Tuesday, August 13 Billy Bob's Dairyland, Branson
 - Thurs., September 12 Joe's Crab Shack, Branson
 - Tues., October 15 The Pizza Company, Reeds Springs
- Please call [Debbie Hermann at 281-460-2038](tel:281-460-2038) to let her know if you are planning to attend.

Karen Pizzurro is inviting everyone to the Greens at Branson Hills Pkwy. Sunday, Feb 17 at 1:00 for lunch, games and lots of fun for her 75th birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY KAREN!



This newsletter is published monthly. If you have an article for publication please get it to the pastor before the last week of the month. Also if you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please leave that information in the church office.

We have a Facebook page, please go to our page and "like" us. You can post suggestions, pictures or anything you would like. It is also a great way to find out what is going on and see the pictures of events already taken place.

January

March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Prayer Breakfast 8:15 at Pines Church
3 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 COMMUNION	4 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	5	6 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00 Choir 3:30	7 Office Hours 9-5	8	9
10 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30	11 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	12	13 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	14  Office Hours 9-5 Trustee Meeting 10:00	15	16
17 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Church Council 11:45 Blue Sunday	18 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	19	20 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	21 Movie Night 7:00 "The Christmas Note" Office Hours 9-5	22	23
24 Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship & Praise 10:30 Potluck 11:45	25 Office Hours 1-5 Bible Study 10:30 Women's Ministries 12:30	26	27 Office Hours 9-5 Noon Luncheon 12:00	28 Office Hours 9-5		



FEBRUARY



Happy Anniversary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Jean Swan	7	8	9 Alex Johnson
10	11 Hunter Riggs	12 Danny Mielke	13	14	15 Phyllis Kutzner	16 Jane Thomas
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Karen Pizzurro	27	28		