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WOODLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2021

Happenings



✠ From the Pastor's Desk ✠

LORD'S SUPPER

On Wednesday, March 31, during Holy Week, Dr. Jack Meadows from Chosen Peoples Ministry is conducting a special "Christ in the Passover" presentation. This will be a very special evening for us as we recall that our Jewish Messiah showed us how He was our Passover Lamb who would suffer the penalty of our sins for us so that we, who place our trust in Jesus, would not have to suffer the death and condemnation that we surely deserve. I think the Seder presentation will prepare us for the Easter service this year as we celebrate the Lord's Supper together (and we will share this meal with some members of our church family who have not been able to attend in person for over a year - praise the Lord!).

The Apostle Paul, when instructing about the Lord's Supper, said these words: *For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he*

broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

Does Paul mean that the Lord's Supper is only a commemorative act? I do not believe this is what Paul is declaring at all. The Lord's Supper is to be a time when we remember all that Jesus has accomplished for our sake - past, present, and future.

In remembrance of what Jesus has done: Surely, as we partake of the bread and cup, we remember that night when he gathered together with His disciples and shared in the Passover meal with them.

As they retold the story of the first Passover, Jesus spoke of a new covenant that would supersede and fulfill the old covenant of the law. We are to recall the questions that the disciples asked one another as

they were trying to understand the meaning of Jesus' instructions. Most importantly, we are to remember Jesus, *the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God* (Hebrews 12:2).

In remembrance of what Jesus is doing: There is a present grace that accompanies the sharing of this meal. We should approach the Lord's Supper with a very real -even urgent- sense of our total dependence upon God for our spiritual sustenance. During the Passover meal, Jesus was giving instructions to His disciples in the Upper Room. He said to them, *"But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you* (John 14:26) *and later He said concerning the Holy Spirit, "But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you* (John 16:7). *Continue next page...*



April 2021 Sermons

- 4 – Laodicea: “Be Earnest” Rev. 3:14-22
(Easter Sunday)
- 11 – A Throne Room with a View Rev. 4
- 18 – Behold the Lamb! Rev. 5
- 25 – No Mere Horseplay Rev. 6:1-8

HEARTCRY MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The goal of the HeartCry Missionary Society is to glorify God and bring the greatest possible good to humankind through the preaching of the gospel and the establishment of biblical churches throughout the world by means of equipping and mobilizing indigenous churches and missionaries, especially in areas that have little or no gospel presence. Indigenous missionaries are those who are native to their country and culture. They do not have to learn a foreign language or the nuances of the culture. As a result, they can be much more effective and much more quickly than non-indigenous missionaries. The goal of Heartcry is also that God’s name would be great among the nations, and that all people from all people groups will come to worship Him, and this will be accomplished as the Great Commission is fulfilled. In addition, Heartcry has the goal to plant biblical churches that will proclaim God’s Word throughout the world. Most of the missionaries in the world go to areas that are already reached. The need is critical and urgent to have indigenous missionaries go to these unreached people groups. Pray for the Heartcry Missionary Society, and pray that all peoples of the world will have the opportunity to hear the glorious news of the gospel.

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We partake of the bread and the cup to remind us that God will give us everything we need in the present for life and godliness through Jesus. God nourishes and provides for us perfectly through Jesus’ effectual sacrifice.

In remembrance of what Jesus will do: It is curious that Paul’s instruction on communion concludes with the phrase, *“For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”* The Apostle Paul is reminding us that there is a future sense to the Lord’s Supper as well. We ought to be encouraged every time we gather and share this meal, because we know that as true as it is that Jesus died for the forgiveness of our sins, it is also true that He rose to free us from death and grant us eternal life. In 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, we are encouraged: *Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.* I know that sometimes it may seem as if Jesus will never return and usher in the fullness of His Kingdom for which we long. But Jesus’ promise to return is as sure as His promise that through His death we have been given eternal life. We proclaim this assurance of our hope in Christ (past, present, and future hope) every time we eat this meal.

Jesus’ death and resurrection means abundant, eternal life for you and me.

Blessed Resurrection Day!

In God’s Grace, Pastor Kevin



“Jesus Encounter” Prayer Experience – HOLY WEEK 2021

As we anticipate the church opening up a little more as we go through Holy Week, we will be offering the “Jesus Encounter” prayer experience at the church during Holy Week – Wednesday, March 31, through Friday, April 2, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. You will be asked to sign up for a time slot to come to the church and journey through various spaces/stations that focus on Christ and His journey to the cross.

~ Pastor Kevin



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
				1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 'Jesus Encounter Prayer Experience'	2 9 a.m.-4 p.m. 'Jesus Encounter Prayer Experience' 7 p.m. Good Friday Service	3
4 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast 9:40 a.m. Cross Decoration & Singing 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	5 6:45 p.m. Vision Team Mtg	6 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	7 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	8	9 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Mtg	10
11 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 12:00 p.m. C.E. Mtg 4:30 p.m. 'Christianity Explored Course'	12	13 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:30 a.m. Missions Mtg 7:00 p.m. Deacons & Session Mtgs	14 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	15	16	17
18 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:30 p.m. 'Christianity Explored Course'	19 6:45 p.m. OIT/Vision Team Mtg	20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	21 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	22	23	24
25 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:30 p.m. Christianity Explored Course'	26	27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Membership Care Mtg	28 12:00 p.m. Prayer in Sanctuary	29	30	

Financial Report: Operating Budget

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Beginning Balance	-4,953.19.19	-6,811.88
Receipts	22,350.00	12,539.00
Disbursements	<u>18,805.90</u>	<u>21,205.55</u>
Ending Balance	(1,409.09)	(15,478.43)
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance		
Receipts	37,964.00	28,928.00
Disbursements	<u>39,373.09</u>	<u>44,406.43</u>
Ending Balance	(1,409.09)	(15,478.43)

Financial Report: Invested Funds

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Receipts	7,629.28	12,373.70
Disbursements	<u>13,224.72</u>	<u>504.89</u>
Year to Date		
Beginning Balance	234,891.03	301,828.02
Receipts	11,164.55	20,612.38
Disbursements	<u>65,094.76</u>	<u>58,102.27</u>
Ending Balance	180,960.82	264,338.13
NET FUNDS	<u>179,551.73</u>	<u>248,859.70</u>

Collecting Shoebox Items



January-Hats, Gloves, Scarves

February-Accessories (sunglasses, watches, hair items, jewelry)

March-Quality Crafts (pillow cases, tote bags...)

April-**Stuffed animals**

May-Hygiene items (washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, comb, hairbrush, deodorant)

June-Toys

July-Clothing items (socks, shoes, t-shirts, dresses...)

August-School supplies

September-Games

October-Letter & photo

November-\$9 Donation for postage

December-Prayer



April Birthdays & Anniversaries



April

7 Bob Krueger
 15 Laura Long
 17 Trudy Haveman
 26..... Janet Syring

The people listed in the Birthday and Anniversary list are members of WPC

Easter Outreach

Thank you church members for your monetary donations that allowed us to bless the children at two of the RV parks in town. We delivered 23 Easter bags filled with lots of Easter eggs and candy, a Gideon bible, a \$5.00 gift card to McDonalds, a toy, an Easter book, coloring poster and crayons and markers to the children at Echo Park RV park. At the Stevens Moorage RV park, six of us went and were blessed to minister to 11 children. We hid over 300 plastic filled Easter eggs, and the children gathered them up in no time. We were able to share the Easter story using the Resurrection eggs. We then were able to help them as they colored their Easter totes. We even had an opportunity to meet some of the parents and even pray for them. We look forward to having more opportunities for outreach to these two RV parks. Perhaps, they will even come visit us at church. They were all given a flyer with the various events of Holy week. Thank you again for your generous monetary donations that allowed us to make up the Easter totes.

Your Outreach Committee





Carolyn Ford, Missionary

From her February 2021 Letter...

God's Word is Not Chained. 2 Timothy 2:9

Praise God that the Kafa Bibles arrived in Djibouti on December 21. Since then, the spiritual battle has centered on getting them released. I praise God for our publisher who has patiently persevered in dealing with the clearing agents and the various governments involved. Each time a document is sent, an additional or different document is demanded. God's Word tells us that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Eph. 6:12). Prayer is our weapon of choice. Please keep praying that our Sovereign LORD will show His victory over the forces of darkness who are making every effort to prevent the release of the Bibles from Port Djibouti. We have the promise that if we ask anything according to God's will, He hears us (1 John 5:14). This is our confidence and hope.

Matt and three Ethiopian missionaries held a Scripture Engagement training workshop for Kafa evangelical church leaders in January. Matt came back excited about the success of the training and the eagerness of the church leaders to receive the Bibles. He hopes to hold a shorter training for the Catholic and Orthodox church leaders within the next few weeks.

Matt and Kochito have recorded the whole Kafa Old Testament, and Matt has edited about half of the audio recording. Recording of the New Testament is delayed because Kochito is now busy with classes both morning and evening. Please pray that God will make a way for the recording to move ahead. We want to make the whole Kafa Bible and other materials available on micro-SD cards.

When the Kafa Bibles reach the Kafa area, the church leaders will set a date for their dedication. Please ask God to enable me to attend, if that pleases Him. Due to COVID and sporadic unrest, I am not certain whether I will receive permission to do so. I will need to obtain a visa. I am now receiving an eye injection for macular degeneration every five weeks, and I need to be back in Sebring two weeks before my appointment in order to quarantine. This means the time frame in which I can travel is quite narrow.

I have drafted my memoirs through 1993. I want to go back and organize them better before sending them to my reviewers. Please pray that I follow the Holy Spirit's leading in what I write.
Praising God for His Victory,

Carolyn Ford

To support the Kafa Linguistics Project, give on line:
<https://www.simusa.org/give?id=092402-091@dsg=Project> OR send a check made payable to SIM USA with designation "for Kafa Linguistics Project #092402 (Ethiopia)" to:
SIM USA; P.O. Box 7900; Charlotte, NC 28241-7900.

WPC Groundskeeper Position Open

WPC presently has an opening for Groundskeeper. A Job Description is available in the church office.

If interested, please call WPC at 360-225-8941, or email at office@woodlandpresbyterian.org

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