

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**Wednesday Evening Class** We invite each of you to attend the mid-week Bible Study upstairs on Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. We encourage you to attend these vital and exciting studies!

**Church Clean-Up** We will regularly have monthly church cleanings on the last Saturday of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. The next cleaning day will be on March 25, so make plans to attend and help.

**Children's Church** Our Children's Church is held upstairs in the Activities Room (up the steps and to the left) each Sunday morning, beginning at 11 a.m. Ages 2-10 are welcome, snacks are provided (we welcome donations), and we ask that you would please sign children in and out. If you have questions or concerns, please see Sarita Agee.

**Women's Conference** Our first Women's Conference of 2017 was a wonderful and spirit-filled event for all who attended. It was a packed house, and a smorgasbord of delicious dishes! We are grateful to the women of this church for organizing such a tremendous event.

## Words of Wisdom: THE CONTACT LENS...

Brenda was almost halfway to the top of the tremendous granite cliff. She was standing on a ledge where she was taking a breather during this, her first rock climb. As she rested there, the safety rope snapped against her eye and knocked out her contact lens. "Great", she thought. "Here I am on a rock ledge, hundreds of feet from the bottom and hundreds of feet to the top of this cliff, and now my sight is blurry."

She looked and looked, hoping that somehow it had landed on the ledge. But it just wasn't there. She felt the panic rising in her, so she began praying. She prayed for calm, and she prayed that she may find her contact lens.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but it was not to be found. Although she was calm now that she was at the top, she was saddened because she could not clearly see across the range of mountains. She thought of the bible verse "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth."

She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

Later, when they had hiked down the trail to the bottom of the cliff they met another party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, you guys! Anybody lose a contact lens?"

Well, that would be startling enough, but you know why the climber saw it? An ant was moving slowly across a twig on the face of the rock, carrying it!

The story doesn't end there. Brenda's father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a cartoon of an ant lugging that contact lens with the caption, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

I think it would do all of us some good to say, "God, I don't know why You want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if You want me to carry it, I will."  
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## Vision Statement:



Enhancing Our Knowledge of Jesus Christ, Empowering All Believers for Ministry, and Encouraging Continuous Dedication to the Lord.

# ORDER of SERVICES

Fellowship/Refreshments – 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School – 10:00 A.M.

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES – 11:00 A.M.

*Call to Worship*

*Scripture Reading*

*Prayer*

*Announcements & Recognition of Visitors*

*Tithes and Offerings; Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Praise and Worship Selections*

*Sermon*

*Invitation to Christ*

*Communion Services*

### **BENEDICTION**

## Spring Equinox... Taken from <http://earthsky.org/astronomy-essentials/everything-you-need-to-know-vernal-or-spring-equinox>

What is an equinox? Each equinox and solstice is an astronomical event, caused by Earth's tilt on its axis and ceaseless motion in orbit. The equinox is also an event you can think about as happening on the imaginary dome of our sky. The Earth-centered view is that the celestial equator is a great circle dividing Earth's sky into Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The celestial equator wraps the sky directly above Earth's equator. At the equinox, the sun crosses the celestial equator, to enter the sky's Northern Hemisphere.

The Earth-in-space view is that, because Earth doesn't orbit upright, but is instead tilted on its axis by 23-and-a-half degrees, Earth's Northern and Southern hemispheres trade places in receiving the sun's light and warmth most directly, as Earth orbits the sun. We have an equinox twice a year – spring and fall – when the tilt of the Earth's axis and Earth's orbit around the sun combine in such a way that the axis is inclined neither away from nor toward the sun.

At the equinox, Earth's two hemispheres are receiving the sun's rays equally. Night and day are approximately equal in length. The word equinox comes from the Latin *aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night).

But, since Earth never stops moving around the sun, these days of equal sunlight and night will change quickly.

# SERMON NOTES

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