

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 are involved in a Bible study series entitled "Authentic: The Discipline of Personal Bible Study". 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 October 24, so be sure to attend and help!

Women's Prayer Brunch The next Women's Prayer Brunch will be held on this Saturday morning, October 10, beginning at 11 a.m. These sessions are always deeply spiritual and exciting, and we ask that you spread the word to compel others to attend!

Next School Holidays:

Columbus Day – 10/12

Thanksgiving – 11/26 – 11/29



Funnies...

Bubba and Ray (Tennessee mechanical engineers) were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing.

"We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole," said Bubba, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down. Then she took a tape measure from her pocket, took a measurement, announced, "Eighteen feet, six inches," and walked away.

Ray shook his head and laughed. "Ain't that just like a woman! We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces, and laid it upon the altar. And then, Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times "Now," said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room started waving her hand, "I know! I know!" she said, "To make the gravy!"

Welcome to the
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MISSION STATEMENT

To promote membership in the body of Christ by bringing people to Jesus, enhancing their spiritual growth towards Christian maturity, and nurturing them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, thereby magnifying God's holy name.

ORDER of SERVICES

Fellowship / Refreshments – 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School – 10:00 A.M.

The Spirit Is Not for Sale:

“Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.”
– Acts 8:22, KJV



MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:45 A.M.

Devotion Deacons & Congregation
Responsive Reading Pastor & Congregation
Selection Choir & Congregation
Announcements & Recognition of Visitors
Tithes and Offerings Deacons
(Visitors are NOT required to contribute - members are encouraged to do so)
Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor
Selections Choir & Congregation

Sermon
Invitation to Christ



BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: _____
Subject: _____
Notes: _____

Words of Wisdom:



The Ant And 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."

RESPONSIVE READING: TITUS 3:3-11 (NIV)

- 3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.
- 4 **But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,**
- 5 **he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,**
- 6 **whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,**
- 7 **so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**
- 8 **This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.**
- 9 **But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.**
- 10 **Warn a divisive person once, and then warn them a second time. After that, have nothing to do with them.**
- 11 **You may be sure that such people are warped and sinful; they are self-condemned.**