

Pastor's Piece

A GREAT AND GRAND REUNION!

“The Master himself will give the command. Archangel thunder! God’s trumpet blast! He’ll come down from heaven and the dead in Christ will rise—they’ll go first. Then the rest of us who are still alive at the time will be caught up with them into the clouds to meet the Master. Oh, we’ll be walking on air! And then there will be one huge family reunion with the Master. So reassure one another with these words.”

(1 Thessalonians 4:17-18, Message)



Ever been to a reunion? There are all kinds aren't there? There are High School reunions after you've been out of school five, ten, fifteen...fifty, sixty years and so on! Those who have been fortunate to attend College, they have reunion gatherings as well. Some families have a 'reunion' of family members as least once a year. People schedule for that event way in advance and plan their vacations around it. Boy, do these reunions have the food!!! You name it, it is usually at one of these gatherings! I have been to a few family gatherings in my lifetime and usually never go away hungry!

There are some people that you look forward to seeing and sharing with at these

wonderful gatherings. People that you don't normally see on a regular basis who often travel great distances to be at this festive occasion! Then (honestly) there may be other people that you really don't care to see at all...even once a year!!!!

For the most part 'reunions' can be fun and a great time of fellowship with other people. Besides all of the home-cooked food, great fellowship, there are usually some competitive games

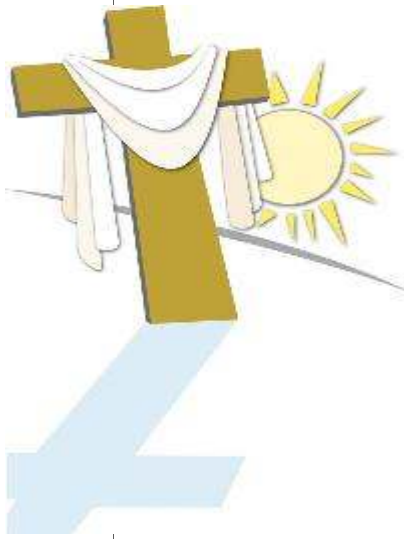


(and fun ones too) that are played. Horseshoes, egg toss, water balloon toss, pick-up basketball games, volleyball, wiffle ball/softball games or simply some card games around a table. Some family gatherings are so large that they have to literally rent a facility or park for the day or two days to accommodate everyone!

Imagine...one day...what that GREAT, GRAND REUNION is going to be like in the sky? A time when believer's are raptured (caught-up) to meet the Lord in the air and forever be with the Lord in glory!

Not only will we be with the Lord, but we will see our loved ones that have gone on before us to heaven...Alleluia!!!

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All of us at some time or another have had people that have died and gone to heaven. Peterson in the Message translation of 1 Thessalonians 4 states it well when he says, "And then there will be one huge family reunion with the Master!" Stop and simply imagine what that will be like...seeing Jesus face to face...a loved one who died so sud-

denly or unexpectedly...someone that we miss so desperately and want to see once again! **BASED ON THE AUTHORITY OF GOD'S WORD AND THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD...IT WILL HAPPEN ONE DAY...YOU CAN BANK ON IT!!!!** What a glorious and grand reunion that will be! I look forward to celebrating with loved ones that I haven't seen for some time...won't you? Think of it...it will all be hosted by the Master...none other than Jesus Christ! Talk about a party...you ain't seen nothing yet! (excuse my English grammar!) We will also see brothers and sisters in Christ who have died and gone on before us...all made possible by the rapture of the true church of the Living God from this earth. Remember, for the believer, heaven is our real home for eternity anyway! The Apostle Paul described it this way, "But there's far more to life for us. We're citizens of high heaven! We're waiting the arrival of the Savior, the Master, Jesus Christ, who will transform

our earthy bodies into glorious bodies like his own. He'll make us beautiful and whole with the same powerful skill by which he is putting everything as it should be under and around him" (Philippians 3:20-21, Message). I want as many people to be there on that day...don't you? Now, you have opportunity to speak up and share with that one person that you are unsure about...the plan of salvation and the sure hope of heaven.

May God give you the courage to do so (in a tactful way) and the comfort to look forward to seeing your loved ones in glory...one day!

Blessings,
Pastor Paul

Jessica's Spot

Hello! Lately, it seems as if we have been living in a snow globe...I hope that March brings us a taste of spring weather! Sunshine for more than one day and weather warmer than 30 would be such a blessing!!

Main Event Kids' Club News:

- Kids' Club is so much fun! If you haven't been coming to Kids' Club, you are really missing out! We have Bible stories, snacks, crafts, games, worship time, and lots of fun! And parents/grandparents, there is a Bible study about Heaven going on at the same time as Kids' Club, so

there is something great for you, too!

- Our movie night for February 10th was cancelled due to the snowy weather, but another movie night is in the works, so make sure you look for the signs!
- Did you know that there are special agents among us? During



Kids' Club, we are learning about how we are God's special agents and how we can live like Him each day. We have been learning

about serving others, living in peace, and we are getting ready to learn about the importance of being honest.

Miscellaneous News:

- If you missed the worship service on February 7th with Tina Houser, you missed out on a great message! Her message is one that you will WANT to hear, so let Jessica know you need a copy and she will make sure to get you one!



- If you signed up for the Children's Ministry workshop that was supposed to take place on February 6th, don't worry, it will be rescheduled! Stay tuned for updates

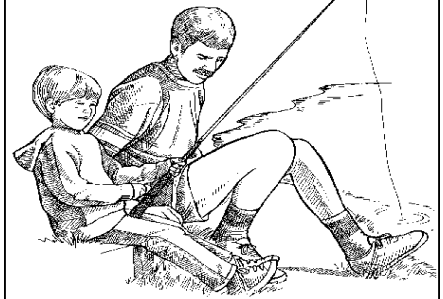
about the rescheduled date!! (And if you hadn't planned on attending, you should plan on it now! Make sure you pay close attention because it is going to be a great time of learning and growing!!)

A Challenge to all of you:

- If you do not currently attend a Sunday School class on a regular basis, I challenge you to really make it a priority. Sunday School is a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, sharing, and growing. There is plenty of room for you in Sunday School this Sunday, so set your alarm clock a little earlier, grab a cup of coffee, and join us for Sunday School!! Try it, you'll like it! (The nursery is available, along with classes for all ages of children and adults!)

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." PROVERBS 22:6



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CHM Congregational Health Ministry

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Many of us do not realize that God has granted us the gift of compassion and comfort to those who need it most. After reading Genesis 2: 18, I am reminded of how loneliness is present right here in our community as well as in our own church family.



Over this next year, the Health Ministry team hopes you will become involved in ministering to our shut-ins.

What a comfort it is to know we have a divine parent who says, "Trust me. I will take care of you. I am here for you. I love you." And trust we must. These are difficult, challenging times for so many people, and can be quite frightening in the sheer rapidity of change we experience in society. Amidst it all, we can slip away from God's outstretched hand.

Loneliness is a feeling of emptiness inside you; you feel isolated or separated from everyone, cut off from those you would like to have contact with. You may feel lonely missing a certain person because they have passed on or because they are so far away. You may feel emotionally isolated when you are surrounded

by people but are having difficulty socializing with them.

If we are missing someone who is far away, we can telephone, write, e-mail or visit them. However, some members of our congregation are unable to use these forms of communication. According to Romans 12: 4-6, God encourages the Body of Christ to use our spiritual gifts and for some of us that means witnessing to others who may not be able to join us for worship on Sundays or any other time throughout the year.

The health ministry team prays that the words "I am not alone" resonate in you each day. We look forward to having you share in our efforts to let our shut-ins know they are not alone and are loved by their church family.

*Please watch for opportunities this year to visit a shut-in!

Missions Updates

About Operation Double Harvest – Haiti

Christian business man, Aart Van Wingerden (now deceased), began Operation Double Harvest in Haiti in 1981 with the purpose of establishing an agricultural project that would reap an increase in the harvest from the land as well as a spiritual harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God.

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The poorest country in the western hemisphere, Haiti was chosen to “help people help themselves”, to instill a Christian work ethic, and to model business conduct with high integrity. In short, he had a vision to “Sow Seeds of Life” in an impoverished situation. Located in the Caribbean Sea, Haiti occupies the western one third of the island of Hispaniola and is approximately 650 miles southeast of Florida and 60 miles southeast of Cuba. The Operation Double Harvest project is located approximately one-half hour east of Port-au-Prince, near the town of Croix des Bouquets. Through Double Harvest, Inc., his family, friends, and associates continue to support and subsidize the 200 acre project consisting of a **farm** and the other resulting ministries: a school with a **Sponsor a Child** program, a **medical/surgical clinic**, and a **benevolent housing project**. Operation Double Harvest is registered in Haiti and operates under the Haitian government guidelines for Non-Government Organizations (NGOs).



Statement of Faith

We believe:

The Bible to be the only complete and perfect word of God to man.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16

In one true God who is: God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me." (Jesus speaking) John 15:26

"I and the Father are one." John 10:30

Man is a sinner needing God's intervention for salvation from pending condemnation.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16.

Salvation from sin's consequences must be through faith in Jesus Christ.

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

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Salvation is a gift of God and cannot be earned.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

Proclaiming Christ in word and deed is a command and a privilege.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

Double Harvest – "Sowing Seeds of Life"

Our Mission:

Double Harvest is a Christian ministry that desires to magnify Christ by ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of people in developing countries.



"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?" (1 John 3:17)

Double Harvest understands that people's deepest need is a spiritual one, a changed life through faith in Jesus Christ. As a Christian ministry, Double Harvest also seeks to model Christ's compassion by offering eco-

nomic, educational and medical programs in difficult and impoverished situations. Double Harvest is about "Sowing Seeds of Life" for this life and the next. *"Man does not live on bread alone." (Luke 4:4)*

In Haiti, these purposes are achieved through Operation Double Harvest, a project that includes a large agricultural project, an academic/vocational school, a medical/surgical clinic, and an associated but independent church.

Haiti - How Can I Help?

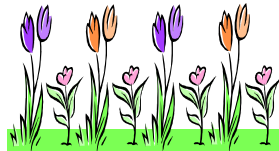
Your donation to the Double Harvest Disaster Relief project will go 100% to the victims of the earthquake. Your donation will buy fuel for transport of materials to be distributed at the project, food, fuel to pump pure water from the wells on the farm, medical supplies and medical care. Long term friends of Double Harvest have built a general fund that takes care of administrative duties. Please be assured that Board Members of Double Harvest are in Haiti making sure that these activities are taking place in a way that your donation is being used to full capacity. Thanks for your help.





FBC Daycare Ministry

It is finally time to think about Spring!! The ground will be defrosting soon, and all of God's beautiful things will wake up from a long winter's nap. The children are certainly thankful to have the gym to play in, but they are ready to go outside and play!!! I found a wonderful quote to help me get through the few remaining winter days. "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome-Anne Bradstreet." The one thought we can always lean on is that whether it is winter or spring, a prosperous time or a time full of adversity, the Lord will always remain unchanged.



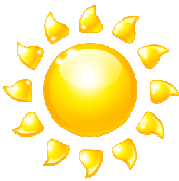
Cherie Wilson
Assistant Director



FBC Preschool Ministry



It's March! I am so ready to be warm! March brings the promise of spring; the season of rebirth. It has been a long, cold, dark winter and I find myself craving for, longing for the sunshine of spring. There is a stark contrast between how we feel when the sun is shining brightly and those gray, cloudy days. Exposure to light restores us, renews us and replenishes us. In the same way that vis-



ceral light energizes us, God's light energizes us and illuminates the hope and promises we have been so abundantly blessed with. We have an opportunity to quit clinging to our fears and doubts and fully submit to the possibility of change and rebirth in our lives through Jesus Christ. Amanda and I have had some doubts and fears this year. It has been a difficult year, however in our prayer time, God has given both of us the same verse: "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jer 29:11) This week, in just one week's time, God has blessed us with five new students! We're ready to share some *sunlight* and *sonlight* with all our students. Our children shared 40 hand-made valentines with the residents of Waterford Place. We're sure they loved them! We're excited about Preschool Family Night on March 19th. Lots of fun games and the kids get to throw cream pies at Miss Amanda and I. February was Dental health month and the 2/3's and 3/4's Preschool classes would like to thank the office of Dr. Gregory Johnson DDS for donating toothbrushes to our school.



Here's something so cute! We're drawing pictures of ourselves and this little guy draws his mommy. He asks, "Miss Amanda, I need a highlight" Miss Amanda, "You mean a highlighter?" "No, a highlight, Mommy just highlighted her hair." Blessings to you and praying you feel the warmth of God's love today!
Lenora Burtch
Preschool Director



ALESIA'S AREA

Irresistible Irish Soda Bread

Prep Time: 15 Min

Cook Time: 1 Hr 10 Min

Ready In: 1 Hr 25 Min



Original Recipe Yield 1 - 9x5 inch loaf

Ingredients

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan.
2. Combine flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and baking soda. Blend egg and buttermilk together, and add all at once to the flour mixture. Mix just until moistened. Stir in butter. Pour into prepared pan.
3. Bake for 65 to 70 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the bread comes out clean. Cool on

a wire rack. Wrap in foil for several hours, or overnight, for best flavor.

Leprechaun Pudding Recipe

A fun, green recipe for Saint Patrick's Day.



Prep Time:
20 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 Tbsp Instant Pistachio Pudding
- 1/2 Cup Milk
- Ziploc Baggie

Preparation:

Put the tablespoon of pudding mix and 1/2 cup of milk into the Ziploc sandwich bag. Close the baggie tightly, squeeze and shake. Eat your pudding once it is nice and thick! You can refrigerate it for awhile if needed.

Spring Will Be
Here Soon



March
Children Church
Schedule

7th: Jessica Boyce & Emeline Hunt
14th: Greg & Karen Hueston
21st: Ree Moon & Jan Herrell
28th: Jessica Boyce & Adam Hunt



March
Nursery Schedule

7th: Dawn Wysong & Becky Maroney
14th: Travis & Amy Cunningham
21st: Sue Green & Patty Boyd
28th: Melanie Bozard & Judy Helms



Kids R.O.C.
March Schedule

7th: NO KIDS R.O.C.
14th: Jessica Boyce & Patty Boyd
21st: Erik & Patti Elliott
28th: Carlene Lawrence & Deb Johnson



SS Nursery
March Schedule

7th: Jean Johnson & Deb Johnson
14th: Greg & Julie Wohlford
21st: Jenny Prifogle & Diana Criss
28th: Tim & Marcy Stahl



LOCK-UP

7th ~ Travis Hueston
14th ~ Buddy Wysong
21st ~ Dean & Diana Criss
28th ~ John Lawrence

If you are not able to be in attendance on your assigned date please find a replacement or call Adam Hunt: 765-395-6081

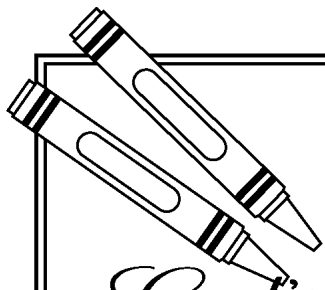


Card Care Writers

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March meeting will be Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:00 pm. We meet each month to send Birthday and Anniversary Cards. We often send notes of encouragement, and thinking of you cards when special needs or circumstances are brought to their attention.

This ministry is another fabulous entity of the CHM (Congregational Health Ministry)



Just for **KIDS**

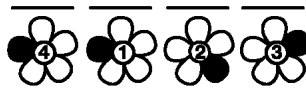
God's teaching is like....

In Deuteronomy, Moses' words to the children of Israel remind us of spring, which brings growth and new life.

Use the flower code below to fill in the blanks, revealing Deuteronomy 32:2, NIV.



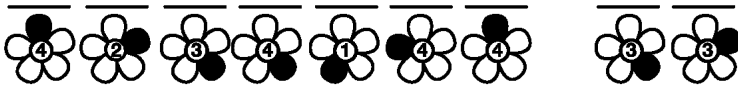
"Let my teaching fall like



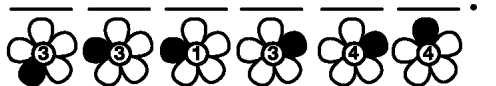
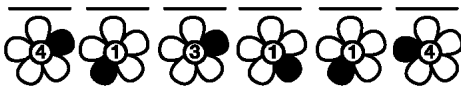
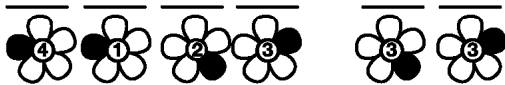
and my words descend like



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like abundant



Answers: rain, dew, showers on new grass, rain on tender plants

1. Where do horses live?
2. What do you get if you mix a rabbit with a snake?
3. What letters are not in the alphabet?
4. Why was the police officer in bed?
5. Why should bowling alleys be quiet?

Answers

1. In neigh- -borhoods!
2. A jump rope!
3. The ones in the mail!
4. Because he was undercover!
5. So you can hear a pin drop!

HERE ARE THE
MARCH JOKES
HAVE FUN

KIDS CORNER

DIRT CUPS

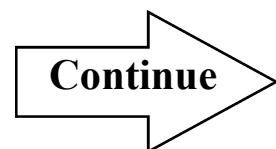
Make this easy snack for your family or your friends at Sunday school. As you eat it, celebrate the miracles God brings in the spring.

What you need:

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving size) box of chocolate instant pudding
- 1 (8 oz.) tub of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) plastic cups
- gummy worms and frogs
- plastic flowers (optional)

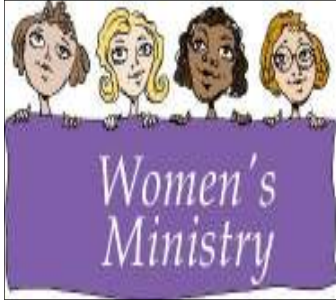
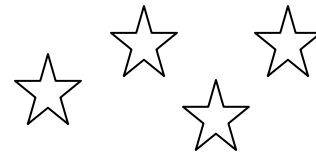
What you do:

1. Mix milk and pudding in a large bowl. Beat with a whisk until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes.
2. Add whipped topping and half of the crushed Oreos.
3. Place 1 tablespoon crushed Oreos in each cup. Fill cups $\frac{3}{4}$ full with pudding.
4. Top with remaining crushed Oreos.
5. Chill at least 1 hour or until ready to serve.
6. Decorate with gummy worms and/or frogs.
7. Place the stem end of the plastic flower into the center of the pudding dessert.



CHURCH NEWS

Women's Ministry



Ruth & Naomi will be meeting on Tuesday, March 9th at 6:30 pm. The circle will be meeting at FBC. Hostess is Debbie Breisch. Program will consist of making gifts for shut-ins. All women are welcome.

Mary Martha will be meeting on Tuesday March 2nd at 6:30 pm. The circle will be meeting at FBC. Hostess is Marianna Gollner. All women are welcome.

Main Event and Bible Study/Prayer Meeting



Main Event and Bible Study has started back up every Wednesdays. The topic for Main Event will be changing to "Agents In Action". The topic for Bible Study is Heaven.



Missions Make UP

March 14, 2010

Share Soup and Salad with us after church.

All proceeds will go towards the mission's monies we are in arrears for 2009.

HAITI RELIEF OFFERING

Several week ago, we collected an offering over 2 different Sundays for Disaster Relief for the earthquake victims of Haiti. We are happy to report that our total offering \$1637. A check for this amount has now been sent to an agency called Double Harvest, which is a Christian based ministry that has been operating in Haiti since 1981. This ministry normally operates an agricultural project involving a 200 acre farm, a school with a sponsor-a-child project, a medical/surgical clinic, and a housing project.. You can find more information

about Double Harvest (including their Statement of Faith and Mission Statements) in the bulletin insert in this bulletin or at their website at www.doubleharvest.org. Following the earthquake, Double Harvest announced that 100% of all monies designated Disaster Relief would go directly towards assisting those in need following the earthquake.

Our donation was designated in this way and, because of the severity of this disaster, the deacons also voted to send \$1000 out of the Deacons Benevolent Fund to aid earthquake victims in Haiti. Total monies sent was then \$2637.00.

Praise God for the compassion shown for our fellow brothers and sisters in their time of need. Please continue to pray for all the families in this country that was so hard hit by this earthquake and also for all the agencies who are still working to help recovery and healing take place in Haiti.



WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES

Team FBC wants to thank all of you who supported us in the Rescue Mission's annual winter walk in support of their ministry at Open Arms. The team members were Steve Woodall, Ron Spray, Jay & Debbie Breisch, Karen Featherston, Debbie Stapleton, Tina Harrell, Aaron Gilsinger and Peggy Richardson. The walk was held last Saturday on February 13. It was a bright, sunny day and when we started the walk at 9:15 am the temperature was a balmy 9 degrees. By the time we finished, the temps had climbed into double digit territory- - - probably at least 13-14 degrees. Fortunately, it was not windy and we all stayed pretty comfortable. As a team, we raised \$935.00 in support of Open Arms. Again thank you for all of your financial support and prayers on our behalf.



TEAM FBC