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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| ◆ 8:30 a.m. Sunday | Adult Education Class |
| ◆ 9:30 a.m. Sunday | Worship Service |
| ◆ 10:00 a.m. Sunday | Children's Bible Adventures |



A SERVANT'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Church Family,

I was trying to figure out why some people don't give a thought to God or church or anything that is "religious". I don't know what the right conclusion is, but I have an idea. Maybe it's because they've seen so much of the counterfeit that they've grown calloused to the whole idea. This brought me to another question. Is there authentic Christianity out there still? Certainly there is in small pockets here and there but what about thousands and thousands living it out as they did in the book of Acts? People were coming to Christ on a daily basis. Then it struck me. They were in a culture where there was no real freedom. They were dominated by the Romans and persecuted because of their Jewish faith. The problem was, their faith wasn't bringing them relief. They needed a Savior. When Jesus came along and claimed to be that Savior, they listened. Not all believed, but probably most of them gave an ear just in case. But what about us today? Why aren't we seeing this kind of Spiritual movement? I believe a lot of it has to do with what I've already mentioned. People want to see the real thing. When they do, they show interest. But also I think there is a feeling of satisfaction among our society. We have everything we need. No one is dominating us. We're not scrambling for food or freedom. Why do I need a Savior? This alone is the reason it is so important that we watch our teaching in the church and make sure we don't neglect to teach people about sin, death and hell. These are the real true reasons we need a Savior in the first place. Jesus didn't come to deliver people from domination by another group or persecution for their beliefs. Jesus came to redeem people from sin. Period. His coming had to do with reuniting us with the Father and giving us eternal life. It didn't necessarily make things better here on earth, but it did offer hope for the future.

People still need that hope today. Will they see it in you and me? They will if we're living out "authentic" Christianity. This means rebuking the sin in our own lives, allowing God to love through us and letting the world see Jesus in us.

Just Some Thoughts,

Pastor Carl

Adult Sunday School



David Casey leads the study and discussion.

We meet Sundays in the Library from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Home Fellowship Groups

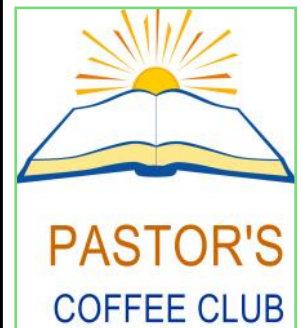
Angus - Mondays at 2:00 p.m.

Women's Study—See Calendar

Thibodeaux - Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Armstead - Friday @ 7:00 p.m.

See Bulletin or Call Church Office
(858.278.2633) for More Information



Wednesday,
March 10
10:00 a.m.



MVCF BLESSINGS

Psalm 103

A psalm of David.

Let all that I am praise the LORD;
with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name.
Let all that I am praise the LORD;
may I never forget the good things he does for me.
He forgives all my sins
and heals all my diseases.
He redeems me from death
and crowns me with love and tender mercies.
He fills my life with good things.
My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

The LORD gives righteousness
and justice to all who are treated unfairly.

He revealed his character to Moses
and his deeds to the people of Israel.
The LORD is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
He will not constantly accuse us,
nor remain angry forever.
He does not punish us for all our sins;
he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.
For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens
above the earth.

He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.
The LORD is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear him.
For he knows how weak we are;
he remembers we are only dust.
Our days on earth are like grass;
like wildflowers, we bloom and die.
The wind blows, and we are gone—
as though we had never been here.
But the love of the LORD remains forever
with those who fear him.
His salvation extends to the children's children
of those who are faithful to his covenant,
of those who obey his commandments!

The LORD has made the heavens his throne;
from there he rules over everything.

Praise the LORD, you angels,
you mighty ones who carry out his plans,
listening for each of his commands.
Yes, praise the LORD, you armies of angels
who serve him and do his will!
Praise the LORD, everything he has created,
everything in all his kingdom.

Let all that I am praise the LORD.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

04—Darryl Angus
05—Tony DaVee
07—Van Thibodeaux
09—Michael Kilpatrick
14—Matt Leigh
16—Admasu Agiro
17—William (Bill) Black
18—Luke Jacobs
23—Michelle Miner
25—Susie Manies
26—Chuck Sones
27—Mike Loren
27—Sage Miner-Kelley
27—Tom Richley
28—Inez Richley
30—Daniel Wloczewski

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

05—Jean & Michele Fortanas



What is prayer?

Prayer is the burden of a sigh,
The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of an eye
When none but God is near.

—James Montgomery



SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT LENT

As individuals we seek a new relationship with our Lord through prayer and meditation during Lent. While it is a time of reflection and repentance, Lent is also a time of rejuvenation and hope. The way of the Cross is the way to spiritual fulfillment and peace.

One of the most powerful tools for me during this season is the awareness of Sabbath rest. When God rested from his labors after the creation, “God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.” (Genesis 1:31) God then blessed the seventh day and made it holy...(Genesis 2: 3).

We also need to take time to relax and enjoy God’s creation as part of our Lenten devotion. How the wonder of creation amazes us as we watch the changing cloud formations, visit the pounding sea, or gaze at the wondrous shapes of the mountains. Stopping our daily routine to spend moments or hours in contemplation of the beauty of God’s work can help us place ourselves in His hands.

Another tool I find helpful during Lent, is reflecting on praise songs, hymns, or Scriptural poetry. Drawing off to a quiet place, even among the noise of the work world or home life, we can use our memory to bring forth ideas, images, and even melodies that inspire hope, confidence, and peace in our lives. A time of Sabbath rest during the busy work day can do much to reestablish God’s presence in our lives. And, if we are lucky enough to have a sheltered, private place, we can pray aloud in gratitude for His goodness and for the hope that He gave through His son Jesus.

Lenten readings or reading from the Gospels is another tool that heightens our awareness of the sacrifice we will recognize during Holy Week. We can review Matthew chapters 26 and 27, Mark 14 and 15, and/or Luke 22 and 23. Each of these allows us to revisit the trials of Jesus that mark the way to our salvation. A Lenten reading is available from MVCF, but there are many others available at your favorite Christian book store.

Finally, I encourage each of us to make time to discuss our hopes for the new year which really begins with the resurrection of Christ for all us Christians. Certainly His death and restored life are the hope which each of us has for eternal life with our Father. Bring spouses, children, friends, and neighbors into discussions of this hope. By sharing our beliefs, we strengthen them and, perhaps, the beliefs of others.





THANK YOU!!

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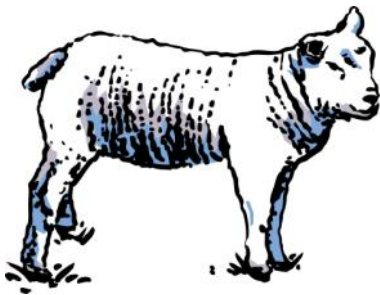
e-mail—missionvillage1@sbcglobal.net

I will need to know your mailing address or email address to take you off the list.

Ronda



JUST FOR FUN



An Old Testament prophet wrote the following words about Jesus: “He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.”

Who wrote those words?

- A. Amos
- B. Jonah
- C. Jeremiah
- D. Isaiah

Answer: D (See chapter 53, verse 7)



JUST FOR KIDS

DIRT CUPS

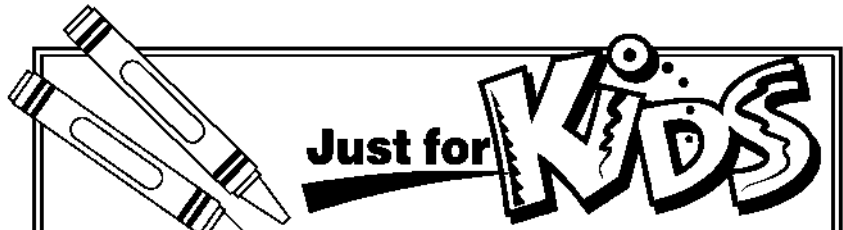
Make this easy snack for your family or your friends at Sunday school. As you eat it, celebrate the miracles God brings in the spring.

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.




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.


CODE




“Let my teaching fall like _____




and my words descend like _____,




like _____




_____,




like abundant _____





_____”



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





CALENDAR

Mon	Mar	1	June Angus Home Fellowship 2:00 p.m.
Tues		2	Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wed		3	Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Thurs		4	Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Fri		5	Bunco/Potluck 6:00 p.m. - Armstead Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Sat		6	Open
Sun	Mar	7	Adult Sunday School - 8:30 a.m. Worship - 9:30 a.m. Kearny Mesa Convalescent Visit - 2:00 p.m.
Mon		8	June Angus Home Fellowship 2:00 p.m.
Tues		9	Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wed		10	Pastor's Coffee Club 10:00 a.m. - Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Women's Study 6:30 p.m.
Thurs		11	Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Fri		12	Armstead's Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Sat		13	God's Extended Hand 8:00 a.m.
Sun	Mar	14	Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Spring Forward - Daylight Savings Time Begins Immanuel Convalescent Visit 2:00 p.m.
Mon		15	June Angus Home Fellowship 2:00 p.m.
Tues		16	Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wed		17	Youth Group 7:00 p.m.
Thurs		18	Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Fri		19	Armstead's Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Sat		20	Men's Breakfast & WorkParty 8:00 a.m.
Sun	Mar	21	Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m.
Mon		22	June Angus Home Fellowship 2:00 p.m.
Tues		23	Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Wed		24	Youth Group 7:00 p.m. - Women's Study 6:30 p.m.
Thurs		25	Thibodeaux' Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Fri		26	Armstead's Home Fellowship 7:00 p.m.
Sat		27	Open
Sun	Mar	28	Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday - Holy Week Begins Celebration Sunday -Armstead Home Fellowship
Mon		29	June Angus Home Fellowship - 2:00 p.m.
Tues		30	A Call to Prayer - 7:00 p.m.
Wed		31	Youth Group - 7:00 p.m.



