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*Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Nursery Provided
Church School 10:30 AM*

Newsletter - April, 1998

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Lay Assistant: Lori Lamb
Ushers: Mike & Lisa Hughes
Greeters: Sue & Charlie Hughes
Acolytes: Amy & Will Lamb

YOUTH SCRIPTURE READERS:

April 5: Alice Daniel
April 12: Kelly Darnell
April 19: Erinmarie Blackwell
April 26: Amy Lamb

MEETINGS IN APRIL

Sunday, Apr. 5, Admin. Council.
Sunday, Apr. 18, Admin. Council
with Rev. John Barrett

"On the Rock" Ministries Revival

--Rev. John Barrett, General Evangelist for the United Methodist Church, presiding.
---coming to E.U.M.C., April 19-22.
Sunday 4/19 morning worship and evening worship, 6:30, with special appreciation for our community servants.
Monday through Wednesday night services begin at 7:00.
--Rev. Barrett comes highly recommended from many Methodist churches who have had him speak and minister to adults and children alike.
--Love offerings will be taken each night.
--Refreshments and child care provided.

Why do we need a revival?

It is all too easy to get caught in a rut hearing the same

preacher each Sunday morning and to go through the same service order, too. Going to church should not be just about attending, but it is about becoming enlightened disciples for Jesus Christ. Rev. Barrett has been asked to preside and to use the gifts God has given him to inspire us to be excited, outgoing Christians who reflect Christ and call others to know Him with confidence, too.

Rev. Barrett is all too familiar with negative impressions left by other revivals and is vowing before God and us to change that image, to feel invited, not beaten down.

Pastor Dave's main thrust for us all during this year is for us to become spiritually oriented, to trust God in hope and faith even with the trials of life pounding at our hearts' doors, and to be committed children of God as His beloved ones. The "On the Rock" Revival Ministries is an important part of his commitment to each of us to bring Christ closer to us and eventually unified with us in all we do.

Do you need to attend all the evening sessions? No. But, it is hoped that you will attend Sunday night after Sunday morning and that you will come back for a weeknight service. Bring a friend, regardless of religious affiliation. You will only get from it what you put into it, and this is about feeding your soul.

Thank you for your time and consideration and for all the help that so many leaders in the church have given.

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

What a difference a Sunday afternoon makes when the Body of Christ gets together on a Sunday afternoon to clean-up and fix-up the church. And, many thanks to those who provided food for the workers and themselves. 31 people participated in

some way, in many ways, to paint the Education Building, trim trees, un-fence the parsonage, re-organize the downstairs, pick up trash and limbs, etc. And what a great way to meet folks you haven't met before and get to know their gifts and graces. The next work-day is planned for Sunday, April 26, after church. Thank you all so much again.

Holy Week Events

I know most of you are used to having Holy (Maundy) Thursday services, but this year Mountainair will be having that service. So, we will be having a **Good Friday** service on April 10, at 7:00 with readings, music, messages, and communion will be served.

Easter Sunrise Service will be at our church: 6:30 for worship and 7:30 breakfast at the Education Bldg.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL NEWS

Plans continue for the up-coming "On the Rock Ministries" revival to be held on April 19 through April 22. Look for an announcement in the Citizen as well as the East Telegraph News and the Albuquerque Journal. A small advertisement will be placed in the Citizen the week of April 13th, but we can all help get the word "out" to our community!

Treasurer: A substantial part of our 1998 apportionments have been paid! Yes, 24.10% to be exact, has been paid to date. We are off to a good start - let's keep it up.

Board of Trustees: The board is planning two church work days on March 29 and April 26 following our morning worship service. Help is needed for child care on those days. This is our church's spring house cleaning event. There is a job for everyone - large and small - we need your help! Choose a time, does not have to be on the mentioned dates, and help spruce up our grounds and/or buildings.

Care and Outreach: Has been busy! The past year's goals have been reviewed and evaluated and goals for 1998 are in place. Cards have been sent to church members we have missed at church services, 15 holiday greetings were sent to shut-ins, 20 sympathy and get-well cards and 4 Sunday school birthday cards have been mailed. And one visit was made to a new family in our community. Cards were also sent to our Sunday school teachers by each member on the committee thanking them for their time and effort on the children's behalf. Congratulation cards were sent to Alice Daniels, Sydney Alfonso and Justin Darnell for achievement. If you know of a person who needs a card or a visit, please let us know about them.

Worship: The 2nd Annual Community Picnic will be held this year in early June. This is a fund raiser and was very successful last year - due to lots of hard work **and** help from the community! Exact date and location will be announced soon.

A new guideline for Sunday morning ushers and greeters has been printed and will be handed out each month. A copy of the outline is in the foyer of the church. Give Bonnie Hughes a call and tell her you would like to volunteer on Sunday!

UMW: Marilyn Seddon, Phoebe Circle, would like to thank everyone for saving various labels and especially soup labels. These labels have benefited the Covenant Education Center in Shiprock and McCurdy School. You wouldn't think can labels could buy a school van or a computer, but it's true. THANK YOU!

Pastor: Various activities for Easter are being planned. Maundy Thursday service will be held in Mountainair and Good Friday services will be in our Estancia church April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Partners have met four times. They have been in prayer about "On the Rock" Ministries, prayer requests and personal requests. Meetings are usually on Monday nights from 6:30 to 7:30 in the coffee area of the church. All are welcome to join us.

Pastor Dave has met with Terry Anderson and told Rev. Anderson that he would like to stay in Estancia. Rev. Anderson said that would be his recommendation to the Conference Cabinet.

Seminary School will begin July 13. Pastor Dave will be back on August 8th. (An item for Prayer Partners!)

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Flossie Elliott--God's mercy, and her granddaughter, Nancy Stuart--patience and health.

Rachel Palmer--health.

Agatha Garrison--health.

Kenneth Moore--health/chemo.

Brendon York--health/seizures.

Ina Artman--health.

Kathy Martinez--health.

Vera Bass--health.

Jill Rogers, Justin Darnell and Curtis Coburn-- protection during Senior year at school.

Cindi Howe--spiritual and physical health.

Karen Grier and family--health

Julia--health

Kendra Schnodsnider--health/personal

Sylvia Levy--having surgery

Charles and Elizabeth Millar--health

Gloria Wilson--health
 Karen Rahm and Family
 Jerry Lee--recovery
 Katie Moore--health
 Our Bishop and Dist. Supt's--preparing for pastoral appointments.
 Christ's body here at EUMC--commitment to Him.
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 Our church leaders--servant and sacrificial leadership.
 Pastor Dave--health, boldness, compassion, energy, submission.
 Young Followers--on fire for the Lord.
 Our Sunday school teachers--compassion and creativity.
 The confirmands--protection from spiritual attack.
 The continuation of our new Prayer Partners group.
 "On The Rock Ministries" and Rev. John Barrett for a successful mission and revival here, Apr. 19-22.
A pre-school Sunday School teacher or teachers for our littlest ones right after church.

Time To Plant A Church Garden

First, plant six rows of peas.
 Presence, Promptness, Preparation, Purity, Perseverance, and Prayerfulness.

Next to these, plant three rows of squash:
 Squash gossip, Squash criticism, Squash indifference.

No garden is complete without turnips:
 Turn up for meetings with a smile,
 Turn up with enthusiasm and cooperation,
 Turn up with determination to make everything you do count for God.

Weed out disunity.
 Weed out negative thinking.
 Weed out the "I can't" and "It's never been done this way before."

Cultivate the fruit of the spirit:
 Love, Joy, Patience, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Self Control; Against such there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23).

-Lakeview Baptist Church
 Port Arthur, Texas



"Make yourselves . . . an unfailing treasure in heaven."
 Luke 12:33

MAKING FRIENDS

Read It: Matthew 19:21; Luke 16:9; I Timothy 6:17-19

If there's one thing the world knows how to do, it's using money to make friends. In fact, all you have to do to acquire a whole lot of friends is get some money. Ask any celebrity, someone who is constantly surrounded by an entourage of hangers-on, fun-seekers, and other types looking for a ride on a rich and famous person's coattail. Trouble is, when the money disappears and the bright lights fade, so do the friends.

In applying the parable of the unrighteous steward, Jesus tells us to use our earthly goods to make friends for ourselves. But He's not talking about doing it the world's way. Let's see what He means.

One reason Jesus calls money and material possessions "unrighteous mammon" is because the world uses money primarily for unrighteous purposes. Also, money has an unrighteous, all-controlling nature about it that lures people into doing all kinds of unrighteous deeds. That's why Paul told us not to love money.

Jesus is telling us to invest what we have here on earth in eternal things so that when our material possessions "fail" or run out, and they will, we will still have a solid investment in eternity.

In other words, make sure you are investing in the Gospel and the work of Christ so that when you get to heaven, there will be a whole crowd of people there who are glad to see you.

Who are they? People who are in heaven because you were faithful to give. People who heard the Gospel and trusted Christ because you invested your time, talents, and treasure in your church.

I suspect that what will happen in heaven is that people who used their earthly goods to win people to Christ will get a gold-engraved invitation to the heavenly home of someone they helped get there. And at the party will be all of those who made it to heaven, thanks to these people's faithfulness as stewards.

My friend, I hope someone throws a party like that for me, because I want to take as many people to heaven with me as I can. How about you?

— Think About It —

Your faithfulness in "a very little thing" (v 10) can actually make an eternal difference for someone. That's awesome!

(From Tony Evans' Time to Get Serious)



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