

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

2.7.18 Devereaux-Ortiz Life Group Fundraiser Meal, 6:00p.m., Tickets \$10.00

2.10.18 Ladies Brunch at 9:30a.m.. Guest speaker is Debbie Holland

2.16-18.17 Winterfest: Gatlinburg, TN. Please be at the church at 10:30a.m. to board the bus. There will be a preplanning meeting on Wed., Feb.14th, 7:00p.m.

Prayer Requests

- Missions: Mike, Kris and Kaylee Bridges
- AIM: Hannah Baker & Donnie Guill (Mission UpReach)
- Grayson Carter– Ft. Riley, Kansas; Deployed to Germany
- Nathaniel and Alexis Goodley, Hawaii– Wheeler Army Airfield
- Steve Izard
- Patrick Hutto
- Robin Smith
- Nelson Bright- Karen Oliver's Uncle
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Kimberly Craig and Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's daughter and niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Brian Devereaux
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- David Dowdy
- Tom Dominick
- Sara Hanle
- Chester Warren
- Sonja, Harriett Betterson's daughter and Family
- Luis Gonda, Marcie Gonda's Father
- Katie Corley and Family

“HOW MANY LIES 3”

“Why do Bad things happen to good people?” This is tough to write on because bad things do happen to seemingly innocent people. Life is full of tragedy and as a result people are often left with the idea that God is dead, or distant, or cavalier. Some-time in life, for almost every single person, there are occasions where our loss is so painful that all we can ask are the why questions. God is fine with us asking these questions. He can handle our questions and our pain. God is fine and true all the time, everywhere. What we have to be careful about is how we think in these situations. It is our thinking about what God is or is not doing that goes awry.

Jesus revealed through his life story what God is doing. God is coming near. God is approaching the pain and the loss. God is coming to heal. God is coming to heal both the perpetrators and the victims. God is like the rising tide of an ocean that lifts all the boats. God is like the sun who shines on the good and the evil. God is like the rain that falls on the righteous and the unrighteous Matthew 5:45. God is always coming in a healing energy toward all of his creation. This is the Good News that Jesus expounded upon in Luke 4:18-19. It is written *“for God did NOT send his son into the world to condemn the world but to save it through Him.* John 3:17 ”

We know, for sure that God never, ever perpetrates evil; it is entirely outside His nature. Conversely, he always perpetrates the positives. The trouble is we have swallowed many insidious lies introduced by “you know who” that make the situation impos-sibly blurry.

Pain is real and a definite part of the human condition simultaneous with God’s sovereignty over it, and, many answers to life’s questions remain beyond us Eccle-siastes 8:17. The context we find ourselves in *urges us to trust God, believe God, and thereby please him with our faith Hebrews 11:6.*

The innuendo that there are some “good” people is false and can never be the basis for an honest question about God and His why’s. Jesus said: “If you then *being evil*, know how to give good gifts to your children, How much more will God.... Matthew 7:11.” The Holy Spirit said through Paul “There is no one righteous, not even one Ro-mans 3:10.” Once we own our own wickedness we can see God more clearly Matthew 7:5. Consider how good God is to even allow such a question!

A better question is *“Why do good things come to evil people?”* This points to the gospel. The gospel is that God, who knows our evil ways, came to give us all good things Romans 8:32. The truth is that we who are evil have: *“from the fullness of His grace received one blessing after another* John 1:16.”

In conclusion: Something bad did happen to a good person. One good man lived among us, fleshing out God’s love for all to see in His life. This particular good man volunteered to receive the evil you and I deserve in order to give us the good that you and I don’t deserve. So, when framed truthfully it is a good question “Why did God allow something bad to happen to this good person? God allowed it because of his im-mense and constant love for all of us. like the angel said: “I bring you good news of great joy.” Believe this and give God a chance to bless your life.

Your Shepherds

Assembly Times

**Sunday Worship
9:30AM**
Sunday Class 11 AM
**AWANA, Sunday
10 AM**
**Wednesday, 7 PM
Bible Study**

Weekly Stats

AM Bible Class 95
AM Bible Class Average 102

AM Assembly 130
AM Assembly Avg. 128

Contribution \$3,166.63
YTD Average Weekly
\$4,029.53
Weekly Budget \$8,143.77

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GENERAL INFORMATION

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Anniversaries:

2.4 Wayne & Debbie Kellis

2.17 Mike & Nancy Spane

2.18 Kris & Deborah Black

Birthdays:

2.1 Ashley Swartz

2.2 Cale Ferguson

2.2 Sam Martin

2.4 Carol Brown

2.9 Karen Lowe

2.11 Chris Tate

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Opportunities to Serve

February 4, 2018

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Chester Warren & Mary Joy

Lord's Supper:

Servers in February:

Wayne Burress
Ernie Oliver
Brian Devereaux
Vern Lowe
Matt Joy

Door Greeters in Feb.:

Dennis & Sharon Carter

Nursery:

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YOUTH NEWS

When the Lord puts something on my heart, He REALLY makes it obvious. It keeps coming up over and over again. He hasn't been whispering - He has been shouting it into my life. Through the summer and fall, He kept bringing the phrase and concept of "let your light shine" into my heart through passages in my daily devotion, sermons, VBS theme, a paint night at church, the painted rocks found in two different towns out of state, and so many more. The Lord had me ruminating on that phrase a LOT. At the beginning of 2018, a few friends from different circles suggested that I pray about a word for the year. I'd never heard of this but I decided to try it to see if God has something new in mind for me. As random as it seems, the word "rooted" has been brought up in so many situations that it's impossible to ignore. I prayed for a word and sure enough, He planted one on my heart (no pun intended). God has been speaking this word into my heart in meetings, life group studies, songs, daily devotions, and more.

Our Life group has gone through the spiritual practice called Lectio Divina twice this year. The passages were chosen beforehand by the leader. The first passage was John 8:12-20. The second passage was Ephesians 3:16-21. I've added the verses below to demonstrate how evident God has been speaking this phrase and this word into my life. In 2018, I'm going to pursue God in new ways to ensure that I'm rooted in Him and continue to let my light shine. I pray that God will speak truths into your heart and life like He has been into mine.

John 8:12- When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Ephesians 3:17- "so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love" Blessings, Lauren

MEN'S NEWS

Hobo Pie Night was another success following the inaugural hobo pie night in 2017.

More hobo pie nights to come gathered around the "Rolls Royce of fire pits".

Also, thank you to Travis and Steve for leading the Wednesday night discussion. This last week was a solid discussion for challenging our thought process and calling us upward.

Join us again this Wednesday as we discuss the last of the Ten Commandments and a very unique principle that I AM calls us to adopt and model.

I'd love to gather inputs for ideas for outdoor activities as the days start to get longer and we are able to maximize each day I AM has given us. We understand that everything he has given us is good. We understand that it all serves to point back and glorify the One who made it all.

Another item of praise is that David Dowdy should be joining us Sunday.

We all owe it to our God to say that encouraging word or perform that uplifting deed when it is within our power to do so.

Do Your Part!

Don't know how? Ask our Father who provides a way to escape apathy in every situation. It's there...grab the oar.

-Justin