

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

- 3.30.18 Good Friday
- 4.1.18 Easter Sunday! Easter Egg Hunt for the Children right after service.
- 4.1.18 2018 Honduras Mission Trip Balance due.
- 4.21.18 2018 Honduras Mission Trip Yard Sale
- 4.29.18 Comedian Tim Hawkins appearing at Shandon Baptist Church 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m.
- 5/4-5/6 Ladies Retreat \$100.00, please give your money to Carol or Cindy.

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
- Lisa Smith- Karen Oliver's Sister
- Heath Hartwell-Brian Devereaux's Friend
- Kimberly Craig and Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's daughter and niece
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- Louis Gonda
- Marcello Assenza-Christine Stewart's Father
- David Dowdy
- Tom Dominick
- Chester Warren
- Harriett Betterson and Family
- Mark Black, Kris Black's Father
- Kensington Martin, 14yr old young lady at PHS with stage 4 Throat Cancer
- Jill Anderson Cope, Friend of Gary and Sandy Barnett
- Michael Bridges & Family

"ALIGNMENT"

What would you think if you wanted to take a 2-hour bike ride on Saturday morning and then discover that your 10-year-old son hit the bicycle tire with a hammer and knocked it out of round. You would fix the tire before you got on it to ride. We know that otherwise the bike ride is going to be a lot of work and no joy.

So, it is with religious thinking, so often. Our thoughts are often like the bicycle wheel. We are out of alignment with the truth of the spiritual universe. When this happens we work hard, get nowhere, and lose our joy. It would please God, cease to be work, and activate joy, if we would but, so to speak, fix the wheel and quit trying to push something that is out of alignment. This mis-alignment has happened from the beginning of the Christian Church.

Peter came to the Gentile city of Antioch and made friends. Later Jews came, and Peter shrank from his friends and fellowshipped only with the Jews. Paul rebuked him for his hypocrisy. Paul took strong exception with Peter. The charge was that Peter had been living as a Gentile but when the Jews arrived Peter started insisting that the Gentiles pick up Jewish ways.

It was wrong to go back. It was wrong to respond to social pressure. It was wrong to be a sectarian. It was wrong to be hypocritical. The Jewish law is no longer law. It was even wrong to ostracize your friends. It was wrong to lose moral courage. Peter's deeds were wrong on many levels.

For all the things that went wrong Paul only used one guide to measure the situation. Paul said to Peter "you are not living *in line with the Gospel.*"

Let's learn. We are called to get our thoughts, teachings, and deeds "*in line with the gospel.*" We must ask ourselves: "Are our thoughts, our words, our deeds, and even the broad direction of our lives lining up with the truth of The Gospel." Nothing else is really needed to successfully align our lives with God and the world He made. It answers the eternal questions, the present questions and the ancient questions. If you are confused as to what this looks like, then start digging. I am certain God himself will help you in this effort.

Alignment with the Gospel begins with believing Jesus is who He says he is and throwing away who you have been thinking He is. Know yourself and know Him well enough to see the difference and line up with Him. Think that, believe that, and flesh it out in your life. Learn the meaning of the words: "Burdens are lifted at Calvary." Experience the joy of giving up your world view and adapting His. Take yourself out of the King's chair and sit in your own. Do these things and you will move to true alignment.

When your life lines up with the Gospel your work ceases and your joy begins.

Jump In!
Your Shepherds

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

Weekly Statistics
AM Bible Class 103
AM Bible Class Average 89

AM Assembly 143
AM Assembly Avg. 125

Contribution \$4,494.00
YTD Average Weekly \$5,114.21
Weekly Budget \$7,918.62

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to the Mattingly family on the birth of their son Walker Marvin Mattingly. Walker weighed in at 7lbs 2 oz and 20 1/2 inches long.

Anniversaries:

3.28 Cliff & Carol Brown
 3.30 Jack & Janice Holt

 4.7 Rom & Robin Kellis
 4.7 Jeff & Lanie Guill

Birthdays:

3.28 Jeanie Kirby
 4.2 Valerie Baker
 4.4 Amanda Martin
 4.5 Harriett Betterson
 4.6 Rochelle Kellis
 4.8 Trevor Jex
 4.8 Aspen Ferguson

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**Opportunities to Serve
April 1, 2018**

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Mary Joy
Chester Warren

Lord's Supper:

Chris Amaral

Servers in April:

Justin Muery
Michael Spame
Rob Brannan
Derek Baxley
Cliff Brown

Door Greeters in April:

Terry & Kayla Kneece

Nursery:

Karen Oliver
Karyn Halstead

Toddler:

Lucy Ortiz
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AIM Hannah Baker, Donnie Guill, Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

MEN'S NEWS

Jesus Came to Show His Love.

From his first breath to his last, Jesus demonstrated love to a diverse world of people that could never have even understood how much he loved them and continuously fell short in their attempts to do so. Sound familiar?

Even his death on the cross was met with mocking and criticism. People were openly defiant towards the one person that could offer them real joy. Sound familiar?

At every opportunity to show love Jesus did, even when it wasn't easy or comfortable or popular. Jesus set the example for us by showing love in this way: "but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Philippians 2:7-8

How are we loving others in light of how Jesus demonstrated sacrificial love for us, as He still does to this day?

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."
John 13:35

Blessings,

Lauren Brannan

You ever wondered "hmm...how did that snowboarder get so good at doing all those tricks and sticking the landing consistently?" Sure you have!

One day, a while back, that snowboarder was the kid holding on to their parents (or someone else) ski pole and slowly creeping down the slope. A far cry from a half-pipe and catching 15 feet of air. Those skills were not made overnight and they were not made on their own. They were coached over time by many different trainers, parents, peers, friends.

Try short-cutting this process at all and you could end up a quadriplegic.

Surround yourself with other snowboarders and you will be on your way to the super pipe!

2 Corinthians 3:5,6

Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant of the Spirit; and the Spirit gives life.

God has brought us into His Kingdom and he qualifies us to minister a new covenant to others.

How does he take us from basic minister status to effective disciple-maker status?

You're smart so you probably guessed it...He's surrounded you with other ministers of the new covenant.

2 Corinthians 3:18

And we all, who with unveiled faces reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

If you have accepted God's glory and you are choosing to reflect that glory then you have the Spirit at work within you. You ARE BEING transformed and you are helping to transform others through the Spirit at work within you!

A conversation you used to only be comfortable having within your Life Group has now become part of your every day vernacular.

You have accepted the rebuke and the encouragement from the Lord through your fellow ministers and you now have a heart set on things above. You have the spiritual armor to do battle knowing that the Lord has overcome the world with Love.

Don't settle for slowly creeping down the slope...

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

-Justin