

FAMILY NEWS



Upcoming Events

4.27.18 Ladies Night Out!!

Please join us at 7:00p.m. at the church to watch the movie "Same Kind of Different" and enjoy some snacks.

4.29.18 Ladies Retreat meeting right after service in the Overflow Room next to the Sound Room.

4.29.18 Comedian Tim Hawkins appearing at Shandon Baptist Church 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

5.1.18 Midlandsgives.org, Please consider supporting Emmanu-wheel on Tuesday, May 1st. Board of Directors will match first \$2,000.00

5/4-5/6 Ladies Retreat at Fripp Island. Please give your money to Carol asap.

5.5.18 Emmanuwheel Wheel Chair Ramp. 8:00a.m., 707 Smith Pond Rd., Lexington. See Cliff Brown

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
- Mollie Carr, Kathy Upton's niece.
- Gene Lowe-Vern Lowe's Father
- 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
- Michael Bridges & Family
- Madeline, Suzanne Kennedy's Great Granddaughter.
- Karyl Burress

"JOY AND PAIN"

The Christian way promises abundance, peace, joy and all the other good things in life. People who are new to the faith or just new to life, and possessing The Faith really expect the joy. Instead of joy we often find ourselves in the middle of dread, fear, cynicism, suspicion and the like. To be sure this present life has its share of pain and struggle. How is it that we are supposed to inherit joy and yet we find ourselves in a constant battle for happiness. What gives with this idea?

I once told a young mother. See, everything about your life is ideal. That is to say you have two little babies, one girl and one boy. You have a wonderful smart husband who is also a great and present father. The house is a mess because the children are healthy. You care because you are healthy. The husband is gone because he is out earning money. This is perfect. Where is your joy? Here's the deal I said: All is well with your life except one thing. You expect all the good things and no pain to come along with it. This is not a fairytale about a place that doesn't really exist. This is real life, under the sun, in a fallen world.

Where did we get the idea that God promises a pain free world? Our first best step in maturing in this area is to believe what is written, that is; that pain and joy are co-mingled everywhere in scripture and in nature. Mothers almost always endure pain through childbirth for the joy that comes with the child. Joy salves over the pain. Broken hearts make whole people!

Joy is often linked with pain. For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross *Hebrews 12:2*. Jesus experienced joy, while in the crucifixion. Joy and pain are mingled. Psalms says weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes in the morning *Psalms 30:5*. Discipline is painful, but it produces the peaceful fruit of righteousness *Hebrews 12:11*.

We must adapt to the idea that pain is in the package as a route to maturity. If we quit expecting an easy walk downhill, we would be more prepared for the uphill hike. Next, we could internalize that it is the uphill struggle that gives birth to the better person. The joy can appear when we expect that struggle is needed to make us better or to otherwise enrich our lives. Aligning our expectations makes room for joy.

Finally, as we adapt to the will of God in our earthly walk, He appears and affirms our experiences by adding the joy. We will wake up one day and heartedly embrace our pain. This will make more room for joy, and the cycle continues. His presence, His affirmation are part and parcel of our joy. In all this we can embrace the pain and yet never be masochist. We can become mature people, who, like Jesus endure our difficulties with the Joy God gives.

Join in, engage in God's story by being a real part of the human story. Embrace the pain and find the joy.

God is good!!

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 102
AM Bible Class Average 85

AM Assembly 149
AM Assembly Avg. 133

Contribution \$3,525.05
YTD Average Weekly \$6,801.60

Weekly Budget \$7,918.62

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations!!

Please congratulate Patrick Stivers on making the decision to become a child of God's kingdom. Patrick was baptized this past Sunday night, the 24th.

Anniversaries:

4.7 Rom & Robin Kellis
4.7 Jeff & Lanie Guill

5.14 David & Earline White
5.15 Chris & Jordan Tate
5.29 Rob & Lauren Brannan
5.30 Allan & Carolyn Whitacre

Birthdays:

4.27 Joseph Burns

5.2 Mary Turner
5.3 Waylon Falls
5.5 Terry Kneec
5.6 Corey Wisniewski
5.6 Mason Bridges
5.8 Karyl Burress

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Opportunities to Serve

April 29, 2018

Worship: Connor Watkins

Sound Room:

Ruben Macedo
Michael Spane

Lord's Supper:

Chris Amaral

Servers in April:

Justin Muery
Michael Spane
Rob Brannan
Derek Baxley
Cliff Brown

Door Greeters in April:

Terry & Kayla Kneece

Nursery:

Earline White
Carol Brown

Toddler:

Mary Turner
Mary Joy

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Missionaries:

AIM Hannah Baker, Donnie Gull, Mission UpReach in Honduras: Mike, Kris, Kaylee Bridges

YOUTH NEWS

The lesson for our Elementary students on Sunday morning has really resonated with me over the past week. The lesson was about God's plan for Moses. The intro was to include a tool or object that relates to a talent or ability of the teacher, such as a paintbrush you've used if you're a talented artist. The object is imperfect- it has leftover paint on it or scratches and dents from being used. The point of the demonstration is to show that the object can't do anything by itself. It needs someone to use it so that it works. Lights need to be plugged in, instruments need to be played, even a shovel doesn't dig unless someone picks it up and uses it. What about us? Even we can't work without God's help. He is the one who created us. He gave us the ability to work, despite our flaws, scratches and dents. Moses, with all of his struggles and flaws from the very beginning of his life, was able to be used by God because he made himself available and let God work within him. He even did that imperfectly, just like you and I, but God blessed the work and He blessed Moses.

How can God use me? How can God use you? What a victory for the Kingdom if we would all turn our talents and abilities over to be used by Him? Romans 12:1-2 "And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you

will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Blessings,

Lauren Brannan