

Writing it on our hearts...(Hebrews 8:10)

Cut out the verse for the week & post it somewhere you will see it often. Read it. "Write it". Live it.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have inclined my heart to perform your statutes forever, even to the end."

- Psalm 119:105, 112^{NASB}

Serving Today

Greeters: Chris and Tammy Smith
(Next Week: Mac and Willadean Milam)

Announcements and Opening Prayer:
Gary Carter

Song Leader: Garrett Jackson

Lead Communion: Jerry Johnson

Assist: Allen Hedge
Brice Thompson
Rod Jackson

Scripture Reading:

Speaker: Gary Carter

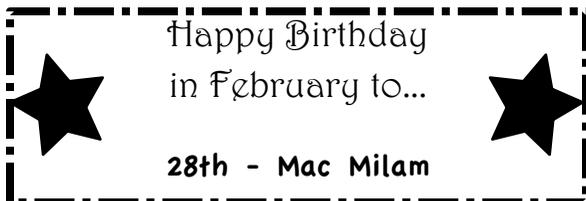
Closing Prayer: Tony Carter
(Sunday pm: Randy Jackson)

Serving Wednesday

Announcements & Prayer: Gary Carter

Song Leader: Garrett Jackson

Devotional: Allen Hedge



Attendance Last Week

AM Worship: 58

PM Worship: 38

Contribution: \$2260

Wednesday: 36

Our Meeting Times

SUNDAY

Bible Study - 9:00am

Morning Worship - 10:00am

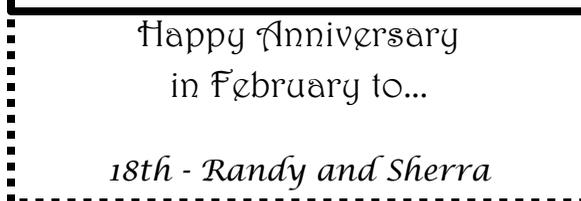
Evening Worship - 5:00pm

(1st Sunday of the month - 1:00pm)

WEDNESDAY

Dinner served at 6:00pm

Bible Study 7:00-8:00pm



Please bring toilet paper and paper towels for Turning Point Women and Children's Shelter!

For updates or additions to the announcements or prayer list, contact Cindy Baker ---

Welcome TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Loving the Lord with all our heart...(Mark 12:30)



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Extreme Unction

Remember the old "Conjunction Junction, what's your function?" In a cartoon made by School House Rock this cartoon taught kids the meaning, purpose and use of conjunctions in the English language. If we ask the same question as the cartoon, but applied to the Catholic idea of Extreme Unction, our question may go something like this: "Extreme Unction, what's your function?"

According to the Catholic church there are seven sacraments (IE – ways of receiving Christ's grace). They are: 1) Baptism 2) Confirmation 3) Holy Eucharist 4) Penance 5) Extreme Unction 6) Holy Orders 7) Matrimony [Father McGuire's The New Baltimore Catechism and Mass No. 2]. Extreme Unction is the idea that a Priest must anoint with oil a dying person so as to give them their last rites and final forgiveness of sins before death.

We need to ask two questions: 1) Was this the practice of the New Testament church, and 2) Should the church practice this today? Let's examine these two questions.

First, the word "sacrament" is not found in the English Bible. That should clue us in right off the bat. Neither the Lord's Supper or any other event is called a "sacrament". In baptism, one does receive forgiveness for sin and thus receives grace through faith, but in no other act of worship does the Bible teach that one worshipping receives a "special grace" or "forgiveness of sin". Rather, sin is forgiven when one is baptized into Christ (Acts 22:16). Once a Christian, sin is forgiven when one repents and confesses that sin to God (1 John 1:8-9; Acts 8:18-24).

Second, the argument for this Extreme Unction is taken from James 5:14 which says, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." Notice that those sick were to call for the "elders" not the priest. The word "elders" is plural, indicating more than one, not supporting the Catholic practice of sending "a" Priest to touch oil to the sick person's eyes, ears, nostrils, lips, hands and feet. Also, in verse 15 it is clear that the prayer was what was going to be effective, not the oil. In addition, the person in consideration in 5:14 is not

God is calling you. But not on your cell phone. Don't forget to silence your phone during worship!

on his death bed, but simply sick. These prayers were to be offered and help given in the form of medicinal oil to a person anytime they were sick, not just on their death-bed (as the Catholic church teaches). While we do read about Jesus having oil put on Him before His death (Jn 12:3, 7), this was not a universal practice. If this was a practice the church was supposed to keep, why do we not see Stephen (Ac 7:57-60), James (Ac 12:2), Paul (attempted murder Ac 14:19, 20), or any others given this "extreme unction"?

In conclusion, extreme unction was not a standard practice of the New Testament church, nor should the church practice this today as it is not based in Scripture. This quote sums up the sacraments nicely,

"What was the purpose of the Church of Rome in appointing seven sacraments? Probably in order that it might have complete control over the lives of its people from the cradle to the grave. This sacramental system is designed to give the priest control at the most important events of human life. From baptism as soon as possible after birth to the shadow of approaching death the laity is kept dependent on and under the control of the priest" [Roman Catholicism, by Loraine Boettner, pp. 189-90]

- Aaron Baker

"Be devoted to prayer..." (Romans 12:12)

- * Kim Johnson's dad, **Marvin Hedden**, is home from the hospital now. He is doing well, but still could use our prayers as he recovers from his heart attack and surgery. Also, Marvin's brother, **Jesse**, is now in the hospital. They discovered a staph infection in his spine and he had a procedure for that on Wednesday. He is doing better and is out of ICU. Please pray for both Marvin and Jesse and their families as they help care for them.
- * **James Hansel** needs our prayers as he has been having heart problems. The doctors are waiting to see what would be best to do to help him. Encouragement cards can be sent to:
- * Please pray for Rod and Randy's uncle, **Harold Hogard**, as he had back surgery this past week and is in a great deal of pain. Also, their cousin, **Wayne Hogard**, needs our prayers as he had surgery for prostate cancer on Wednesday.
- * **Kay Shepard** had an echocardiogram on Thursday. The results came back on Friday that her heart is normal. She wants to express her thanks for our prayers on her behalf. Praise God for this news!



Highlight on Missions

Check out the new Missions bulletin board in the foyer!

Honduras: Elias Roque Sr. reports that the congregation in San Miguel participated in a community service project to paint a graffiti building. They painted the entire building and the waiting room of the clinic. They feel blessed to be able to serve in this way.

Vanuatu: Our teammate, Mike Olson, is headed home to the USA this week for his furlough. Pray for safe travel for him. Things are progressing well for the Brandell's 3rd year of living in Tulwei village in Malekula island.

Take Note!

- * **Men's Prayer Devotional at Denny's in LSL. Friday mornings at 6:30am. Start your morning off right!**
- * **Women's Bible Study at the building is weekly on Monday at 7:00pm. Grow your faith as we journey through an Overview of the Old Testament.**
- * **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! Caring for the building is a big task for just one or two people to do. If you would be willing to serve by vacuuming the building once a month, please see Ryan Young or sign up on the list in the foyer.**
- * **The next area-wide singing will be February 22nd at Collinsville.**
- * **Ladies, if you haven't picked up your copy of Sherra's newsletter, "Minutes in Ministry", it is sitting on the back table. Get updated on all that is upcoming in our women's ministries.**
- * **Ladies, it is not too late to sign up for Ladies Retreat! It is February 22nd and 23rd and this year's theme is "Birds of a Feather Flock Together". It is going to be a fun and encouraging time - fabulous food, talking, fun games, talking, speakers, crafts, more talking and lots of great sister time! If you have never attended before, make this year your year to start!**
- * **March 1st & 2nd - Youth Rally in Dexter, MO. See Randy Jackson if you would like to go.**
- * **MAKE PLANS NOW! We will be hosting a Gospel Meeting March 17 (Sun) thru March 20th (Wed). The topic is: BURNED. Many people feel like they have been burned by friends or family, by a church, or by life in general. Let's reach out to others (or to yourself?) with the "Balm of the Bible" and with the help and healing that comes only through Christ.**

Gospel Meeting Weekly Checklist

This week: Make contact with the 5 people you plan to invite to the Gospel Meeting.

Let's have a heart for the work!

Please continue to pray for: Larry Morrow (traveling for work), Tracy Ehlmann, Kay Shepard (health), Harold Fitzjerrell (Alzheimers), Carl Wright (health), Brandon Holst (recovering from surgery), Kim Vogelsang (health), Caleb Sams (cancer), Judy Wicker (back pain), Stacy Hagar and her Mom and Grandparents, Elias and Kristi Roque (Hispanic ministry in Memphis), Greg Haney (chemo), Clyde Pruiett (Janet Colvett's father - lung problems)

"Blessed be the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication." - Ps. 28:6