



The Messenger



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LIVING OUT WHAT WE SAY WE BELIEVE IN

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PASSION WEEK

Back in December we took a *Journey to Bethlehem* and learned about the reason for the birth of Christ. Starting March 8th we continue on that journey, a *Journey to Jerusalem*, and finish the story of why Jesus came - He was born to die for the sin of man.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun: Adult Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Children Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
AWANA	6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Mon: Home Group:	7:00 p.m.
Wed: Youth Ministry	6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

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Early in Luke's Gospel, Luke records that Jesus "*resolutely set out for Jerusalem*" (Luke 9:51). Jesus was determined to *Journey to Jerusalem* which meant it was a journey to His own suffering and death; a journey to become sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God, a journey to lay down His life and pick it back up three days later.

This *Journey to Jerusalem* is also called "Passion Week", which is an appropriate name since the word "passion" is derived from the Latin word "suffering"- a week of suffering. Passion Week (also known as Holy Week) is the time from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday (Resurrection Sunday). Also included within Passion Week are Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Passion Week is so named because of the passion with which Jesus willingly went to the cross in order to pay for the sins of His people. Passion Week is described in (Matt. chapters 21-27; Mark chapters 11-15; Luke chapters 19-23; and John chapters 12-19). Passion Week begins with the triumphal entry on Palm Sunday on the back of a colt as prophesied in (Zech. 9:9).

Passion Week contained several memorable events. Jesus cleansed the Temple for the second time (Luke 19:45-46), then disputed with the Pharisees regarding His authority. Then He gave His Olivet Discourse on the end times and taught many things, including the signs of His second coming. Jesus ate His Last Sup-

per with His disciples in the upper room (Luke 22:7-38), then went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray as He waited for His hour to come. It was here that Jesus, having been betrayed by Judas, was arrested and taken to several sham trials before the chief priests, Pontius Pilate, and Herod (Luke 22:54-23:25).

Following the trials, Jesus was scourged at the hands of the Roman soldiers, then was forced to carry His own instrument of execution (the Cross) through the streets of Jerusalem along what is known as the Via Dolorosa (way of sorrows). Jesus was then crucified at Golgotha on the day before the Sabbath, was buried and remained in the tomb until Sunday, the day after the Sabbath, and then gloriously resurrected.

It is referred to as Passion Week because in that time, Jesus Christ truly revealed His passion for us in the suffering He willingly went through on our behalf. What should our attitude be during Passion Week? We should be passionate in our worship of Jesus and in our proclamation of His Gospel! As He suffered for us, so should we be willing to suffer for the cause of following Him, proclaiming the message of His death and resurrection.

Have a great week and hope to see you in church on Sunday as we begin *OUR Journey to Jerusalem*.

Looking Ahead,

Bro. Michael

AWANA News

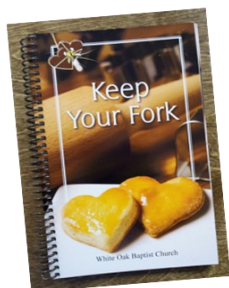


We meet on Sunday at 5:20 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. For more information please contact Jackie Terry or Mike Heart.

March

- 1 - Crazy Hair Night
- 8 - Regular Club Night
- 15 - No Club
- 22 - Regular Club Night
- 29 - Regular Club Night

"Keep Your Fork"



Your help with selling our cookbooks is appreciated! They are \$10 and can be picked up in the foyer area. Just memo check or envelope "cookbook" and place in offering.

Home Groups



Mid Adults

Day: Tuesday

Next Meeting: March 3rd & 17th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Aline's Steele

April Birthdays

Nora Heyland	4/3
Keyland Cook	4/4
Michael Heim	4/11
Kiehl Van Blarcum	4/16
Clay Hunter	4/17
Lee Hatton	4/25
Carolyn Tuttle	4/25
Gunar Freeman	4/25
Sue Wallesch	4/28

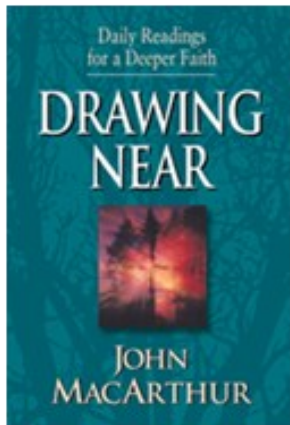
March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Communion</i>	2	3 <i>Mid Adult Home Group</i>	4	5	6	7 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>
8 <i>Journey to Jerusalem</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 <i>JTJ continues Latvia Fundraiser @EMBC</i>	16	17 <i>Mid Adult Home Group</i>	18	19	20	21
22 <i>Journey to Jerusalem</i>	23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>Church Work Day</i>
29 <i>Journey to Jerusalem</i>	30	31	<i>April 1</i>	2	3 <i>Nora Heyland</i>	4 <i>Keyland Cook</i>

Monthly Totals

Accounts	Feb. 1	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22	Totals
General Fund	\$3,284.77	\$4,696.00	\$1,828.00	\$3,398.50	\$13,207.27
Gym Contributions	\$50.00	\$330.00	-	\$205.00	\$585.00
Designated Fund	\$415.00	\$376.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$891.00
					Totals
HOME GROUP	N/A	20	N/A	24	44
WEDNESDAY PM	44	41	39	34	158
SUNDAY SCHOOL	50	50	40	47	187
SUNDAY AM WORSHIP	110	108	86	110	414
SUNDAY PM	45	51	41	No Service	138

DRAWING NEAR



"We have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding."

Godly living results from being controlled by the principles of God's Word. Paul's prayer for the Philippians (Phil. 1:9-11) is closely paralleled by his prayer for the Colossians (Col. 1:9-12). Both epistles were written from the same Roman prison at about the same time in Paul's life. Both prayers focus on godly living, but each approaches it from a slightly different perspective.

The Philippians were gracious people who needed to exercise greater knowledge and discernment in their love. The Colossians also were gracious but their devotion to Christ was being challenged by heretics who taught that Christ is insufficient for salvation and godly living. True spirituality, the false teachers said, is found in Christ plus human philosophy, religious legalism, mysticism, or asceticism. Paul encouraged the Colossian believers and refuted the false teachers by showing the utter sufficiency of Christ.

At the outset of his prayer Paul stressed the impor-

tance of being controlled by the knowledge of God's will (which is revealed in His Word). That's the meaning of the Greek word translated "filled" in verse 9. "Knowledge" translates a word that speaks of a deep, penetrating knowledge that results in behavioral change. "Spiritual wisdom and understanding" refers to knowledge that cannot be known through human reasoning or philosophy. It is imparted by the Holy Spirit Himself.

In effect Paul was saying, "I pray that you will be continually controlled by the life-transforming knowledge of God's will, which the Holy Spirit imparts as you prayerfully study and meditate on God's Word."

Scripture supplies the principles you need to live a godly life. The Spirit gives you the power to do so. Many false teachers will try to divert you from the simplicity of devotion to Christ by offering you philosophy, psychology, and a myriad of other hopeless alternatives. Don't be victimized. In Christ you have everything you need!

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MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS

MISSION STATEMENT: To make God and His love known to our community and to the world.



This month's emphasis is Talsi Christian School. This is a Christian school in Talsi, Latvia that we support and our pastor leads a team of 10-12 missionaries each year there to hold a VBS Camp. We have seen nearly 200 salvations in the past four years at this camp. If you would like to help Pastor Michael and Cullen raise their monies for this trip please memo their name on your check or envelope.

Mission Emphasis is giving above the regular tithe and can be done by placing your money in the white Mission Envelopes in the back of the pews and place in the offering plate or in the tithe box located on the side of the media/sound booth.