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**Just Another Easter
 April 2017 Sermon Series**

God calls us to be holy, just like him - you know, perfect and without sin. (Oh, is that all?) So, how do you measure up? Ever try real hard, only to find yourself failing? Over and over again? If so, be thankful for Peter...the one disciple that is the truism of “open mouth, insert foot”. This month, we’re going to look through Peter’s eyes at the death and resurrection of Jesus. If you’ve ever felt like you’re not good enough for God to use you, this is the series for you.

2 “Over My Dead Body!” Matt 26:31-35
 Jesus announces that he is going to die, and Peter won’t accept that. In fact, Peter makes it clear that he’s willing to die with Jesus...ignoring the fact that Jesus just told him that the very opposite was true. Why don’t we like it when Jesus points out the fact we are just as likely to betray him as to defend him? If God believes the worst of us, why even try?

9 “Not the Droid You’re Looking For” Matt 26:69-75
 Jesus has been arrested, and everyone heads for the hills...except Peter. Following through on his commitment to follow Jesus, even to death, Peter waits outside the place they’ve taken Jesus for trial. If only he was prepared to be on trial himself. Why is it that we claim in one minute to never deny Jesus, then the next...you know. You know because you’ve done it over and over again, too.

16 “Sprint, Not Marathon” John 20:1-10
 Peter is hiding out with the other disciples, a few days after Jesus is dead and buried. When he hears that Jesus’ body is gone, he goes sprinting for the tomb only to find it empty! His conclusion: confusion. He totally forgets that Jesus said this would happen EXACTLY the way it has. Why don’t we take Jesus at his word? Why is it so easy to see the evidence right in front of us, but still wonder where God is?

23 “Gone Fishin’” John 21:1-14
 Peter has had a whirlwind past few days. Jesus died. Jesus came back! Jesus disappears...then reappears...then disappears. Then...nothing. Peter then decides in the silence to go back to what he knows best - fishing, forgetting that Jesus once told him he would one day fish for men. Why is it so easy for us to go back to old, comfortable habits when God has called us to something greater?

30 5th Sunday Celebration! “Soup’s On!” John 21:15-19

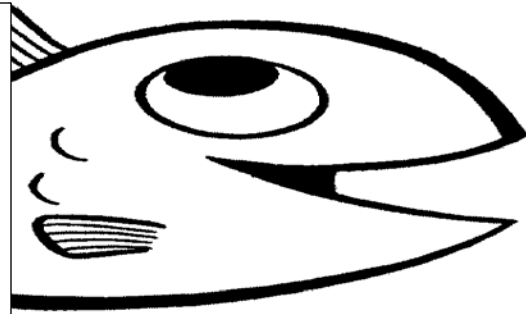


Summer is coming and the youth is available if you need help around the house or if you just have a pool you want us to test out. If you are interested please reach out to Josh.



Mark your calendars for our Spaghetti Dinner coming again the first Sunday in May. More details coming so keep watching. This fundraiser is a big part of our youth fund to cover trips like Spirit Song Fest @ Kings Island and much more. Please make plans to join us for all you can eat spaghetti! Summer will be here before you know it and that means church camp! Make sure you sign up early and don't miss out. Many Youth activities coming this summer such as camp fires, Spirit Song Fest, movie nights and much more.

In April & May, Children's Church will be learning about Big Fish Stories in the Bible. We will be discussing Jonah and the whale, Jesus feeding the 5,000, and the fishermen who caught too many to pull in and more.



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Eastern Dominican Christian Mission

“To fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ by making disciples and forming those disciples into congregations.”

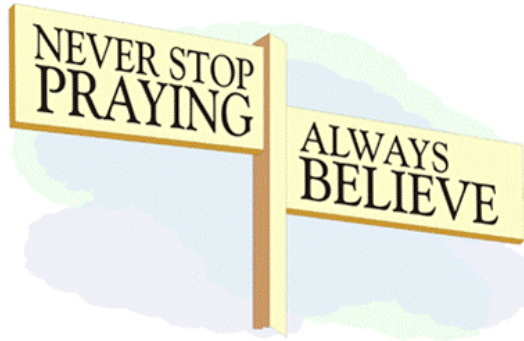
This is the mission statement of the Eastern Dominican Christian Mission, another mission outreach supported by the Jennings Road Church of Christ. EDCM is located on the island of Hispaniola, an island southeast of Florida and Cuba in the Caribbean Sea. The western third of this island is occupied by the nation of Haiti, and the eastern two-thirds is occupied by the Dominican Republic, a small, third-world, Spanish-speaking nation of about ten million people. Predominantly Catholic, the population is primarily mixed race, with a much smaller percentage of Caucasians and Blacks. The EDCM is presently working with and supporting five church plants, and in 2013, founded a Christian school that meets the needs of 425 children. Missionaries Ryan and Erin Vandelinde are working to train and equip Christian leaders in this area to empower their churches to reach people for Jesus Christ and to pass along the vision of reaching the lost in this country as they become less dependent on their missionary leaders. Their goal is to create healthy, self-sufficient Christian congregations that will lead to even more church plants and strengthen the Christian influence in this small island nation.

Missionaries Ryan and Erin Vandelinde



Please pray for the Vandelinde family as they invest their lives into the people of the Dominican Republic by faithfully sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

(Thank you to Keith Langdon for this “Ministry Spotlight”!)



Prayer Requests & Praises

***Pastor Dave - health
Rosie Miracle - health
Jerry Miracle - health
Jerry Smith - health
Christian Niece - cancer
Jenny Glaze - health
Donna Klinger - Lupus
Wilma Peterson - Parkinson's disease
Marie Ray - healing from surgery
Walt Kuhlhorst - health
Carol Thomas - Parkinson's disease
Codie Ramos - health
Tera Kapangama - surgery in April
All cancer Patients
Unspoken prayers...***

***Jeffrey Kinner - Navy - San Diego, CA
Josh Ray - Marines - Camp Lejeune, NC
Ryan Munoz - Marines - San Diego, CA
Please remember all military men, women, Veterans and their families!***



***Please let Anita Searl know of any changes needed
to the prayer request list.
Thank you!***



- 11 Madison Langdon
- 14 Betty Taylor
- 15 Tracy Dickson
- 17 Carter Bledsoe
- 21 Sandy Dowdy
- 24 Beth Bilimek
- 29 Colby Kuhn



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5th Sunday Celebration!
 Join us on Sunday, April 30th immediately following
 Worship Service for a Carry-in Lunch!

Coming soon...



2017 Western Buckeye Christian Service Camp Dates
 Senior High (going into grade 10-13) June 25-30
 Junior High (going into grade 7-9) June 4-9
 Junior (going into grade 4-6) June 11-16
 Heart Start (going into grade 2-3) June 18-21
 Alpha Bits (going into grade K-1) June 22-23 & July 2-3



Kerstin Roberts address for cards or letters:

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*Please encourage her as she continues on her journey
 to become a U.S. Marine! Thank you!*

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m. / Worship 10:00 a.m.
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Pastor: David Ray, Jr.
Elders: Keith Langdon Earl Bledsoe Matt Langdon

Ministry Leaders:

Music/Worship: Matt Langdon
Administrative: Anita Searl
Maintenance/Servers: Greg Roberts
Financials: Johnna Roberts
Hospitality: Jamie Ramos
Deb Bledsoe

We Believe...

...that Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of God, who died for our sins and rose from the dead.
1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 3:16

...that the Bible is the inspired Word of God - a lamp unto our feet and light unto our path.
2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105

...that every person has worth in God's eyes, and that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23

...that forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life are available to those who trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
John 3:16

...that those accepting Christ should repent of sin, confess their faith, and be baptized by immersion into Him.
Romans 10:9; Acts 2:38

...that the church is the body of Christ on earth, empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring the lost to Christ and the saved into a nurturing relationship with Jesus.

Ephesians 4:1-16

The Jennings Road Church of Christ exists to glorify God by turning unchurched people into fully devoted followers of Christ.

April Serving Schedule

Communion Meditation

4/2 Keith Langdon
4/9 Dave Ray
4/16 Matt Mills
4/23 Matt Landon
4/30 5th Sunday

Prayer Room

4/2 Earl
4/9 Rosie
4/16 Belinda
4/23 Marie
4/30 Lisa / Rick

Greeters:

4/2 Ramon & Rosie
4/9 Rick & Lisa
4/16 Lorraine & Brenda
4/23 Stuart & Jamie
4/30 Josh & Sara

Cleaning

4/2 Keith / Lorraine
4/9 Keith / Lorraine
4/16 Carl / Rachel
4/23 Carl / Rachel
4/30 Jill Hufford

Nursery: Sunday School/Worship Service

Fully equipped nursery available.
Staffed as needed.
For questions, please see Deanna Ray.

Toddler Room

4/2 Danielle Ray
4/9 Bianca Young
4/16 Lorraine Langdon
4/23 Bernie Poling
4/30 No Sunday School

Brunch/Communion Prep for April:

Nan & Mary Smith

Servers for April:

Doug, Drake, Stuart & Greg

Helpers:

Candy Clay, Dalton Hines, Rick Hines,
Drake Hitchcock, Derrin Kuhn, Chad Kraner,
Johnathon Young