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*Pastor David Ray, Jr.*

*April 2016*

### **From Playing Games to Blaming God April 2016 sermon series**

Joseph is still playing games with his brothers, even in the midst of a severe famine that cripples the land. Then he switches gears, shocks his brothers with the truth, and before you know it - God shows up in a BIG way!

#### **3 "I'm a good guy...honest!" Gen 42:29-38**

Jacob's sons want to return to Egypt for more food, but their dad is not willing to part with his youngest. Can you blame him? Some of us know that feeling; been burn by the past, so we hold everything as close as possible to avoid being hurt again. If we're honest with ourselves, that's not possible, because we're sinners - hurt comes with the territory.

#### **10 "Trust me; I'm an atheist "Gen 43:23-34**

The brothers return, and Joseph throws a huge party. Knowing their guilt, the brothers confess to Joseph's butler - who tells them not to worry, because God's got his hands in this. WHAT??? Can we honestly trust the words of an unbeliever when it comes to the reality of God?

#### **17 "Surprise Party!" Gen 45:1-14**

Joseph finally ends the games and reveals to his shocked brothers who he really is. Then he drops a huge bomb on them, placing blame for all that they've done to him...squarely on God! Yikes! Can we really blame God for all our troubles? (And not get struck by lightning?)

#### **24 "Boo! Lol, jk, it's me, God." Gen 47:1-3**

God speaks directly to Jacob! Whoa...wait, where's He been all this time???

# Youth News



We are continuing to study Moses. We are focusing on how God can use us despite our failures and weaknesses. We burnt our excuses and placed the ashes in a vile as reminder that they have no power of us.



## Winter Jam



Our youth and several members of JRCC rocked it out at Winter Jam 2016. A great night of fun, fellowship, and worship.



Please continue to pray for our youth as they are involved in numerous activities in our county schools. They are striving to make a difference in a dark and troubled world. Pray that they have the confidence to stand strong and the courage to be who God has planned for them to be.



The youth Sunday school class is working on becoming pen-pals with children from one of our supported missions...the woodburn Christian childrens home.



### **Prayer Requests & Praises**

*Pastor Dave-health  
Rosie Miracle- health  
Jerry Miracle- health  
Joan Sterrett-health  
Derek Hill- health  
Chris Bashore -cancer  
Jerry Smith- cancer  
Rod Eagleson-cancer  
All cancer Patients  
Stepen Sherer-family  
Jasmine Coleman-bi-lung transplant  
Wayne Karges-health  
Christian Niece-cancer  
Unspoken prayers*

*Please let Deb Bledsoe know if anyone needs  
to be removed or added to the prayer request list.  
I would like to keep this updated.  
Thank you*

*Josh Ray – Marines – Camp Lejeune NC  
Ryan Munoz – Marines – San Diego, CA  
Jeffrey Kinner – Navy – San Diego, CA*

*All military men, women, Veterans and families*





## **April Birthday**

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



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## **Sunday April 24 - Carry-in Lunch**

Fellowship with our  
 Woodburn Christian Family  
 after worship Service  
No Sunday School  
 Kids get to be in the worship service



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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  
**Admin/Discipleship/Mentor:** Deb Bledsoe  
**Maintenance/Servers:** Greg Roberts  
**Financials:** Johnna Roberts  
**Prayer Chain:** Joan Sterrett  
**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**

04/03 Keith Langdon  
04/10 Dave Ray  
04/17 Matt Mills  
04/24 Matt Langdon

### **Prayer Room**

04/03 Belinda  
04/10 Marie  
04/17 Rick/Lisa  
04/24 Bernie

### **Greeters:**

04/03 Ramon & Rosie  
04/10 Rick & Dalton  
04/17 Lorraine & Brenda  
04/24 Stuart & Jamie

### **Cleaning**

04/03 Keith/Lorraine  
04/10 Keith/Lorraine  
04/17 Carl/Rachel  
04/24 Carl/Rachel

### **Nursery: Sunday School/Worship Service**

### **Toddler: Sunday School**

**"NOTICE"**

**\*\* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED \*\***

**PLEASE CONTACT DEANNA RAY**

**THANK YOU!**

### **Toddler Room**

04/03 Danielle  
04/10 Bianca  
04/17 Lorraine  
04/24 Bernie

### **Brunch/Communion Prep for April:**

**Nan and Mary**

### **Servers for April:**

**Doug, Drake, Stuart, Greg**

### **Helpers:**

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