

The Chimes

of First Presbyterian Church

April 2016

A monthly newsletter for friends and members of our church...

Greeting from Jay Kim



Too Simple to Notice

"Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12:2

I have a friend who is a medical doctor in Ohio. He is both a surgeon and a fitness trainer, as well as a former wrestler from his high school days. His wife is a nutritionist and fitness trainer too. They are a so-called "healthy family", always eating 100% fat and cholesterol-free foods. One day, I asked him to give me some special tips for keeping in good shape, and expected to hear some sort of secret way of living a healthy life. Then he simply emailed me the following directions, saying, "Do these five basic things, and you will live a happy and long life."

1. Eat vegetables every meal.
2. Exercise regularly.
3. Don't eat late at night.
4. Don't eat too much.
5. Try to avoid sweets and caffeinated stuff, or at least eat reasonable amounts of it.

When reading it, I was thinking, "Is that it?" Then he said at the end of the email, "Many people are in bad shape and unhealthy because they don't do these simple things which they already know."

You might wonder what would be the most effective ways to get close to God and grow in your relationship with Christ. So, in Bible classes, you might try to really get into the heart of the knowledge of Biblical contents, history, and theology. However, your desire for growing faith in Him might be still feel unfulfilled because the answer that you are looking for is not among the principles of complicated learning. It is laid at the foot of the cross. Do you really confess that Jesus is your only Savior, and that you were purchased by His blood? Does it seem too simple? Yes, it is simple, and this is often overlooked, but this confession tells everything about growing and cultivating a relationship with Christ. Look to the cross. All the answers to your questions are there.

Jay Kim

It Takes a Lot of People

Wk	Flowers For Month	Elders Communion	Deacons	Ushers For Month	Greeters	Liturgist	Prayer Team	Children's Message
4/3	Open	1) K. Toedtli 2) J. Butzine G. Gatti	K. Essex N. Green C. Furrow S. Nelson D. Prella	L. Curtiss M. Goodell F. Colwell M. Colwell	D. Kutschke	L. Mills	S.Fry P. Dobry	K. Hielscher
4/14	Communion Highland & Crossroads							
4/10	Open			Same	G. and N. Shaw-Gatti	L. Mills	B. Kendle K. Hielscher	M. Clarke
4/17	Open			Same	K. Essex	J. Green	S. Kammerer R. Hielscher	H. Weisgerber
4/24	Open			Same	M. and K. Toedtli	J. Green	K. Toedtli L. Perrin	H. Weisgerber

Men's Breakfast

Our next Men's Life Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 9th at 8:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Men of the church, please come share in our time of fellowship and remember to invite a friend to come too!



Do unto others...with soup! Remember our ministry of soup and take it out into the community. Invite those you bless to church. Tell them we care!



Per Capita for 2016 is \$48.00 per Member. To pay your Per Capita simply place the check in the offering plate on Sunday, noting "Per Capita" in the memo portion.

Statement of Receipts - March 2016

Offerings	3/6	3/13	3/20	3/27			Monthly Total	Bal. Fwd	YTD - 2016
Pledged Offerings	4,850.50	5,282.25	636.00				10,768.75	17,278.37	28,047.12
Un-pledged Offerings	650.00	361.00	225.00				1,236.00	3,745.00	4,981.00
Loose Offerings	29.00	26.00	24.00				79.00	285.00	364.00
Total Offerings	\$5,529.50	\$5,669.25	\$885.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$12,083.75	\$21,308.37	\$33,392.12

P.W. Rummage Sale!

Set-up for the Spring Rummage Sale will be going on Monday through Thursday, April 11th through the 14th. The sale itself will be Friday April 15th from 8am-6pm and Saturday April 16th from 8am to noon.

Have you taken advantage of recent "springy" days to clean out closets, basements and garages? We all have good things we will never use again and someone in our community can make good use of those items.

If any of you might be able to lend a hand in any way, it will be greatly appreciated. Thanks everyone!



Circle Meetings

Good Morning Circle will be meeting on April 6th at 9:00 a.m. at the church.
Diane Prella and Diane Foland

Serendipity Circle will be meeting on April 6th at 1:30 p.m. at the church with
Kathy Myers as Hostess

C.T. Will meet on April 20th with coffee at 9:00 a.m. followed by the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Hostess is to be determined.

April Birthdays

- 3 Ron Schlattmann
- 4 Pat Howell
- 4 Jamie Weingart
- 8 Jaci Irwin
- 8 Frank Tolstedt
- 8 Judy Larson
- 10 Insun Colerick
- 11 Kelle Haller
- 12 David Minnick
- 13 Cindy Edwards
- 15 Misty Nollette
- 15 Macala Hood
- 16 Gary Goodell
- 17 Braeden Clarke
- 19 Suzanne Bedient
- 22 Jay Kim
- 28 Kathie Hutchinson
- 28 Helen McConnell
- 29 Emarée Monet Harris



March Anniversaries

- 4 Kim and Ray Hielscher
- 27 Jess and Manda Clarke
- 29 Gene and Nancy-Shaw Gatti



Cookie Corner...

Have you signed up to make and serve cookies for fellowship time after church on Sunday? As yet, no one has signed up for April. Won't you help to keep the tradition of fellowship after church which includes sharing coffee and cookies a part of our church life?

Thank you for participating and making our after worship time a delicious time together!





Children and Youth News — April 2016

It's officially Spring and Easter came early this year. Thank you to Gayle Redecker, who instructed the children in the Elementary Classroom in March. And, a big "THANK YOU" goes to Helen McConnell, who like Gayle, is teaching a second month this year, in April.

Sunday, March 20th, was the end of the Lenten "Secret Pals" Ministry this year. Twenty-eight children, sponsors, and family members attended the luncheon. The children enjoyed a cross coloring activity until all were gathered. Then they had a mini-Easter Egg Hunt to discover the identity of their secret pals. After a prayer, everyone enjoyed a fried chicken dinner, the children and family sitting with their secret pals. Many thanks to those who helped in the kitchen, contributed food, and helped clean up after the luncheon.

As I am writing this shortly before Easter, the annual children's Easter Egg Hunt has not happened yet, so I will include it in May's Chimes.

There has been interest expressed in attending church camp this summer by several families. At this time, scholarships for church camp has been set at \$100 per camper. There will be a display of camp information and registration forms in the church Parlor soon. Please let Pat in the church office, or Barb Kendle know ASAP if summer camp works out for your child/children this summer. There are early bird discounts available for each camp and the dates for these discounts vary depending on the camp. Camp information will be available for Camp Rock near Bridgeport, Camp Norweska, near Chadron, and Victory Heights Bible Camp, also near Chadron.

The CYM Team will meet next, as part of the Spiritual Formation and Outreach Team, on Sunday, April 3rd, in the Conference Room after Worship and Fellowship. Please feel free to join us.



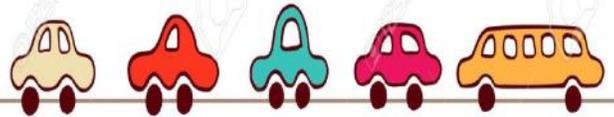
Spring Work Day

Please join the Trustees for a church clean up on April 23rd, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

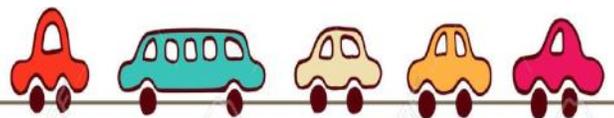
A sign-up sheet will be in the Parlor if you would like to put your name down for any of the tasks that need to be accomplished.

Thanks for your help!

Meals on Wheels



April is the month our church chooses to deliver Meals on Wheels for Box Butte General Hospital. Please check the calendar on the bulletin board in the Narthex. We have a few days available for you to sign up to help with this worthwhile ministry. Thanks to all who have signed up so far. Hopefully we can fill every day.



Meals on Wheels



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
3 -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -9:50 Choir Practice -10:30 Worship, Communion -11:45 CYM, SPF, Outreach Mtg	4 -12:45p Communion Crossroads and Highland Park	5 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads -9:00 Missions Meeting	6 -9:00 Good Morning Circle at the Church D. Prella/D. Foland Hostesses -1:30p Serendipity Circle at the Church Kathy Myers/Hostess	7 -9:00 Women of Faith -6:00p Living Stones	8 -12:00 Noon Hilltoppers	9 -8:00 Men's Life Breakfast
10 Doves Sunday -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -9:50 Choir Practice -10:30 Worship Take Down Round Tables In Fellowship Hall	11 -10:30 Endowment Mtg With Sherry Kenney -7:00p Session Meeting	12 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads -6:30 Trustees Meeting	13	14 -6:00p Living Stones	15 -8:00am-6:00pm P.W. Spring Rummage Sale	16 -8:00 am-12:00 Noon P.W. Spring Rummage Sale
17 -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -9:50 Choir Practice -10:30 Worship -11:45 Deacons Meeting	18	19 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads CHIMES DEADLINE	20 -9:00 C.T. Meeting Hostess to be Determined	21 -9:00 Women of Faith -6:00p Living Stones	22	23
24 -8:00 Morning Star Bible Study -9:00 Adult Bible Study -9:50 Choir Practice -10:30 Worship	25 -11:30 Ladies Lunch at Arbys -7:30p Prayer and Worship Meeting	26 -6:30 Early Morning Study Group -9:00 EWG at Crossroads	27 -7:00p Choir Practice	28 -9:00 Women of Faith -6:00p Living Stones	29	30

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Thoughts for the Journey...

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

Isaiah 6:1

Sometimes after a calamitous event, a well-meaning person will say, "Not to worry. God is still on His throne and everything will be alright." That is definitely true, and such statements affirm our belief in the sovereignty and providence of God in all things. But the word "still" poses a bit of a problem.

When we say something is "still" true it suggests the possibility that one day it might *not* be true. It suggests that we have looked into heaven to see if something terrible occurred because God was momentarily away from His throne. Re-

lieved, we say, "No—God is still on the throne so we know this event was part of His plan." By definition, God would not be God if He was not on the throne of God. Indeed, God can never *not* be God; God can never *not* be on His throne. That's why Paul could write verses like Romans 8:28: Even when bad things happen, we know they are within God's sovereign plan to conform us to Christ's image. Bad things happen *while* God is on His throne, not while He is not on His throne.

Let us praise God today that He has always been on His throne and always will be.

The fixed point in the universe, the unalterable fact, is the throne of God.

G. Campbell Morgan

TAKEN FROM TURNING POINT WITH DR. DAVID JEREMIAH