

Spreading The Light

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Know Jesus, Love our Neighbor's, Share Jesus



Easter

Pastors' Paragraphs

Welcome to the corona Virus Crisis. No matter what your age we haven't faced anything like this in our lives.

A couple weeks ago I never would have dreamed that anything could keep us from gathering for worship. I know not meeting is the right thing to do but I still can't wrap my mind around it. We must stop the spread of this disease but we must not sacrifice worship of, devotion to and fellowship with God in the process. We will continue to live stream Sunday music and messages on Face Book. That is the only means we have right now because of a lack of technology to broadcast otherwise. I will say that since last Sunday over 300 people viewed our "Facebook Live" service through Facebook. And if you go to the website, "chinofsbc.org" you can click on the facebook live link. Scroll to Corona virus update and below that is a link to watch our service on facebook. We will continue to post Sunday services and possibly other video's during the week with updates and information.

As I mentioned Sunday God is sovereign, and we must trust Him. He has seen this coming (Romans 8:28) and He knows what we need. Romans 8:32. Please let us know how we can help you. Give us a call or email.

Some helpful scripture to read at a time like this is: Ps46, Ps42, Ps 32:6-7, and Romans 8:18-22, 26-28 and 31-32.

The governments actions may be a bit challenging at times during all of this so you might want to read Romans 13:1-3.

We will keep you posted the best we can. Since we are not meeting together tithes and offerings can be brought to the church, mailed or given directly from our banks. We are working on an on-line giving process, we'll keep you posted on that.

We love you! We're praying for you! Please let us know how we can help.

Don't hesitate to call me directly at 928-899-2604.

Be careful out there,

Pastor Mark

Assistant Pastor's Paragraphs

Last month Pastor Mark and I were invited to attend a church growth conference in Orlando Florida, as guest of Willow Hills Baptist Church. The conference was entitled “Exponential 2020”. The focus and theme of the conference was “We are better together.” The idea was that churches should focus on collaboration and together they can have more impact for kingdom work. I had the opportunity to hear speakers such as Dave Ferguson, Efrem Smith and Andy Stanley and his wife Sandra. I also had the opportunity to attend some workshop classes that addressed topics such as;

- Three reasons why Churches stop growing**
- Mobilizing the people of God and innovating new missional expressions**
- Mature Disciples are made in Real Relational Environments**
- How to reach thousands of new people in your community**

All of these classes had interesting information that had been learned and gathered together by church leaders of many years. Two big take-a-ways that I would mention from this conference for me was, One, When we are united together as a family or as friends or as churches, we have a greater potential to have impact into peoples lives around us that will give them hope in Jesus Christ. The second important take away that I learned from this conference was something that Pastor Mark has been very good about instilling into me and that is, in your time in ministry you are going to disappoint some people just make sure those people are not your wife and children. It is so important that we take time for our families even in the midst of our busy schedules and anything and everything in between. I really appreciated hearing that confirmation, especially with my big family. Ultimately, I made some new friends this week and now have a much stronger connection with a fellow YBA church. I would encourage you to seek out where you can work together with another ministry within the church or even where we can partner with other churches in Chino valley to share the good news of Christ and bring a message of hope to our community.

With Faith in Christ,

Assistant Pastor Jackie Boyd

WMU Update by Diane Perrigo

Can you believe it is April, and Spring is here? Easter is on the 12th and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is ongoing. This offering raises money for the support of our missionaries in North America. You've probably seen the posters in the different buildings, and the brochures and envelopes were in a recent bulletin. The goal for the church is \$1,000.

WMU held a baby shower at the end of January for the CV Pregnancy Resource Center. Many, many beautiful and useful items were received. Thank you to each one who participated.

If you take note of the bulletin board outside Pastor Mark's office, you will note that we have a lot of areas of outreach.

Our ladies will be meeting once a month, (Once we can meet again) usually the 4th Thursday. As I've mentioned before, WMU is the missions liaison to the church. Ladies, if you're available on our meeting days, we would sure like to see you! When there is a Senior lunch planned for that day, just bring a covered dish and stay, otherwise we'll plan on a Pot luck.

Rise Youth Group

Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 NASB

Have you ever had something in your life that you couldn't overcome? I think we have all had moments where we just didn't feel like going on. Most of us have "new year" resolutions that we have already quit on. Most of us have started something that we made poor excuses for why we quit. Did you ever have something in your life that you believe God put there to help keep you humble? Oftentimes the things that we ask God to remove, God is saying let it go. Something's can't be changed like Diabetes, Crohn's, Lupus, and many other ailments. Though we may not be able to cure these, we can lessen the effects by proper diet and exercise. The "thorn in the flesh" apostle Paul was given was something that couldn't be conquered. Knowing Paul's history like we do, we know that Paul didn't quit. He was a fighter. The apostle never gave up. Are the ailments or bad habits in your life that need to be changed, are these in your life because you gave up or are they truly there to keep you humble? The worst thing we can ever do to ourselves is add a 'T' to the best words we could ever say to ourselves, 'I CAN'. Always remember, our future is not determined by how many times we've fallen, but by how many times we've gotten back up with stronger determination. God's grace is sufficient, have you truly trusted in it?

Ladies Sunday School class

On May 3, Ladies Sunday School Class will begin a new study. We will be studying Max Lucado's book, "Just Like Jesus." The premise of his book is 'Christlike' Women of Faith.

Please let me know if you would like to attend so I will have the appropriate number of books available. I will need to order soon.

Shirley Urie

Building and Grounds

We had a very successful work day on March 21. We were able to pull a lot of weeds and trim or remove bushes to create the required defensive line of space around out buildings. A HUGE thank you to the Youth who turned out. We couldn't have done it without you! Dakota & Heather did a wonderful job with the trimmer on the bushes. They now love power tools! Jayden, Ashley and Lindsey were a huge help with the weeding and several other jobs. Brett discovered that a 14' ladder is just way too high, but he helped Mr. Steve change a light in the sanctuary anyway. Ken, Greg, Wes, Tracy, Steve & Sandy... a great big THANK YOU!!!!

April Birthday's

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**10th Hunter Hooper
11th Robert Perrigo
17th Willow Dressel
21st Anne Smith
22nd Carlene Gillo
26th Dori Kemp
30th Steven Smith
Connie Hamilton**



Information on our Building “C” Loan .

This loan is not in our annual budget and depends on donations to the Building Fund over and above your tithe.

Balance on Loan \$ 348,376.27

Monthly Payment

Principal 2099.97

Interest 1260.05

3360.02

Received as of 3/22/20 6497.79



**** Our interest rate has dropped from 5.56 to 4.49**

Monthly Calendar

You may have noticed there is no calendar for April and it is because we just don't know what April will look like or when we'll be able to meet again.

We will keep in touch through your email with further updates as we have them. God Bless & keep you safe.