ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS GROUPS—will meet on Wednesday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. Missions groups meet the first Wednesday of each month and everyone is encouraged to attend.

SOUP AND CHILI/GAME NIGHT—Everyone is encouraged to come this Saturday, March 5, at 5:30 p.m. for an evening of fun and fellowship for the whole family. Donations will be accepted for the Parking Lot Fund.

PARKING LOT FUND UPDATE—\$2,306 has been received towards the \$3,000 goal!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE—A container is provided in the foyer for outdated Sunday School materials, used Bibles, Christian books or DVD/CDs. Items donated will be given to Love Packages, a non-profit organization that annually ships over 1,000 tons of Christian literature to poor people in English-speaking countries.

SONWORLD ADVENTURE PARK—is the theme for this year's Vacation Bible School and the dates have been set for July 24-29. Please pray for workers, vacations, etc. as plans are made in the next few months. Decorating will begin in April!



The St. Clair Southern Family extends our deepest sympathy to Debbie and Dan Hartmann and family in the recent death of her mother, Doris Forgy.

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." Romans 12:15



Sunday

9:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:40 a.m. Morning Worship

& Children's Church

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Study



Ron & Janet Hofer Cletus & Norma Lutz John & Christine Taylor Karen Thompson Myrna Turner

"Mot forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:25

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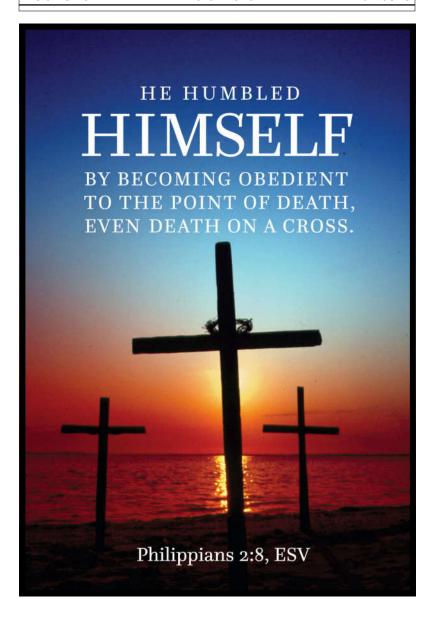
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From Your Pastor's Heart

HOLY WEEK—is traditionally a week of serious reflection for Christians as they remember the events of the last week before Jesus died on the cross. These events include His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, His betrayal by Judas, His Last Supper with the twelve apostles, His arrest, trial, crucifixion and death, and His burial in a tomb. We have scheduled special services for this week to hear good preaching about some of the major events in the last week of Jesus' earthly life. More details about the services appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

I realize that some may wonder why we have scheduled these meetings. They may even excuse themselves from attending by saying, "There's just so much going on." Truth is there is always a lot "going on" and if we wait until people have time for church, we would never have services of any kind. Have you ever noticed that those who faithfully attend church don't wait until they have time for it? They find the time for it. By the way, have you also noticed how we can always find time for those things that are truly important to us? When we say that we have no time for church, it is the same as saying that church is not important. I believe it would do all of us good to realize that God is the one who gives us the very time we find so hard to use for His work.

Because there is so much "going on", we should also consider this is exactly why we need to have services such as these. They will bring to our minds what really matters. They will remind us that all the things that are "going on" will come to a screeching halt some day. Then, only God and eternity will be "going on", and we will either be with God or separated from Him forever.

Not only should we attend these meetings, but we should do so in the right way. We must not come with a cold or indifferent spirit, but rather with hearts that are excited and eager to be reminded of the things that Jesus did during His last week. And we

must also remember as we are reminded of these events that the Lord did not suffer as some sort of helpless victim who desperately tried to escape His circumstances and could not. Not at all! Jesus **gladly and willingly** went through these things because they had been planned by the Father for the salvation of sinners (John 10:18). He went through all of them with His people in mind. Hebrews 12:2 tells us that it was "for the joy that was set before Him" that He endured these things and that joy was seeing the result of it all—the salvation of His people. How the Lord loves His people!

The best way to attend the Holy Week services is to say of each event: "It was for me, for me!" If we will do this, we will find something else "going on", and that is real spiritual renewal and revival. Oh, may it be so!

Bro. Bill



OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$2,200.00

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more and do more for reaching people for Christ. As modern-day missions advocates unite to continue that work today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.



You are invited to

Holy Week Services March 20-25 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20 Monday, March 21 Tuesday, March 22 Wednesday, March 23 Thursday, March 24 Friday, March 25

Bro. Bill Savage
Bro. John Pursley
Bro. Stan Gibson
Dr. Pat Campbell
Bro. Steve Hodges
Bro. Pat Panepinto

Please join us each evening as we remember the events of the greatest week in the history of mankind and also for Easter service on Sunday, March 27, at 10:40 a.m.

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