

A Word From The Pastor

As a child I can remember walking through the front room of our home and seeing my father watching the evening news with Walter Cronkite. I wasn't much interested in the evening news way back then. Nothing could have been more boring than to watch the news. But I am interested now. And I find it so disheartening to see and hear the kind of things that are being tweeted, emailed, said on TV talk shows, and in interviews that are purposefully aimed at hurting other people. George Washington said in his 1789 Inaugural Address, "The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained."

I wish I wasn't so interested in the welfare of our country. But I am . . .

I wonder how long God will tolerate the things that we are doing in our country in the name of politics. Thomas Jefferson said in 1781, "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever." Certainly God's justice will not sleep forever. Certainly there will be a day of reckoning when our country will have to account for our national sins—ancient Israel had to.

And yet you and I seem so small and powerless to change the things occurring in our country. Can we realistically expect to accomplish the changes that seem to be needed in our country that might lead us back onto the path of godliness? We seem so inadequate for the enormity of the task before us! But are we really that insignificant? Remember Jesus used five loaves of bread and two fishes to feed a multitude of over 10,000 people! They came from *one* little boy who was willing to share his lunch. Little is much when God is in it!

Perhaps we would do well to heed the words of Abraham Lincoln when in 1863 he proclaimed a National Fast for the benefit of the United States of America. He wrote, "It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness . . ."

As we celebrate the birth of this wonderful nation, let us not forget to pray for her as well. Let us humble ourselves before our God, and confess our national sins and seek the forgiveness that only God can grant to us.

—Dr. James L. Fleming

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER FUN SUNDAYS

Hey, kids! Join us for Summer Fun Sundays every Sunday in July from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon! We'll explore God's Word through fun games, crafts, snacks, and more! See Vanessa Small for more information.

SENIOR TRIP TO BORDERS

On Thursday, July 19, meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. for a trip for lunch with Bud and Lou Borders. Please sign up ahead of time.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is scheduled to be held the week of July 23-27 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. For children age 3 to grade 5. If you are willing to volunteer or donate supplies, use the sign-up sheets or see Vanessa Small. Register your child online by visiting www.myvbs.org/CollegeParkKids.

FIFTH SUNDAY OFFERING

A special offering will be collected on the 5th Sunday of the month, July 29, to be used for building maintenance. Please prayerfully consider what you can give.

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OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays

1:00 p.m. - Small Group

Wednesdays

6:30 p.m. - Pastor's Bible Study

Thursdays

6:30 p.m. - Youth Group

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

First Tuesday - July 3
Prayer Group at 10 a.m.

Last Sunday - July 29
Food Drive Collection

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday
9:00 a.m. to 3:00/4:00 p.m.



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FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, July 29, is the collection day this month for nonperishable items for our Food Drive to benefit Interfaith Emergency Services. Donation boxes are in the narthex. Thank you for your generosity.

TUESDAY SMALL GROUP

Everyone is invited to a weekly Bible study on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. at the Clemmings' home. Pastor Fleming leads us as we review the previous Sunday's sermon.

PASTOR'S WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jim's Bible study meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. They have started a series on the book of Mark. You are welcome to join the class any time. For those who do not have books, lesson can be picked up ahead of time. **Cancelled on July 4th.**

YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6-12)

The youth group meets Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. If you are willing to provide a meal for the youth on a Thursday night, please see Pastor Fleming.

DONATIONS FOR SALVATION ARMY

The Women's Ministry is collecting plastic grocery bags for the homeless mats they are crocheting to give to the Salvation Army. They also need men's and women's toiletries. There is a box in the foyer for these items. See Irene Rogers for more info.

NOTE FROM TAMBRY ABOUT PIANO LESSONS

As summer has arrived and children are now out of school, it is a perfect time to look outside of your immediate family to anyone you know that would be interested in learning piano. In addition to giving them the gift of music, it could potentially bring more children and families to our church and grow the children's ministry.

CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

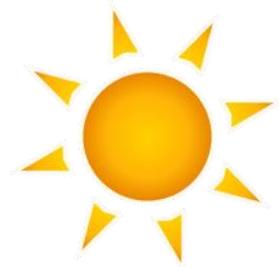
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Happy Birthday!

- 03 - Aston Clemmings
- 11 - Trisha Miller
- 11 - Angela Mitchell
- 11 - Judy Morang
- 14 - Jerry Wolfe
- 15 - Dale Kalp
- 17 - Curtis Newson
- 18 - Becky Weller
- 23 - Jaden Lee
- 28 - Connie Radford
- 29 - Lorraine Kalp
- 30 - Loraine Rodgers
- 31 - Clay Parton

Happy Anniversary!

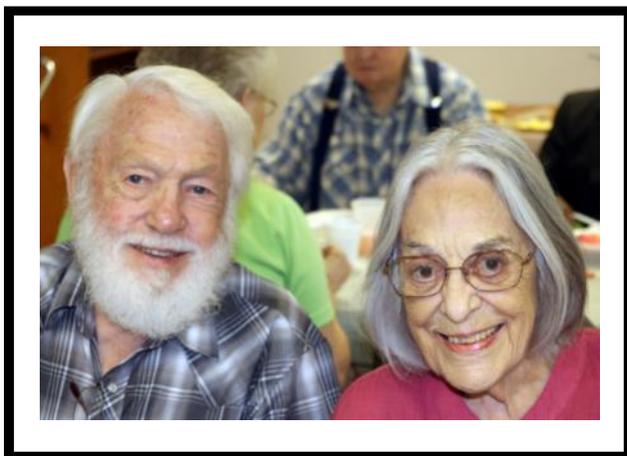
- 03 - Chuck & Peggy Campbell
- 03 - Bud & Lou Borders
- 25 - Hiram & Juanita Torres
- 25 - Martin & Barbara Perez
- 26 - Wendell & Ivory Sinclair



If you would like your birthday or anniversary added to this list, please contact the church office.

Donna Highness

December 21, 1930 — June 3, 2018



Our Youth

Working to attend their Conventions

