

A Word From The Pastor

This morning as I was making my way to the church, I spotted some small birds that flew upon the top of a wooden fence rail and sat there for a few minutes. From my vantage point, they appeared to be House Finches. The female of the House Finch is a buff color with brown markings. And that's the kind of birds I saw. Until several of the same type of bird also flew upon the fence rail, but these birds, the males, were completely black. Now, I must confess that I have never seen a black finch before so they really perked my interest.

When I got to church I spent a few minutes doing some research on these "new" birds (to me). I discovered that there are some varieties of finches in which the male is completely black! A new discovery to me!

I must confess that God's creativity amazes me! Just when you think you have everything figured out or that you have seen everything there is to see, here comes a male black finch or some other variety of bird that is completely different than anything you have ever seen before.

This reminds me of the words of John in Revelation 5:9 where he writes:

And they sang a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from *every tribe and language and people and nation*."

This assembly was having a wonderful time worshipping the Lamb Who was slain and declaring His worthiness! What a tremendous assembly! What a tremendous time of worship! What a tremendous God!

God's creativity, that in One Body, the Body of Christ His Church, He has placed men and women from every tribe and language and people and nation upon the earth! Our God loves variety and color – (think about the beautiful rainbow He puts up in the sky after the rain.) Remember the little tune we sang as children:

*Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

I am convinced that God loves all of this diversity – and so should we! We need to learn to appreciate our differences. What was it like being raised in Jamaica as a child? How did you, an Arab living in Lebanon, hear about and accept Jesus into your life? How did a Canadian believer and a German believer become husband and wife? What was your experience as a believer like when you lived in China? Our diversity can only make us the richer for knowing and loving each other in the family of God!! We need each other! So let us learn to love each other and appreciate the faith-journeys of each other!

In Christ,

Dr. James L. Fleming

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OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesdays

No Small Group
until further notice

Wednesdays

No Evening Bible Study
until further notice

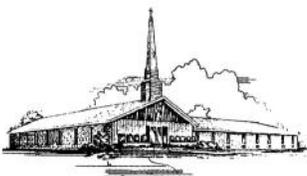
MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Last Sunday - March 28

Food Drive Collection for
Interfaith Emergency Services

OFFICE HOURS

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our adult Sunday School class has begun meeting weekly at 10:00 a.m. with safety precautions in place, including the wearing of masks and 6-foot socially distant seating.

VIDEO

Pastor Fleming would like to compile a video featuring your testimonies of hope! If you would like to participate, contact Pastor Fleming for more info.

CHILDREN'S EASTER KITS

There will be a series of Easter activity videos posted online throughout March for children age 3 thru 7th grade. If you would like a kit of supplies for your child or grandchild, please contact Vanessa Small for more info.

VIRTUAL WOMEN'S EVENT

There will be a live, virtual panel discussion and Q&A on Saturday, March 6, at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate valiant women in the Church of God during Women's History Month. Visit [Facebook.com/AriseCHOG](https://www.facebook.com/AriseCHOG) for more info.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Women's Ministry will be Saturday, March 20, at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. All women are invited to attend.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Women's Ministry is collecting gifts for this year's Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Our suggested item for the month of March will be accessories such as hats, jewelry, hair clips, gloves, socks, sunglasses, & watches.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Women's Ministry will host a Community Yard Sale in our church's front parking lot on Saturday, April 10, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The community is welcome to rent a table to sell crafts, baked goods, or other items. Fee to rent a table is \$10. All are invited to come and shop. Lunch will be available for purchase. For questions, please see Dee Thompson or email community3140@yahoo.com.

SOUP LABELS

The Women's Ministry is requesting everyone to save Campbell Soup labels for a neighbor of our church. A collection box is in the narthex. Thank you.

Happy Birthday!

18 - Jane Crist

27 - Sarah Pfeffer

29 - Harold Essmann

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

Happy Anniversary!

22 - Phil and Kathy Lombard

27 - Earl and Mabel Keiser

