



The Encourager



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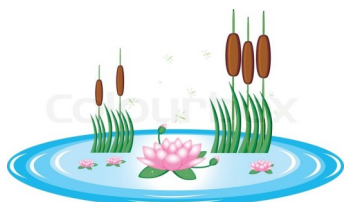
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Bring a friend & join us...

Sunday Bible Study -- 9:45 a.m.

Worship -- 11:00 a.m.

Friday, April 5th, we're going to the Carolina Hurricanes game. See Joey for all information.



When Jesus Came

When Jesus came He made such an impact that all history is judged by its relation to Him. Celebrities have marched across the stage of history and made little difference, but by Jesus Christ all men are judged and their destiny determined. A man may make other poor decisions and be temporarily worse, but if he decides wrongly about Jesus Christ he is eternally worse.

One day a wicked woman started to a well in sin and shame. Then Jesus came and proved that He had the answer to her *depravity*. He turns the sordid to the sacred and bums into believers.

Another poor woman, dying of an incurable disease, health and money gone, awoke to what looked like a hopeless day. When Jesus came this poor soul touched Him while others only thronged Him and met the answer to *despair*.

A Gadarene demoniac, a wild man that chains couldn't bind and men couldn't tame met Jesus and found the answer to *demonism*.

Lazarus died but came to life when Jesus conquered *death*.

The risen Christ walked through a door without opening it to meet his sad disciples, and He lifted their *discouragement*.

Simon Peter denied his Lord but met Him at a fire on the beach and was delivered from *defeat*.

When Jesus comes our lives are changed. One day He will come again and clear up the *dilemma* of history.

"When Jesus comes the tempters power is broken,
When Jesus comes the tears are wiped away.
He takes the gloom and fills the life with glory,
For all is changed when Jesus comes to stay."

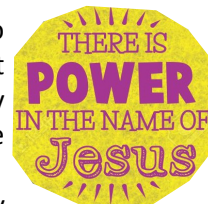
"Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

-- Vance Havner

Our True Power Source

The story is told of someone who plugged a power strip into itself and then couldn't understand why the system wouldn't turn on! We get a kick out of such tales, yet how often do we try to "power" our own lives? We frequently think we need to be the source of our own strength, joy, peace, energy and wisdom. Jesus doesn't teach us to find life within ourselves -- or in any human being or earthly circumstance, object or philosophy. Rather, calling himself the good shepherd, Jesus says, "I have come that [my sheep] may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

We don't access that abundant life by "plugging into" ourselves. Instead, Jesus invites us to plug into his power -- and joy, peace, hope, truth -- through prayer and Scripture, worship and service, fellowship with other Christians and the beauty of God's world.



Ask the Father

Any child who knows that his father loves him wouldn't be shy about going to him to ask for something he needs. And if that child is old enough to comprehend such things, he will understand that if his father says no to a request, it's for the child's own good.

Jesus explained to His disciples that the work He was about to do would make a new relationship with His heavenly Father possible. The disciples had obviously prayed to God before -- and had even asked Jesus to teach them how to pray -- but up until this point they hadn't approached God through Jesus. After His work on the cross, they would have direct access to the Father through Christ as their Mediator.

The outcome for the disciples is that they would be able to ask God for the kinds of things that would render their spiritual joy complete, such as souls being saved. Do we seek the kind of things in prayer that are in keeping with God's will? If so, true joy will be the result. -- an Open Windows devotion

Senior Adults, this is a reminder for those who signed up to go with us to the **Temple Theater** to see *Million Dollar Quartet*, on **Thursday, April 18th**. Please meet at the church by 10:30 a.m. Thank you!

You can sign up now in the church foyer to go with us to **Lazy 5 Ranch** and lunch at the **Boxcar Grille** on **Thursday, May 16th at 10:00 a.m.** Pick up a schedule for our *Senior Adult Outings* for June & July.



Men's Fellowship



Breakfast

It's our monthly **Men's Breakfast** ... It's great food and a time for all men & boys to learn more and grow in Christ! Invite a friend and join us on **Sunday, April 21st @ 8:00 a.m.**, in the fellowship hall. If you plan to attend, please

sign up in the church foyer. Thank you.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 * Ivy Mulhern	3	4	5 Youth go to a Carolina Hurricane's game	6 * Pailyn Elder
7	8	9	10	11	12 * Tony Saucedo	13
14	15	16 * Max Ingold	17	18 Seniors trip to Temple Theatre @ 10:30 a.m. * Christine Norton	19 * Kristen Nance	20 * Jamie Garrett * Colton Nance
21 8 a.m. - Men's Breakfast * Jeremy Permar	22	23	24	25 * Jonathan Permar	26	27
28	29	30				

Come and join us in a Sunday School class! Sunday School provides a practical way to do ministry and to be involved with others. Through Sunday School everyone can exercise their Holy Spirit given gifts. The Apostle Peter instructed: "Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God (1 Peter 4:10).

If a church has only a corporate worship service, it can restrict many believers from exercising their Holy Spirit given gifts. It greatly negates the ministering between the saints. Therefore, it relegates many to "sit and soak" instead of "stir and serve." Sunday School is a great way we can "do" church!



We hope you will plan to attend our **Mother's Day Breakfast**, on **Sunday, May 12th @ 8:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. Invite your family & friends! Sign up now in the church foyer. Thank you.

RESULTS OF YOUR LOVE

Total Budget Goal for 2024.....\$185,000.00
 Total Receipts (Mar.).....\$16,814.00
 Total Receipts to Date.....\$47,566.00

SECURITY:

Apr. - Tony Workman / May - Jerry Reynolds

Visit our church library... there's a book for everyone!

Located in our Education building



Sunday Schedule

Sunday School Fellowship -- 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship -- 11:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Wednesday Night Bible Study

Interim Pastor: Rev. Larry Lamberth
 Administrative Assistant: Lisa Capps
 Music & Children Ministries Director: Bonnie Reynolds
 Youth Ministry Director: Joey Gladson
 Custodian.....Tony Workman

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