

MARCH 2023 EVENTS

Game Night



Location: Stone Creek Fellowship
Date: March 18th Time: 5-7 PM
Meal: Chicken spaghetti and regular spaghetti, salad, and bread
Prizes will be given out to the winners!

Easter Celebration



Location: Stone Creek Fellowship
Date & Time: TBD
Activities: Easter egg hunt, bounce houses, games, and food, so start inviting your friends and family today.

GENERAL NOTICES



Noah Skyvara is performing in a musical with a non-profit Christian Ministry, National Youth Theater. The performances are on April 21st—23rd at the Lynn Lucas Performing Arts Center, 1304 N Campbell Street, Willis 77378. Tickets do sell out fast so I'd appreciate it if you can include this info in the newsletter this month. Check out the website listed below for more information.
<https://nationalyouththeater.org/joseph-and-the-amazing-technicolor-dreamcoat/>

Jesus Revolution Movie



In the 1970s, Greg Laurie and a sea of young people descend on sunny Southern California to redefine truth through all means of liberation. Inadvertently, Laurie meets a charismatic street preacher and a pastor who open the doors to a church to a stream of wandering youth. What unfolds is a counterculture movement that becomes the greatest spiritual awakening in American history.
 The film was theatrically released in the United States on February 24, 2023, by Lionsgate. It has grossed \$21 million and received mixed reviews from critics. Jesus Revolution, tells the story of the real life "Jesus freak" movement through the eyes of youth minister Greg Laurie (Joel Courtney).

Trivia Answers:

1. His sister Miriam Exodus 2:4
2. Epaphras Philemon 1:23
3. Elijah James 5:13-18
4. Children! 1 John 2
5. That no one does not sin Ecclesiastes 7:20
6. David 1 Samuel 21:13
7. Heman 1 Chronicles 6:33
8. Amaziah Amos 7:10

True/False Answers:

1. False—Ruth was Moabite a Gentile
2. False—Matthew 4:24-25 Name of an area southeast of the Sea of Galilee.
3. True—Matt 23:24
4. True—1 Samuel 17:4 Gath known for tall people.
5. False—Elijah was fed by the ravens.
6. True—Jezebel had him stoned to death. 1 Kings 21:8-10

HUMOR FOR THE SOUL



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Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 AM
 Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
 Children's Church 11:00 AM

Tuesday

Praise Team Practice 5:30 PM

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THE LIGHTHOUSE

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**From the Pastor
 Jeremy Tennery
 "Spring Is A Time Of Renewal"**



Hello friends!

I am so excited that winter is almost over, and spring is upon us. Don't get me wrong, I love the wintertime, not only because it is cold (which is my favorite degree of temperature) but also because so many exciting things happen in winter. Winter is great!

But spring brings its own amazing things. New life happens in the spring. Plants begin to bloom. Animals are born. The birds start to sing again. The grass turns green. Allergies attack our sinuses. Maybe that last one isn't great, but you get the idea.

Spring can also mean new beginnings for you and me spiritually. It can be a time to begin reading and studying God's word. We can grow in our prayer time. Spring can be the start of a new ministry or service opportunity in church. There are many possibilities to grow and reach God's potential and purpose for our lives and spring is a great time to start that process.

In 2 Peter 2:18, the Bible says, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." Allow this new season to be a time of growth in your relationship with Jesus Christ. A time of growth in grace and knowledge. Allow Jesus Christ, who is the Living Water, to pour over you and help you to grow into who Christ wants and needs you to be.

Oh, and take care of those allergies.

In His Love!

Birthdays

Debbie Williams Mar 6th
Jeremy Tennery Mar 27th
Audra McAdams 29th
Anniversaries Cole & Jessica Skyvara Mar 20th

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Bible Verse of the Month

John 1:1 (CSB)
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

True or False

1. The lineage of David is made up of all Jews.
2. Decapolis is a name of a city in Asia Minor.
3. In the book of Matthew, talk's about swelling a gnat?
4. Goliath the Philistine was nine feet tall.
5. Jeremiah was fed by the ravens.
6. Ahab had Naboth executed to take his vineyard.

(Answers on page 4)

AUDREY WILLETT—MISSIONS UPATE

I miss you all deeply. Here is an update on what has been going on. The last time I was in the Dominican Republic was over Christmas break. I spent my time working on the supplemental nutrition program and also celebrating Christmas. I hosted a cookie decorating party for all the house moms in the ministry where we had a sweet time of devotional, games, food, and decorating cookies for all the kids in the residential programs.



Over the past few months, I have been working with the school nurses to keep up with the kids in our underweight program and tracking their improvement. I am also working on training national staff to hopefully hand off this project to so I can take on some other projects. I am also getting close to finishing the first part of my master's program. I have been thinking and praying a lot recently about the ways I want to use my new knowledge to start serving the underserved in the DR. I have some exciting ideas that I would love to share with y'all soon. I am so beyond thankful for all of you and could not do this without y'all's support. I am headed back to the DR for a few weeks in March. I can't wait to share how

my time there goes and would love prayers for that!



Speaking Salvation Dr. B.L. Worsham

"Arise go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it" -- (Jonah 1:2).

Do you believe in "second chances"? Do you give "second chances"? God gave Jonah a "second chance"! What does Christ expect from us?

Jonah refused God and ran away! "Jonah went down to Joppa -- found a ship -- and went down -- to go to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord." (Jonah 1:3. Notice: each time Jonah ran it took him further "downward", away from God!

We are the same! When we know God's will: have heard it from the pulpit, have read it in the Bible and we knowingly, intentionally disobey-- we are separating ourselves from His Kingdom! When we obey, we have pleased God, and drawn closer to reflecting Jesus Christ!

Sometimes it is difficult! The sin is so tempting! It seems to be such a "little sin." The old- adage works well for any temptation -- "the person takes a drink, the drink takes a drink, and the drink takes the person!" Try repeating this to your heart when you are staring temptation (satan) in the face.

We must cry with Job: "make me know my transgression and my sin" (Job 13:23). Let our prayer be: "God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Knowing this, that henceforth we should not serve sin" (Romans 6:2; 6:6).

We find, Jonah, did obey God. But how much greater to be the Lord's willing servant. Beloved we must "make up our mind up-front"! That is to decide now to learn God's will and pledge not to sin against Christ even when Satan presents the opportunity. Jonah's prayer of surrender must become our prayer! "I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that, that I have vowed -- -- Salvation is of the Lord!"

God Bless You,



BIBLE TRIVIA (Answers on page 4)

1. Who watched as Moses floated in the basket down the Nile?
2. In the book of Philemon, who is Paul's fellow prisoner?
3. James used the example of which Old Testament figure to demonstrate how the prayers of a righteous man can have powerful results?
4. How does the author of 1 John often refer to his readers?
5. What does Solomon say about sin?
6. Who pretended to be mad to avoid capture and death at the hands of an enemy king?
7. Who was the grandson of Samuel?
8. Who was the priest of Bethel during the time of Amos?

"Bring the full 10 percent into the storehouse so that there may be food in My house. Test Me in this way", says the Lord of Hosts. "See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure" - Malachi 3:10

March Recipes & Kitchen Tips

The Best Scalloped Potatoes

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup butter
- 1 large onion diced
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- ¼ cup flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup chicken broth
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 3 pounds white potatoes sliced about ½" thick salt and pepper to taste



Instructions:

Sauce:

- To make the sauce, melt butter, onion and garlic over medium low heat. Cook until onion is softened, about 3 minutes. Add flour and cook for 1-2 minutes.
- Reduce heat to low. Combine milk and broth. Add a small amount at a time whisking to thicken. The mixture will become very thick, continue adding a little bit of liquid at a time whisking until smooth.
- Once all of the liquid has been added, bring to a boil over medium heat while continuing to whisk. Stir in salt and pepper and let boil 1 minute.

Assembly:

- Grease a 9"x13" baking dish. Place ⅓ of the potatoes in the bottom and season with salt and pepper. Pour ⅓ of the cream sauce over top.
- Repeat layers ending with cream sauce. Cover and bake for 45 minutes.
- Uncover and bake for an additional 35-45 minutes or until golden brown and potatoes are tender. Broil for 3-4 minutes to obtain a golden top.
- Allow to rest for 15 minutes before serving.

Jalapeno Cheese Monkey Bread

Ingredients:

- Pillsbury Grand biscuits
- Olive oil
- Sharp cheddar cheese
- Mozzarella cheese
- Jalapeños
- Onion
- Unsalted butter

Jalapeno Cheddar Monkey Bread



Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 350° and prepare a bundt pan by spraying with a nonstick cooking spray.
- Cut each biscuit into sixths and roll into balls. Place in a large mixing bowl and add 2 tablespoons of olive oil. Lightly toss to coat.
- In a small pan, add 1 teaspoon of oil and over medium heat, cook the onion and jalapenos until tender. Remove from heat and set aside.
- Add shredded cheese, cooked onion and jalapeno to the dough balls. Toss to coat dough balls (they may stick together so just reroll them into balls).
- Place rolled jalapeno cheese balls into the prepared Bundt pan.
- In a small bowl, mix melted butter and garlic powder together and pour over dough.
- Bake in preheated oven for 45-55 minutes or until golden brown and baked through.
- Remove from oven and enjoy.

Air Fryer Croissants

Ingredients:

- 12 ounce can Pillsbury big and flaky croissants
- 5 tbsp Nutella
- ¼ cup chocolate chips
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp water or 2% milk (for egg wash)
- Optional garnishes: melted chocolate chips, honey, powdered sugar



Instructions:

- Separate the croissants and lay them flat. Spread Nutella on top of the croissants and place chocolate chips on the larger end.
- Roll the croissants, starting at the larger end. Brush egg wash onto the croissants.
- Place croissants in a single layer into the air fryer basket. Cook for 8 minutes.
- Drizzle with melted chocolate chips. (Optional... but why not!!)
- Finish off with a wash of warm honey, and then drizzle chocolate and sprinkle them with powdered sugar.

Kitchen & Food Storage Tips

- Check the temperature inside of your fridge, which should be somewhere between 38-40°F.
- You can help keep mushrooms from getting slimy by wrapping them in paper towels before refrigerating.
- Store Apples, Oranges, Bananas, Tomatoes, Garlic at room temperature. If it is not stored in the cold displays, it is not necessary to refrigerate.
- Keep eggs purchased from the store in their original carton in the refrigerator. Unwashed, fresh eggs can be stored at room temperature.
- You can triple the lifespan of green onions by storing them in a jar of water on your counter top. The tops will keep growing and you can snip them off as needed!
- Store apples separately from other foods. Apples give off ethylene gas that can cause other foods to decay more quickly than they would otherwise. (But on the other hand, this effect can come in handy in cases when you want to quickly ripen bananas for banana bread!).
- To prolong your milk's shelf life, make sure to avoid keeping it in the refrigerator door where the temperature is warmest and tends to fluctuate the most. Instead, store milk in the back and bottom portions of your fridge, where temperatures are typically the coldest.
- Have you ever bought a bag of potatoes only for them to start looking funky soon after? Chances are good that you're keeping your potatoes in a high light area, which causes them to green faster. Prevent this by storing your spuds in a cool, dark place. When stored properly, potatoes should last four to six months.
- Store tomatoes stem end down to keep them from spoiling as quickly. This prevents air from entering and moisture from exiting the scar where the tomato once attached to the vine.
- Time to ditch the peeler again! Peel a potato in a snap by boiling it for a few minutes, then giving it an ice bath — a method known as blanching. The skin will separate from the potatoey center so you can pick it right off.
- The fresher your eggs, the harder it is to remove their shells when hard-boiled. Solve this predicament by adding baking soda or vinegar to water when boiling eggs. substances permeate the eggshells and help the albumen (that's fancy speak for egg whites) separate from the shell.