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 Office Hours: 9:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
 Monday through Friday

Sunday Mornings
 8:00 a.m. – Worship Service
 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
 10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Sunday Evenings
 5:30 p.m. - Social Time
 6:00 p.m. – Adult Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. – Youth Group

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The Book of Chronicles

Chapter 285 in the ongoing annals of the people on the hill.

220,000 ways to glorify Christ in 2020

Scrap	\$1,543	goal = \$10,000
Paper	10,200 pounds	goal = 70,000 pounds
Garden	Closer!	goal = 38,000 pounds
VBS pennies	2000	goal = 40,000
New Sign	\$2,500	goal = \$30,000
\$ for other ministries	\$4,743	goal = \$27,000
Pantry items	538	goal = 3000
Pill bottles	508	goal = 2000

What a great month! Three from the congregation (Bill Costello, Mark Oberly and Eric Haueter) accompanied and worked with the Cross-Eyed Mission team distributing glasses in Columbia – all were blessed and all returned safely! The Young Adult Sunday School class enjoyed a great social gathering on the first weekend of the chapter. The youth did a great job mid-chapter on the annual Valentine Dinner and raised \$650 for the Cross-Eyed Mission in the process. Just past the middle we had an especially good Community Fellowship Dinner. And, on the last Sunday of the chapter Johnathan White greatly blessed our worship with his music. Sharon Savage is doing much better and thanks everyone for the prayers! God bless all and we'll see you in chapter 286.

Talking Leaves

For the Birds

First an apology for a typo I didn't catch in the last article. Referring to the Northern Harrier's habit of drowning prey, I said they were sometimes called 'March Hawks'. That should have read 'Marsh Hawks'.

But – in a chain of logic too murky to explain, noticing the typo sent my thoughts down another road. I have previously discussed unusual predators of birds. The Goliath Bird Eating Spider is well known. Not too long ago I spoke of the recently noticed phenomenon of Praying Mantis' catching and eating hummingbirds. There is still less than complete consensus as to whether this is a new behavior or a newly noticed behavior. Fish – from Bass and Channel cats snatching ducklings to Goliath Tiger Fish leaping out of the water to grab birds skimming for insects to sharks munching down Sea Gulls – eat a lot of birds. Snapping Turtles grab and drown even mature Ducks and Geese for consumption. Larger species of wide mouth frogs and toads have long been known to catch and eat anything small enough to swallow – including several species of birds. I recently discovered that Seals (normally fish eaters) will not turn their noses up at fowl should the opportunity arise.

But – I was more surprised to learn that plants sometimes eat birds. Well, in the old sense of 'pushing up daisies' or the Lion King's circle of life in which dead lions become grass for the antelopes upon whose numbers they have fed for years – I suppose the plants get us all in the end. Did you know that many people are now being buried in bags attached to the roots of trees so as to ... but I digress. At least twice in modern years, most recently on August 5, 2011 in Somerset, England, it has been documented that large Pitcher Plants have 'eaten' birds.

Small birds, to be sure – about the size of our sparrows or titmice – but birds nonetheless. It is generally thought that the birds are trying to pick out insects that have already fallen into the digestive well of the Pitcher Plant when they experience an – unfortunate turn of events.

The Pitcher Plant seems – apparently to the birds as well as me – such an unlikely source of danger. Pitcher Plants never lash out and grab you. They aren't all that big – animals the size of small birds or mice are BIG meals for the Pitcher Plants – taking weeks to digest. You could perch on the rim of the plant a thousand times and fly away unharmed. Well, the bird could. If I tried to perch on the rim of...digressing again. It isn't until a bird gets enough of its weight below the rim of the pitcher, enough of its foot on that slippery inner surface that the totally unexpected and completely disastrous thing happens.

Many of us flirt with evil because we think it can't 'get us'. We'll hang around the outer rim, maybe pick up a tidbit or two – we can always just flit away. Until we can't. It is not for nothing that Paul warns us to 'flee immorality' I Corinthians 6:18

Terry

January Financial Report	
Church	
Balance Jan. 1	\$48,627.54
Deposits	13,025.32
Expenses	(\$28,140.10)
Balance Jan. 31	\$33,512.76
Mission	
Balance Jan. 1	\$0.00
Deposits	1,730.00
Expenses	(\$1,741.00)
Balance Jan. 31	(\$11.00)
Special Gifts	
Balance Jan. 1	\$15,588.15
Deposits	1,484.00
Expenses	(\$437.89)
Balance Jan. 31	\$16,634.26
New Building Vision Fund	
Balance Jan. 1	\$14,373.56
Deposits	685.00
Expenses	(\$0.00)
Balance Jan. 31	\$15,058.56
Total Balance for January	
\$65,194.58	

~Attendance~

Date	8 am Service	Sunday School	Worship
Jan. 26	66	86	126
Feb. 2	58	75	119
Feb. 9	55	79	137
Feb. 16	72	84	109



Women's Ministry Events

- Card Making: March 10
- Planning Meeting: March 19
- Tulip Tea: April 18
- Ladies Trail Hike: May 9 (Rain date May 16)
- Barn Sale: May 28-30
- Ruritan Supper: August 18
- Bible Study: TBA
- Christmas Dinner: Dec. 9

Scripture Search for March

Last issue's answers were as follows:

1. Babylon, Isaiah 14:16
2. Sennacherib, II Kings 19:21
3. 3, Matthew 10:14, Mark 6:11, Luke 9:5
4. Hebrews, Hebrews 12:27
5. The sixth seal, Revelation 6:13



With just a couple of variations (one said Hezekiah for question 2 – God was speaking to Hezekiah about Sennacherib, others missed the reference in Luke for shaking the dust off the feet and a couple got lost in the wording of the passage on question 1) Lynn Schaeffer, Shaun Martin, Deb Reed and Russel E. Thorn all know their Bibles a little better for having sought out those answers. Join them in this next search – following up things shaken with things stirred. Note: sometimes you may have to read the KJV for the actual word – ‘stir’.

1. Ezra 1:1 relates the stirring up of Cyrus as fulfillment of what God said to what other prophet?
2. According to Solomon, a wrathful man stirs up _____.
3. In what two cities does Luke (in the book of Acts) report that there arose ‘no small stir’ surrounding the escape of Peter from prison and the rabble rousing of Demetrius? (Since it's a twofer I'm giving you more information!)
4. What physical action did Paul use to stir up the Spirit of the Lord in Timothy?
5. Peter said he wrote his letters to stir up the recipients _____.

When you know the answers and the references, get them in to the church office and remember, you cannot know your Bibles too well.



Rosebud Service

Sunday, March 15, Rosebud Services will be held in both the 8:00^{am} and 10:15^{am} services. This presents an opportunity for parents with children aged 2 and under to dedicate those children to the Lord, dedicate themselves to raising the children in the Lord and receive the commitment of the congregation to support them in this vital work. A rosebud to be pressed and kept as a memorial will be given to each participant. Our children are a blessing from God and our best gifts to the future. In few things are we privileged to make such an important contribution and we should raise them in the nurture and knowledge of Jesus Christ. We look forward to seeing you and your children aged 2 and under on March 15.



Look Up

The clash and division between Jesus and the Pharisees in the New Testament were stark. We find Jesus, a Divine and Divergent Thinker standing against the close-minded convergent thinkers of the Pharisees. Jesus, the spiritual man who had a fluid mind against the rigid and narrow-minded Pharisees. What is laid out for us is the contrasting nature of Jesus inviting those that would listen to enter into His Kingdom versus the Pharisees and the holding to the ancient foundations of tradition that are in a sense advertised as "it has always been this way, and always should be." Well thankfully we no longer must be subjected to the ever-narrowing mind of a Pharisee, whew! Oh wait, hold on, how many times have we run into an individual or even our own thinking that quickly bring us back to that of a Pharisee? Probably more than we would like. With that in mind, the message of Jesus is at our fingertips, the Holy Spirit is leading us out and away from Pharisee "thinking" and transforming our minds to be more Christ centered. Remember, if Jesus would have given into the "this is how it always has been" manner of executing thought then where would His Kingdom be? Praise the Lord in all our thoughts and actions letting the Holy Spirit lead and not follow our own devices. God Bless!

In Christ,
Eric



For this month our youth spotlight focuses on Kylin Thorn. Kylin is involved in many activities throughout the year as well as being a 3rd grader at Louisville Elementary. It is not uncommon to see Kylin kicking a soccer ball around the church on Sunday evenings or learn of her softball games through her family. She also enjoys playing basketball, reading and swimming and if that was not enough Kylin is involved in 4-H and participated in last year's Stark County Fair. We are excited to see how Kylin builds relationships around her and shares the love of God to others she meets. Kylin has a love for God's Word that shows through her memory verses and scripture reading.



A New Focus

We are very excited to share that we will be shifting the focus of Sunday evening youth. God has laid it on my heart that so often we focus on teaching kids to know about God, which is certainly necessary, but we forget to help them know God. I know it just sounded like I repeated myself, but the insertion of "about" changes the meaning entirely. I believe our Sunday school and children's church teachers are doing an amazing job helping our children learn about God through the stories of the Bible and the lessons to be learned within each of those stories. So, we are choosing to shift the focus of Sunday evening youth to knowing God. We will be working with the kids to develop, strengthen, and/or deepen their personal relationships with God. We want them to feel connected to God their Father in Heaven. We plan on accomplishing this by transforming the traditional Sunday evening plan...lesson, discussion, activity. We want to engage the kids through devotional time, trivia/games, and worship. We have implemented this plan in parts and it seems the kids are enjoying it. We would love to have your child, grandchild, niece/nephew, or neighbor join us on this journey to a deeper more intimate relationship with God!

Here's what our March plan looks like...

- 3/1 - Youth Worship**
- 3/8 - Devos/Book Study**
- 3/15 - Devos/Book Study**
- 3/22 - Trivia & Games**
- 3/29 - Youth Worship**

*Devos/Book Study: PreK-2nd=Devotional & Activity; 3rd-6th=Book Study – Case for a Creator for Kids

*Youth Worship: Sing & Dance (Send kids' song requests to Eric or me.) - Share-Out (Kids are encouraged to share testimony, favorite Bible story or passage.) - Prayer & Praise Report Circles (Kids get the opportunity to share praises and ask for prayers in small groups with an adult leader.)

*Trivia & Games: Kids will have time to play Bible Edition and trivia games that require knowledge, Bible look-up skills, and teamwork.

God Bless,
Jeanelle Thorn



My personal focus word for March is "strength". Medical issues, personal issues, professional issues and even just the never-ending question of what we're going to have for supper is weighing me down more than usual and I just need strength. We've all heard the saying "God never gives us more than we can handle", but I don't think we have an internal gauge showing God when we're close to breaking and that He needs to back things off.

I believe that our power to "handle" things is limitless because God is limitless and it's my faith in His Son, Jesus Christ, that gives me my strength. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever (Psalm 73:26) so because of that I'm going to keep on trucking and I'm going to pray that my sisters in Christ do the same. And if what we have for supper tonight is toast, I know that it's going to be okay. - *Stacey Fallot*

- Card Making: The next card making event is on Tuesday, March 10th from 10am to 2pm. Please bring a lunch.
- The official Tulip Tea date is April 18th and our speaker is Kendra Wriston. In preparation for her visit, please join us for a discussion of her book "Tragically Transformed" led by our own Tricia Haueter. Book discussions will be held on March 4th, 11th, and 18th. Social time to start at 6:45 and book discussion to follow.