

CONNECTION SUNDAY

MARCH 14, 2010

Today's Schedule

Morning Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Children's Church: *Paula Stubblefield*
 Praise & Worship: *Praise & Worship Team*
 Message: *Rev. Douglas Martin*



6:00PM CONNECTION NIGHT

Groups meet at various homes throughout the area. Everyone is invited as we study the topic "How to Live". If you are not plugged into a connection group, please see Rev. Cindy Thomas. Nursery and Children's Ministry are provided at the church.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please email your announcements to debbieshoup@gmail.com no later than Tuesday.

Look what's happening at CCRO!



BUDDY BOX Don't forget to bring in your Buddy Box filled with coins for BGMC. The goal this year is \$1000.

WALKING CONNECTION GROUP will be meeting at 9:00am Saturday, March 20th in Saginaw. For more details and a map to the location, see Rev. Cindy Thomas.



MEN'S MINISTRIES BREAKFAST will be meeting on Saturday mornings at 9:00 for an hour of food and fellowship. This is a perfect opportunity to get to know one another in an informal setting. All men are invited to attend.

S.A.L.T WOMEN'S MINISTRIES will meet next Sunday evening at 6:00pm at the church. We will have a special guest speaker, Donna Moore. You won't want to miss the message the Lord has laid on her heart just for us. Bring an offering to bless her and bring some yummy food to share with all your sisters in Christ. All ladies are invited.



ARMOR BEARERS MEN'S MINISTRIES will meet next Sunday evening at 6:00pm. All men are invited to be a part of this ministry.

PRE-TEEN SUNDAY SCHOOL class is in need of a teacher. If you are interested, please see Bryan Thomas for more information.



CCRO PRAYER CHAIN is about to be updated. If you would like to be a part of this vital ministry, or if you are already a part and would like to remain on the prayer chain, please see Gloria Wilson or Rita McIntire.

Pastor's Corner

JESUS #1 PRAYER REQUEST

It is obvious from just a basic reading of the four gospels in the New Testament that Jesus was deeply involved in prayer. It was an everyday aspect of his life but was never treated with the contempt of the familiar. Judging by the way he spoke of the Father, prayer was a very intimate and powerful experience in his life. Only after moments like those would he call disciples, go to Lazarus house to raise him up, and go towards Jerusalem to meet his destiny that was raised up before him in the shape of a cross.

I think you can learn a great deal about a person from their bible, their checkbook, and their prayer list. Bookmarks, underlines, notes, well-worn pages, and highlighting send the unmistakable message that a Bible is well-worn so it might be worn well within the life of the one who possesses it. The checkbook that reveals tithes, offerings, and missions tells the story of someone who has learned that God is their resource and their resources belong to God and his work. The prayer list tucked into the bible, lying on a nightstand, or affixed to a refrigerator tells the story of a heart that loves souls and cares that people tap into the grace and power of God.

We do not have in our possession any of these which belonged to Jesus even though he would have only been able to read the Torah at synagogue. There were no checkbooks but he did allow fish to hang onto his money in one instance and had Judas carry the funds around otherwise. We have, however, within our possession Jesus' prayer list and at the top we have his #1 request: "That they may be as one even as you and I are one".

On this communion and connection Sunday we have an opportunity to co-operate with Jesus #1 prayer request and move towards God and each other at the same time. What a great availability of grace awaits those that embrace Jesus #1 Prayer request!

Pastor Doug