

Hillside Happenings

A friendly Nevada Church, Teaching the Word of God, Sharing the Love of Christ, and Building Stronger Families.

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APRIL 2010



Prayer Vigil
Saturday, March 27
Noon to 10:00 pm



Palm Sunday
March 28 at 10:45 am

Good Friday
Children's Worship
April 2 at 3:00 pm
Worship with Word of Life
April 2 at 5:30 pm

Prayer Vigil
Saturday, April 3
Noon to 10:00 pm



*Easter
Brunch*



**Easter Morning
Brunch**
April 4 at 8:30 am

Easter Worship
April 4 at 10:30 am

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 Kathy Pavich
3 Judi Scudder
18 Carole Hart
20 Jim Brockett
20 Marge Martin



APRIL EVENTS

2 Good Friday
Children's Worship (3:00)
Worship with Word of Life (5:30)
3 Prayer Vigil (noon-10:00 pm)
4 Easter Sunday
Brunch (8:30)
Worship (10:30)
9 Parent's Night Out (6:00-10:00pm)
11 Church Fellowship "Dr Seuss" Potluck
12 Elder Meeting
17 Dinner and a Movie
18 Diaconate Meeting
23 Parent's Night Out
24 Beth Moore Simulcast at LifePoint
26 Elder Meeting

MAY EVENTS

6 National Day of Prayer
7 Parent's Night Out (6:00-10:00pm)
9 Mother's Day
10 Elder Meeting
16 Church Fellowship-Chicken & Stuffing
16 Diaconate Meeting
21 Parent's Night Out
21 VBS Training in Reno
24 Elder Meeting
31 Memorial Day

DINNER AND A MOVIE

April 17

"Amazing Grace"

Dinner will be at 5pm and the movie will start at about 5:45 or 6:00pm.

SIMULCAST EVENT
LIVE VIA SATELLITE ON CCN

Saturday, April 24, 2010

BETH MOORE
*So Long,
Insecurity*

Kiss your insecurities good-bye and discover the joy of living with confidence!

Since Eve ripped the first leaf from a tree in the Garden, insecurities have plagued the female gender. Today's women—young and old churched and unchurched, rich and poor — are suffering from such deeply embedded wounds that most don't even know how to identify them, and beyond that they can't imagine living without them.

Join Beth Moore for a day that will transform and liberate you!

LifePoint Church
8:30 am - 3:00 pm
775.267.0151
Pre-Registration at
www.LifePointNV.com
Cost: \$25/person
Includes breakfast and lunch

Presented by:
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www.ccn.tv/bethmoore2010

Where are the Military Flags?

By Pastor Sam Worley

Since the leadership of TCC decided not to use or display the military flags, the veterans who donated them have sought a positive solution.

The flags were donated and delivered to the Northern Nevada Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Fernley, NV. They are now displayed with pride in the chapel of the cemetery.

A thank you card was mailed to Pastor Sam Worley saying: "Thank you very much for your support of the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Your donation of the five service flags is greatly appreciated. We will use them with pride. Sincerely, Brett G. Palmer, President" (of the Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition).

Pastor Sam Worley

Food Pantry Update

By Deaconess Kathy Pavich

The Food Pantry fed 452 people during the month of January, praise the Lord - a decrease from January figures. However, 60 new people found us this month!

Many of our familiar people have not visited us for a while now, but we are becoming familiar with a whole new group of faces and learning their stories. Some have moved into the area hoping for new job opportunities that don't happen, some are recovering from long term illness or injury and are trying to get back on their feet, with huge medical bills still pending. We also seem to be seeing more transient and homeless people. Some have come to Tahoe unsuccessful at finding jobs, only to run out of money and have no funds to enable them to leave Tahoe. Their stories are heartbreaking and sometimes all we can do is pray with them.

Praise the Lord, there is always a story of hope. One woman has come to the food Pantry only when she has no alternative. She always leaves a couple of dollars or just the coin she has in her purse as a donation, because she is so thankful for all we have been able to do for her. Last week she came in and told me she finally got a job with a local veterinarian. She was so excited and so were we!

Thank you for the continued donations of food, soaps, shampoo, lotions, and paper and plastic bags that come from this church body. These donations are very important to us!

Please stop by any Friday from 1:00 on, and join us in our service to the Lord!

Thank you again for your continued support and prayers for this ministry.
God bless you!
Kathy Pavich

Communication is the key!

By Elder Mark Peterson

At my work (I work in Harrah's warehouse), we have a saying, a motto: "Communication is the key!" When keeping track of daily ins and outs of hundreds of products and tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of products on a daily basis (whose prices change daily, by the way), with a dozen different receiving and handling personnel, communication is definitely the key! It is not so different in our church, and we handle a much more valuable commodity!

The elders and pastor met March 8th; one of the agenda items being church finances. Praise the Lord, we have enjoyed offerings at and even above what we budgeted for this year! Thank you for that, everyone!

We do, however, have a new situation: a change has occurred in relation with our bank. We have lost our line of credit. We have enjoyed the flexibility of this line of credit to buffer the ups and downs through the year, and we were at \$25,000 of a \$50,000 line when BB&T sold to US Bank in December. The outstanding \$25,000 of the line of credit was converted to a regular business loan, so no more credit line. The whole country is apparently in the same boat. Our debt is now as follows, in round numbers:

\$300,000 Interest only loan carried by a member at 6%, due December 2010
\$ 68,000 City National Bank loan carried at 6.5% with a maturity date of March 13, 2013
\$ 24,000 BB&T loan carried at 7.25%

Our property probably has a market value of over \$2 million (it was listed at over \$3 million at one point)

As you may know, we have reduced our budget significantly the last two years. Much of it a 20% reduction in salary to our pastors, a 10% reduction to directors, cut back of 50% of custodial services, and lay-off of our receptionist. Apart from making further reductions to staff, the possibility of a member or members carrying our debt for us seems worth looking into. If anyone would like to place some of their assets in this work, perhaps at a rate lower than listed above, but at a higher rate than is currently available, we could significantly reduce interest expense and get through this challenge with all of our staff. We believe reaching out to the whole congregation with this opportunity is appropriate. When we met to build our worship center, the response was over and above what was envisioned. "Our God is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we can ask or imagine."

Our vision is, as it has to be, to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation..." (Mark 16:16). We are doing this in many ways. We continue to look for new ways. We hope and pray everyone is obeying in some way. Some may be able to help in a special financial way as requested above, some may not. If you can, and would like to, please contact one of the elders. Thank you for your consideration and prayer. And please, communicate with any of us any time.

Romans 12:4-8 "For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."



Books I have Read

By Pastor Sam Worley, Elder Emeritus

Elder Mark Peterson suggested I write some articles about books I have read for the Hillside Happenings. Mark and I have talked books for many years!

At this season of the Christian Holy Days that we call Easter, several books come to my mind. Please be aware that the Biblical Gospels are the primary authority and account of the last days of Jesus in the flesh upon this earth. The last week of the incarnated life of Jesus Christ is found in Matthew 21-28, Mark 11-16, Luke 19:28-24 and John 12-21.

Dr. Herbert Lockyer writes The Week That Changed the World. This little book is very helpful in understanding the chronology of our Lord's Passion Week. Passion Week comes from Luke's words, "To these He also presented Himself alive, after His suffering (passion) by many convincing proof." Acts 1:3 Dr. Lockyer breaks the Passion Week down into days and probable events of each day.

Easter is a celebration of the Christian Church that commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is observed between March 22 and April 25 depending upon the full moon on or after March 21. Easter was originally a pagan festival honoring Eostre, a Teutonic (Germanic) goddess of light and spring. The only mention of the word Easter is a King James mistranslation of the word pascha, the Greek work for Passover. Acts 12:4.

My absolute favorite book having to do with Easter and the Jewish Holy Days of Passover is Kevin Howard's and Marvin Rosenthal's, The Feasts of the Lord. This book is based upon Leviticus 23, the most complete chapter in the Bible on the Feasts, convocations and holy appointed times in which God calls His people together. It is these Feast days that Jesus fulfills during the Passion Week.

Passover points to redemption. Messiah, the Passover Lamb, the Lamb of God has been slain for us upon the Roman Cross outside of Jerusalem. Christians observe this day as Good Friday usually with worship and communion.

Unleavened Bread points to sanctification. Jesus was totally without sin and did not decay in the grave. This day falls between Good Friday and Easter on Saturday. Sadly, few Christians observe this day but it is best to maintain a personal holy countenance.

First Fruits is all about the resurrection. Death could not bind Jesus. On the third day Jesus rose triumphantly from the grave. Christians observe "Easter" usually beginning early on Sunday. "Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came early to the tomb, while it was still dark." John 20:2 This is the celebration Christians observe in greater numbers.

It is reasonable to believe that Jesus fulfilled the three spring feasts of Israel found in Leviticus 23. Also found in this O.T. book is the later spring feast called Feast of Weeks. Also the fall Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement and Tabernacles will have to wait for another article.

Blessed Holy Days to you,
Pastor Sam Worley, Elder Emeritus

Prophecy Propaedeutics

By Jeff Van Hatten

How exciting to see major end times prophecies fulfilled in our lifetime. An old spiritual goes something like this: "Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones. The shin bone's connected to the ankle bone..."

Ezekiel 37 prophesied that the dry bones, or the whole house of Israel, would be gathered together into one nation, and that began to happen on May 14-15, 1948 with the establishment of the nation of Israel in the land of Palestine.

On February 16, 2010, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, speaking on the recent 65th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz in Poland, proclaimed the fulfillment of the prophet Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones. Netanyahu said, "Armed with the Jewish spirit, the justice of man, and the vision of the prophets, we sprouted new branches and grew deep roots. Dry bones became covered with flesh, a spirit filled them, and they lived and stood on their own feet."

This introduction to end times prophecy provided by Professor "J". Has anyone figured out what in the world "propaedeutics" means?

God bless, "Professor J" a.k.a. Jeff Van Hatten
Jesus is coming. Are you ready?

How's the Condition of Your Heart?

By Pastor Paul Tracy

The 19th chapter in the book of Acts tells us about the beginnings of the Church in a place called Ephesus. Apparently the Apostle Paul came across some believers in Ephesus after leaving Corinth. He introduced them to the Holy Spirit and some magnificent things began to happen. Acts 19:11 tells us that God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul. The impact of the Gospel here was so great that the conversion of the former idol worshippers to believers in the one true God caused a significant loss of business for the local idol makers. The Bible tells us that Paul spent two years teaching in this area and that “All who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.” This body of believers was involved in some significant work for the kingdom of God.

However starting in the second chapter of the book of Revelation we find this same Church in Ephesus as the first recipient of a message of warning from our risen Savior. Jesus commends them for their deeds and their endurance and perseverance but He says to them in verse 4 these words; “But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.” Their deeds were good but their hearts were not where they needed to be.

The condition of our heart is extremely important to our witness and our work for our Lord. When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment is, He quoted Deuteronomy 6:5-6 but added to the words of Moses the comment that the first and greatest commandment was that we should “*love your God with all your heart.*” The condition of our heart is of utmost importance in our relationship with God. God knows our deeds but God wants our hearts first and foremost. So how is the condition of your heart right now? Have you evaluated or checked the spiritual condition of your heart lately? Those with physical issues must monitor their hearts regularly so I believe that it is important that we monitor the spiritual condition of our hearts as well.

I came across an article from a web site called ReviveOurHearts.com which lists 40 evidences that you may have left your first love. I want to share them with you so that we can use them as a way of evaluating the spiritual condition of our hearts. The idea here is not to evaluate the heart of anyone else but rather to let these thoughts be a mirror to look into our own hearts and see what is really there.

Here are the first 7 evidences that you may have left your first love from ReviveOurHearts.com;

You can go hours or days without having more than a passing thought of God.

You don't have a strong desire to spend time with God.

You don't have a strong hunger for the Word; Bible reading is a “chore” – something to mark off your “to do” list

Spending time in prayer is a burden/duty rather than a delight

Your worship is formal, dry, lifeless, merely going through the motions

Private prayer and worship are almost non-existent... cold and dry

You are more concerned about the physical health, well-being, and comfort than about the well-being and condition of your soul

Don't let the condition of your heart deteriorate any more, seek God's face, turn from your ways and give Him your heart again.

Cleanliness & Godliness

Sign Up with Elder Mark Peterson to help clean the church and MPR. All the equipment and products are here on-site, including complete instructions and to what needs doing. (775) 588-4219. Extra help is needed during Easter Weekend:

Friday, April 2 (before 3:00 worship)
Saturday, April 3 (before prayer vigil)
Saturday, April 17



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Weekly Ministry

Sundays

9:00 am Sunday School-All Ages
10:45am Worship, Nursery,
Children's Worship

Mondays

6:30 pm Men's Bible Study

Tuesdays

5:45 pm Women's Bible Study
7:00 pm Gambler's Anonymous

Wednesdays

7:00 am Men's Breakfast Fellowship
3:30 pm Awesome Kids Grades 1-6
5:45 pm Overeaters Anonymous
6:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Thursdays

9:00 am Women's Bible Study
8:00 pm Youth Group

Fridays

3:00 pm Food Pantry Ministry

Saturdays

6:00 pm Evening Worship

Here to Serve You:

Elders

Jeff Brumbach, Leonard O'Malley,
Mark Peterson, Gerry Wright

Elder Emeritus

Sam Worley

Deacons/Deaconesses

Susie Brumbach, Jacky Daly,
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Kathy Pavich

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