

Randy Trail

Its already been a very busy 2020. Students are working hard and trying to move forward in the winter quarter with holiday interruptions. It's that time of year when we are forming new leadership teams. Please pray for us as we choose new leaders and add new members to the team. Our goal is to help students learn to serve the church with the gifts and talents the Lord has given them.

Our **annual retreat** is coming up March 13-14th. We would appreciate your prayers as we develop a program to point students to Christ and living with a purpose.

Please pray for our outreach efforts on the campus. As you know, there are many students and faculty who need to hear the Gospel and many who need a church home. We want to make the best of every opportunity that God gives us.

Thank you for many who faithfully bring breakfast on Sunday mornings. Your prayer support and all you do to make university student ministry possible is awesome.

STUDENT Adron Hart MINISTRY

I'm excited to say that we have begun a youth led praise team! They have been practicing at 5:00 on Sunday evenings in the youth room. We have a couple of singers, drummer, guitar and keyboard player! I want to thank Sarah Jones and Annette Murphy for teaching and guiding these students. I'm prayerful that one day soon, they may be able to share their talents with the congregation.

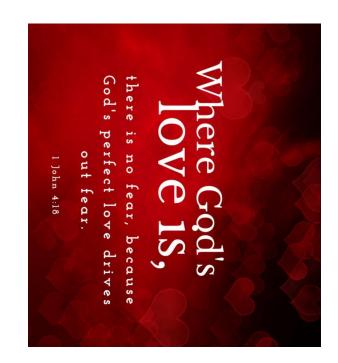
We have begun sign-ups for our **DISCIPLENOW** weekend in Branson that will be March 28-30. The cost per student is \$100. For friends that do not attend regular services, the cost will be \$150. We would love to take several new students this year. Please be in prayer for this trip and each student that is gonna be going.



Dear Emmanuel Friends:

You have been so thoughtful. The cards, visits, phone calls and other means of contact during my hospital stay are so appreciated. Emmanuel is truly a loving church. One of the most assuring things in the world is knowing people care.

Sincerely, Clara Rea



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I have been so encouraged this past month with the commitment and efforts of so many to memorize our weekly memory verses. Last week I was visiting with one of our church members who was lamenting the difficulty he has having committing the weekly scriptures to memory. While empathizing with his struggle, I was quick to remind him of the good that came from his efforts to commit the scriptures to memory even if he was not successful. We could both agree it was time and energy well spent. Reading, studying, meditating on, and memorizing God's Word are essential disciplines in our arsenal for refuting the lies of this world and growth in Christlikeness.

This month we will continue in our series of verses that highlight how the Christian "lives the new life." The emphases of the scriptures will be God's Word and prayer. Joshua 1:8 is one of our memory verses for the upcoming month that we should certainly take to heart. "This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do," Joshua 1:8 CSB. The teaching, learning, and application of God's Word was vital to the success of the nation as they entered into the Promised Land and sought to conquer and occupy it. They were promised by God that their obedience would ensure the blessings of God.

Thank God we do not still live under the Mosaic Covenant as Israel did. We come to God through a better covenant not based or conditioned on our obedience. We enter into this covenant through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. The Promised

Join us for worship...

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Bible Study 10:15 a.m. Morning Worship 6:00 p.m. **Evening Worship**

Wednesdays

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal 6 p.m. Recharge Service Youth Bible Study Mission Organizations Adult Choir Practice College Ministry— "Explore"

Land the Israelites received foreshadowed the salvation we have through Christ. Our goal and calling is to grow in our salvation (holiness) so the world will see the glory of God in us. We need the Word of God just as desperately as the people of Israel in Joshua's day that we might prosper in the purpose the Lord has given to us. Keep memorizing those verses!!

February Memory Verses

Series: Live the New Life

FEBRUARY 2: GOD'S WORD "All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness" 2 Timothy 3:16

FEBRUARY 9: GOD'S WORD "This book of instruction must not depart from your mouth; you are to meditate on it day and night so that you may carefully observe everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in whatever you do." Joshua 1:8

FEBRUARY 16: PRAYER "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you." John 15:7

FEBRUARY 23: PRAYER "Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksqiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which sur passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7



Around this time each year, the focus in our culture turns to love due the marketing of Valentines Day. You can walk into most any store and you see hearts, candy of all flavors (especially chocolate), and flowers. We are inundated with ways to show our love to others by what we can give to them. I hope that in the midst of all this marketing we are reminded of where love originated. God, of course, is the author of love (1 John 4:8). The deepest love, agape (Greek word), is the unconditional love that is always giving. It is the love that Christ has for us. God calls us to love others. There are many ways we can show our love for others. Let me list a few. 1.) Have a conversation with someone about Jesus. Wouldn't you want them to know about the greatest gift ever given? 2.) Pray for them often. (Pray as well for your neighbors, see www.blesseveryhome.com) 3.) Do something special for them without expecting anything in return. 4.) Invite them to church with you. (Sunday School is a great place to start!)

Let me challenge you to show love for those around you. Let's don't just talk about love, show it with action! That is what God wants us to do. (PS. Continue to memorize your weekly scripture verse!)



Preschool News

Kathy Mitchell

February is almost here, but we have had such a wonderful time in January. We played in the ice and snow, learned about penguins, polar bears and arctic foxes, played in the gym (because of all the rainy days), painted with snow and glitter and talked about all the different modes of transportation. Our afterschool class enjoyed hot chocolate with Bro. Paul on one of our cold, cold afternoons. January also brought us new friends, we welcomed eight new families and have enjoyed getting to know them. Please pray for us as we seek to minister to them.

If you have been to the preschool building recently you have no doubt noticed the walls and the new light fixtures. Thank you so much to Bro. Stephen and to Adron for making this happen.

As we continue with this brand new year I would ask that you pray for a couple of specific needs our preschool has. The first being more afternoon teachers. We need teachers who can work 3:00–5:30 in the afternoons. The second is a need for a full time employee to help with a variety of duties daily. If you know of anyone who enjoys working with children please tell them about the position. Thanks so much for your support.



Robert Grafton

I'm really excited about the choir-led worship service that we'll have on Palm Sunday. It will consist of two choir specials along with narration and congregational singing. This will lead us up to our sermon and the observance of the Lord's Supper. We are needing to increase our choir membership as we prepare specials for the Easter season. All adults are invited to join us as we rehearse each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the choir room.

We are also looking for individuals that would like to form a praise band. The primary instruments we are looking for are guitars, bass, and drums. However, other instruments will be considered. Contact me if you are interested. Answer the call if God is leading you into being a part of our worship ministry.



Hannah Gunnels

It has truly been a joy to work in the children's ministry over the past year. I wish I could continue but I will still be involved as much as possible. The kids ministry has grown and I love each one of them.

Please be in prayer for the next intern and continue your support of the children's ministry. Prayer and support are vital to this ministry and to the ones who volunteer in this area. Thank you again for sharing your children with me.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Wednesday Night Kids Schedule: 6:00 p.m. 6A's, RA's & Mission Friends (FLC Gym) Youth Bible Study (7-12 gr.) (youth room)						Youth to Monroe for "Simple Project" Homeless Missions 10:00 a.m.
Soup Bowl Sunday Women on Missions 5 p.m.—A7 EWS—6 p.m.	3 Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am	4 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m.	8 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. WNR—6 p.m. The Art of Marriage Study—6 p.m. Deacons 7 p.m.	6 JOY Council 11:00 a.m. Adult 7 Dept.	ADULT GAME NIGHT @ FLC Soups, gumbo 6:00 p.m.	8 Children's Movie Night @ FLC 5:30-8:00 p.m.
9 Lord's Supper 10:15 a.m. Ruston Nursing & Rehab.—2:30 p.m. EWS—6 p.m.	10 Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am	11 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m. Assoc. Ex. Bd. Mtg. 11 a.m. @ Paron	12 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. WNR—6 p.m. The Art of Marriage Study—6 p.m.	13	14	15
16 EWS—6 p.m.	17 Ladies Prayer Group—10:30 am Small church choir festival @ FBC, Farm.—6:30 pm	18 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m.	19 WEEC 4 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. WNR—6 p.m.	20 JOY Luncheon 11:00 a.m. (FLC reserved for meeting—6 p.m.)	21	22
23 EWS—6 p.m.	24 Ladies Frayer Group—10:30 am Large church choir festival @ FBC, Ruston—6:30 pm	25 Men's Prayer Group—8:00 a.m.	26 Wednesday Night Meal—5 p.m. Wednesday Night Recharge 6 p.m.	27	28	29