



Spiritual Nourishment

Elders' Corner

Spiritual Energy

How is your spiritual energy? Do you go days without praying to God? Do you feel like you would rather be at home than meeting with your Christian brothers and sisters for worship? Are you missing worship occasionally to do something "fun"? Do you think about your Christian brothers and sisters through the week? Do the pages of your Bible see the light of day between services? Are you excited about serving the Lord? Do you look for ways to get involved in the work of the church?

Sometimes our spiritual energy can wane. If you are feeling like your spiritual energy is weak, we would love to meet with you. As shepherds of the Highland congregation, we are concerned about your spiritual welfare. We are available for counseling on Biblical and spiritual matters and view this as an important part of our role as servants of this congregation. If you wish to visit with the elders, we will make every effort to meet with you at a convenient time.

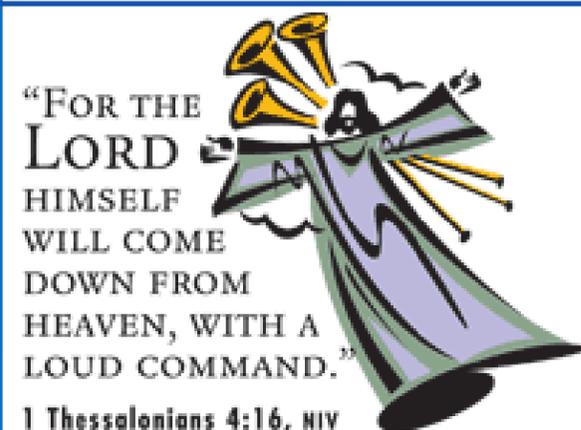
Michael, Eddy, Pat



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- 8/10 AWTG @ Eastside in MWC
- 8/12 Summer Series - Buster Sides
- 8/15 Ladies Day @ 10a
- 8/19 Summer Series - Jeremie Beller
- 8/25 Election
- 8/26 Summer Series - Brett McKnight
- 8/31 Meals for Homebound

**BOOKS OF THE MONTH FOR
AUGUST
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1ST THESSALONIANS &
2ND THESSALONIANS**



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Hello and welcome to worship!

Two newlyweds were preparing to enjoy their first baked ham dinner in their new apartment. After unwrapping the meat and setting it on the cutting board, the wife chopped off both ends of the ham with a butcher knife, tossing the two small ends in the garbage can. "Wait a minute," said the mystified husband. "Why did you do that? Why did you just cut off the ends of the ham like that?" "I don't know. My mother always did," answered the wife. "Maybe it helps bring out the flavor." Unsatisfied with this answer, the husband called his mother-in-law. "Can you tell me why you cut the two ends off of a ham before you cook it?" "Well," said the mother, "I'm not really sure why. That's just the way my mother did her ham, and it was always delicious." As soon as he hung up he called his wife's grandmother. "Grandma, we have an important question for you. Can you tell us why you cut the ends off of a ham before you cook it?" "Oh my yes, dear," answered Grandma in her quiet, thin voice. "I cut the ends of the ham off so it would fit in my pan."

Talking about traditions. The Pharisees were steeped deep in their traditions. They held on to traditions so much that it caused them to reject Jesus. They partly rejected Jesus because He didn't always hold on to their man-made traditions. There are traditions that we are to hold on to passed down to us in the word of God by the apostles, but there are also man-made traditions that we can place as much importance on as the word of God that can cause us to reject the Savior. Traditions can be a good thing, but they can also be a hinderance to us. It is important we know why we do what we do. We can't just say, we do what we do because that is the way we have always done it. The newer generations want to know why we do what we do. We need to have the answers to their questions. They will be turned off if we just say we do what we do because that is the way we have always done it. They need to know that the way we worship is done not just because we have always done it that way, but we need to have the answers as to why we do it the way we do it. They need to know that the Lord's Supper every Sunday is not just a man-made tradition passed down to us, but it is from the Lord in His word. They need to know the reason why we don't use instruments in worship and that it is not a tradition of man, but from the Lord in His word. In John 4:24, Jesus tells us to "worship in spirit and truth." Let us make sure we aren't worshipping the way we do, just because of man-made traditions, but by God's word. The Pharisees rejected the Savior partly because their traditions became as important and equal to the word of God. Let us not reject the Savior in the same way. Love all of you and hope you have a good, godly week!



Erick

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Attendance Last Week:

Bible Class: 108

Daily Bible Readers: 57

Sun Worship: 148

Sun PM: 80

Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Evening 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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CONNECTED

All services (Sunday & Wednesday) have resumed in the building. Please pick up your **communion sets** as you come in the door on Sunday mornings. A **collection plate** is also available at the back of the auditorium. If you are in the “high risk” category or prefer to social distance, please take advantage of our live-streamed services on YouTube.

Men’s Conference Calls are every Thursday from 9-9:30p. The number for the call is (605) 313-5096. The code will be texted.

Ladies Video Bible Study on Zoom is on Thursday nights at 7:30p. Please contact Erin Wolke so she can send you the meeting ID and password.

Giving may be mailed to PO Box 129 or given online thru link at top right of www.hcoct.com. Or, go to the App Store or Google Play and search for “GivePlus Church”.

Online directory is located at <https://servantkeeper.com/directory/hcoct/login> (call office or reply to email for password).

If you need anything or have prayer requests, please call or text the elders at elders@hcoct.com. If you have announcements for our bulletin, please call the office (598-3514) or your BK leaders. Stay safe and please check up on each other.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Privileged to Serve the Church Assembly

Preacher:.....*Erick Henson*

Song Leader:.....*Michael Kelsey*

Opening Prayer Leader:.....*Hunter Hill*

Closing Prayer Leader:.....*Easton Flowers*

Greeters:.....*Gary Perry, Torrey Hatler, Terry Banta, Kevin Chesser, Jeremy Pearman*

Announcements:.....*Eddy Parker*

Serving at the Lord’s Table:.....*Dan Fredman*

Scripture Reader:.....*Seth Pearman*

Sound Booth:.....*Gary Stapp & Jennifer Stapp*

Men, if you are scheduled to be on the table, please be here by 10:15; otherwise, I will have to find a replacement. Thank you! Stacy



Health (Members): Glen Woodard, emphysema; Robert (radiation) & Donna (fall) Britton; Wilma Hickman; Wilma Hixson; Kay Jones; Kurt Shirey, home; Jim Hayes; James Moudy; Lone Arnold; Angie Sack; Janice Carr; Don & Judy Rousey; Dee Banta; Twila Carr; Tami Lawson.

Health (Others): Carla Dame (Wilma Hixson’s niece); Connie Hogan (Darrell & Dottie’s daughter) back pain; Roy West (Jo Ellen Payton’s brother) blood clot in lungs; Tommy & Leona Walker; Nolan Perry (Gary’s cousin) cancer; Selene Williams (Bob McKnight’s granddaughter) breast cancer; Bob & Mary (Dick & Peg Walton’s daughter & family); Ed Ernst (Louie Hatler’s FIL); Nona Sue Sheerer (Jennifer McKnight’s mother) mini-strokes; Jack (Flossie Jorgenson’s oldest brother) ALS; Mandy Dodd (Lora Sprowls’ daughter); Pat Gee (Angie Sack’s dad) cancer; Jim Arnold’s sister, cancer; Debbie (Burlison) Sehon (Gina Fredman’s aunt) ALS; Sue Wright; Verlie’s sister-in-law; Venita Hoover (Smith family friend); Bill Blochowiak (Billy’s dad); Tom (Jerry Griffin’s friend) cancer; Don & Sandra Stafford (Jimmie Young’s family); Debbie Seaton (Claudia’s friend); Kent Taylor (Kristy Swafford’s brother) cancer; Byron Holt’s SIL; Hugo Ortiz (Betty Limas’ uncle); Charles Elmore (Mica’s Dad); Mark Miener (Verlie’s friend); Jim Perry (Verlie’s friend); Xavier & Ray Grimmett Jr.

Our shut-ins: Retha Barnes; Mary Littleton; Connie Mack Stubbs; Rosie Brightwell; James & Sheila Moudy; Audrey Savory; Mildred Boone; Ellen Childers, Rosie Brightwell.

Other Prayers: Youth & teachers as they return to school; Covid-19 cure; ladies at Mabel Bassett, our military and country, especially our homegrown heroes: Emilee Grochow, Ryan Willis, Austin and Andrew Sack, Joshua & Caleb Kelsey, Haden Burlison and Caleb Dahle.

Announcements



We have bracelets available in the lobby for those who would like to take one. The bracelets are a way of expressing your comfort level when it comes to social distancing. Each color represents an individual’s comfort zone with physical contact.

RED: I’M A WAVER.

YELLOW: I’M OKAY WITH FIST OR ELBOW BUMPS.

GREEN: I’M A HUGGER.

We ask that you take the bracelet that represents your comfort zone and that you are mindful of the wishes of others as you greet them.



Don’t miss Kristy Huntsman, editor of “Finer Grounds Bible Study and our speaker for Ladies Day, on Saturday, August 15th. The event will start at 10a and be hosted by Macie Bess. Please sign up now to attend and bring a dish.

The Youth will attend AWTG at Eastside in Midwest City tomorrow evening and leave at 6p.

The Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Class will resume August 18th at 9:30-10:30a. The topic will be “Our God-given identity in Christ.”



If you’ve borrowed the large, rubber door stops that belong on Jim Arnold’s cart, please leave them at the information desk. Thank you.

We can make our online contributions 2 ways now

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Available in app stores

or a link is on HCOCT.com

Please continue to turn in info sheets to office.

