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We are one Body of believers today praising

and worshipping our Jesus! Indeed we are overwhelmed at His love for us! We are an ever-expanding body of believers as we seek to spread the Good News of Jesus to our network of family and friends! As you may be here because someone invited you, we are extremely honored to wecome you in the name of Jesus. Sit back and relax. You are among friends today!

I trust we are reading our Gospel challenge this winter to read ONE of the four Gospels by Easter Sunday April 17th. I am enjoying preaching through the Gospel of Mark. It is God revealing who He is and what His Heart is all about. And that is such an encouragement to our hearts!

Love,

Pastor John & Debbie



# Your fellowship today is important to us. Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.



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SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson DEACON–Ken McVey Small Talk-Judy Thompson (*The previous week's attendance and financial status*) ATTENDANCE SS-39 Worship- 63 FINANCIAL NOTES

Monthly Need \$11,070.16

	Worship Service	Sunday School
March 6	\$2,440.00	\$20.00
March 13	\$2,663.95	\$22.00

Operating Fund \$5,145.95 **SPECIAL OFFERINGS** America for Christ Offering-\$35.00, Trash Bags-\$40.00, B'day and Anniversary offering-\$28.00,

Rural King Church Week Rebate-\$106.00 Total Receipts (Mar.) \$8,994.01 Weekly Need \$2,700.18

#### KEEPING YOUR RELATIONSHIP ON THE RIGHT TRACK

"We are prone to say that because a person has natural ability, therefore he will make a good Christian. But God can do nothing with the one who thinks he is of use to God.

"As Christians we are not out for our own cause at all, we are out for the cause of God, which can never be our cause. We do not know what God is after, but we have to maintain our relationship with Him regardless of what happens.

"We must never allow anything to injure our relationship with God; if it does get injured, we must put it right. The main thing about Christianity is not the work we do, but the relationship we maintain and the atmosphere produced by that relationship. That is all God wants us to look after, add it is the one thing that is continually assailed."

--Oswald Chambers



March 31-----First Baptist Sponsors The Lenten Lunch

# Lenten Lunches

Below is a schedule of this week's Lenten Lunch that will be at St. Martin's Catholic Church. March 24 – Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Join us for our Lenten lunches! Thursdays, during the season of Lent, a Church from the Martinsville area will host a lunch. All lunches will be held in Sexton Hall on the St. Martin of Tours Campus, 1720 East Harrison St. They will begin serving lunch at 11:30 am Cost is \$5.00 Devotion talks begin at 12:15pm

Everyone is invited!

#### KEPT BY THE SPIRIT

We know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. I John3:24

A boat doesn't sink because it is in the water; it sinks because water gets into it.

In the same way, Christians don't fail to live as they should because they are in the world; they fail because the world has gotten into them. We don't fail to produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit because we live in a sea of corruption; we fail because the sea of corruption has gotten into us.

It can happen almost without our realizing it. At one time we were dedicated to Christ, surrendered to the will of God. But little by little the chilling waters of the world crept in. We became preoccupied with the things of this world rather than the things of Christ.

Most ocean-going ships have pumps running constantly, sucking out any water that might have leaked into the hull. Similarly, we need to keep the "pump" of repentance running. We need to plug the holes with the truth of God's Word. Don't let the world sink your ship.

# HOPE FOR TODAY

We are faced with the choice multiple times a day: the Word of the world.

The choice isn't always good versus bad. Satan is far more subtle. Ask God to give you wisdom to discern what is good and what is best.

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It's time for another Men's Fellowship breakfast. The meeting place is Indy's and the time is Monday at 9:30 AM. All men are invited and welcome to the fellowship time.

# **REMEMBER TO VOTE**

There has been a question brought up of which peanut butter is the best, crunchy or smooth. Bring a jar of your favorite to vote. We will collect them for two more weeks and then determine which is the most favorite. After we decide, the jars will be donated to a local food pantries.



#### PRAYER REQUESTS: <u>Church Family</u>:

Bertha Marie Heiny, Carol Williams, Kathy Morris, Evelyn Denney, Mary Jennison, Judy Thompson, Brian Etchison, Susan Polk, Dee Dee Kaufman, Jim and Donna Abshire, Betty Williamson, Mike Adams, Tom Holman, Larry & Peggy Martin, Bob & Catherine Etter & Bob & Dianna Jennings.

<u>Community</u>: Pray for America,

our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and teachers in school this year and those in need in our community.

<u>Military Personnel:</u> Skyler Rynard, Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

<u>**Country</u>** People affected by the COVID-19, Situations in the country and abroad, the President, cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, the US economy, firemen and medical personnel.</u>

**World:** Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

