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DEVOTION



What does Jesus Teach about ... HOPE?

It is amazing how many different wedding customs there are around the country. Some are good. Some are not so good. (Have you ever been a participant in the "chicken dance"?) Even if the DJ doesn't play our favorite songs, we generally still enjoy weddings and usually look forward to them.

In Jesus' day, some 2000 years ago, weddings were different. It was a custom just after the Jewish couple was engaged that the groom would go to prepare a home or room for his bride. Then upon returning to the bride's home, he would take her to their wedding ceremony.

Part of this sounds very romantic—a bride waiting expectantly, not quite sure when her beau will return. Surely these young women had great confidence that their fiancés would return to pick them up for the wedding. After which, they would have a glorious life together. But one wonders if there ever

was a little doubt as they waited so eagerly while hours, even days passed by.

Jesus understood that after he left the earth, the hope of his followers for his return could easily slip from sure faith to nagging doubt. So just before he died, Jesus explained that they could be confident in their hope in him. No matter how long the delay, Jesus would return and take them to heaven with him.

Jesus gives this sure promise to all who have hope in him: "In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am" (John 14:2-3).

You might be hoping to get a raise, or that your team wins the World Series, or even that you have found the right "someone." Yet, with all our dreams and hopes, we can never be sure. Relationships can go sour, jobs can get cut, or teams can fizzle out during the stretch. What makes Jesus so amazing is that we can put our complete confidence in him and know that he will never fail us—not now, not forever. In Jesus our sins are washed completely away. In Jesus we are counted as righteous because of his perfect obedience in our place. In Jesus we are not guilty. In Jesus we have the victory over sin, Satan, and death. In Jesus we have true hope. When Christians thus hopefully wait for Jesus to come and take them home, it's a sure thing!

Monthly Events

- **Worship Service hours:** 8:00 am and 10:30 am
- **Sunday School & Bible Class:** 9:15 am
- **Women's Group** – Meets 4th Tuesday of each month
- **Adult Bible Study** - Wednesday nights at 7 pm
- **Basic Christianity class** – Monday nights at 6:00 pm for those interested in learning what the Bible teaches; for those wanting a “refresher” on the basics of Christian teaching; for those simply wanting to spend more time in God's Word. Upcoming lessons will study faith, the Word of God, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper.
- **Oct 6th** Church Properties 6:30 pm & Elders 7:00 pm
- **Oct 5, 12, 26th**
Basic Christianity Class - 6:00 pm
- **Oct 7, 14, 21st**
Adult Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
- **Oct 11th** - Church Picnic - 12:00
- **Oct 12th** Finance and Education – 7 pm
- **Oct 20th** Church Council @7:00 pm

New Members

If you are a new member and would like to be added to our monthly newsletter to display your birthday (month/date) and wedding anniversary (month/year) you can email me at millergals@msn.com or put a note in the mailbox in the back of church in the newsletter in box.

Church Bulletin

Please forward all announcements and prayer request to Michelle Coda either by phone or email. They will be forward on to Pastor Else. Phone# 602-290-0775 or codas@qwest.net

Church Council Update

President – Howard Widmann
Vice President – Bob King
Secretary – Paul Bauer
Treasurer – Dave Shultz

Board Updates

Board of Finance:

Chairman – Mr. Dave Schultz

Board of Church Properties:

Chairman – Mr. Paul Bauer

- The Board of Church Properties met on September 1.
- Landscaping continues to be done by volunteers.
- A physical inventory of church and school property is being conducted for our insurance.
- Summer work projects were finished for the school.

Board of Education:

Chairman – Mr. Chris Suhonen

Monthly Board of Education meeting held on held on September 14th:

- Many people have stepped forward to help with teaching Sunday School this year allowing a good teacher rotation to be established.
- Our school's fall sports are underway with boys soccer, girls volleyball and boys and girls softball starting their new seasons.
- Mr. Hintz has been working on developing a new logo for the school.
- The board is reviewing various proposals discussed at our special budget meetings and implementing measures to save money and increase giving as we deal with school budget concerns.

Board of Elders:

Chairman - Mr. Dave Miller

Ushers:

Early - Eric T Coda & Eric A Coda

Late - Chris Suhonen & ?

Service Opportunities

There are a number of service opportunities available to you. Perhaps you would like to help set up for the Lord's Supper for one or two months during the year, or help clean the church, or bring a dish for the Lent soup/sandwich suppers. There are sign-up sheets available for each of these, or simply speak with Pastor or Deb Fais and we'll get you started. Thanks so much.

Fellowship Opportunities

An Adult Fellowship meeting will be held on Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is for any adults who are interested in an Adult Fellowship Group and would like to have input on scheduling adult activities. Please come and let us know what types of activities you would be interested in. If you have questions, please contact Sandy Bauer at 623-581-0746.

Sunday School

Check the website under Bible Studies for upcoming lessons.

Bible Studies

Sunday August 2nd ***"The Mighty Servant of the Lord!"*** – a study of Jesus' ministry as recorded by Mark

Sunday morning – ***"Christ is Superior"*** – a study of the book of Hebrews will begin September 13th.

Wednesday evening adult Bible study – **7 pm. The Distant Triumph Song** – *The Serpent-Crusher Will Come Again!*

- Sadly the book of Revelation has often been misused and abused to the detriment of Christian faith. But our risen and ascended Savior gave a series of visions to the apostle John in order to **comfort** and **strengthen** Christians in times of persecution. This is its blessed purpose. This is the focus of our study.

We will begin our study of the book of Revelation this week. Please join us.

Women's Group

- President- **Debbie Fais 623-979-7489** or Email: **dlfais@cox.net**
- Vice-President **Charmane Osborn 623-434-1069** Email: **rcosborn@cox.net**
- Liaison Women's Group/ School: **Charmane Osborn and Beth Bowers 623-434-4884**

Greeting Cards –

For various occasions are available for purchase in the parish hall. See Ellen King for more information.

- **September Altar Care (Communion Service)** Margaret Gray
- **September Church Cleaning** will be provided by Beth Traveler If you would like to serve in this capacity. Many hands make's light work.
- If you would like to serve and have never served before we will be happy to answer your questions and instruct you as to how to clean the church and to altar care. Happy is the heart who serves the Lord!
- For further info, call Deb Fais Cell 602-339-3545

Women's Group - Cont

Fall Church Picnic - Fall "Old Fashioned Picnic" **Oct. 11th** Following the Late Service. Charmane Osborn is your coordinator.

Picnic to be held at **Saguaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Ave., Ramada's 5&6**. Grills are there and our volunteers will have the coals ready and hot for grilling. Women's group will provide the drinks and table service. You need to bring your own meat for grilling, a dish to pass and a cake donated for the cakewalk game. Candy Bar Bingo, Softball, and playground will be offered. Relax and have a great time!

November's Meeting: 7PM "**Cookie Boxes**". We will be filling boxes for those in the Military from our Congregation along with those away at school. We will need Current and Complete addresses to be received by November 17th, so as to acquire the amount of boxes being sent. These boxes will be put together at the November 24th meeting. Please give your addresses to Pastor or Deb Fais. Thank you.

Meeting for **October**: Guest Speaker. We have asked Pastor and Mrs. Marjorie Habben to speak about their years spent as Missionaries to Japan. There will be a time change so we will meet at **6PM** instead of our usual 7PM. The Women's Group will provide a light supper. Our Hostess for the October meeting is Mrs. Ellen King, if you would like to help with our menu please give Ellen a call at 623-878-7255. We are hoping to see our congregation attend as a way to see your Missions Support at work. Hope to see you there !!

As many know we have seen a Member of our Group reach her Eternal Home with Jesus. We will miss Miriam Tisdale and the much support she gave to us all and our Church Family. We were happy to help her

family and many friends with providing a luncheon after the Memorial Service held on September 5th. I would like to thank all who made this expression of love possible. Thank you! Our condolences to Vern, Jarred, Jason and Julia Tisdale. Gods Peace be with you all.

Youth Group

Saturday, October 3 will be our second Food, Fun, and Fellowship in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30-8:00 PM. Please bring \$5.00 **and** a bag of chips, cookies, or 2-liter bottle of soda. Join us for a Bible study, pizza, video games, board games, and lots of fun. Watch for emails from Mr. Hintz on the monthly activities.

Saturday, October 24 we will be going to Castles and Coasters to play put-put golf from **1:00-3:00 PM**. We will meet at Emmaus at 12:40 PM to carpool. If we get at least 10 people to go it will be **\$5.50 per person**. Please let Mr. Hintz know if you are able to go put-put golfing.

If you would like to receive emails from Mr. Hintz about the monthly activity please email him at emmauschintz@qwest.net.

Choir

The choir is being evaluated. As we approach the upcoming holidays, Pastor will be working with choir members to introduce new songs for our services. Practices will be scheduled as needed. If you are interested in singing, please contact Paul or Sandy Bauer at 623-581-0746.

Birthdays



Somehow we missed these two Sept B-days

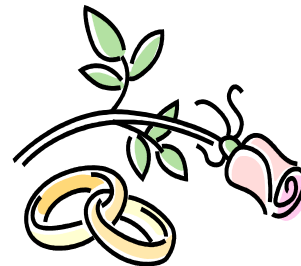
Sept 4th Angie Palm
Sept 25th Stephen Bauer

Oct 2nd Lorene Weston
Oct 6th Don Scheel
Oct 7th Kathy Boyd
Oct 9th Jessica Wendt
Oct 9th Nathan Fala
Oct 12th Donovan Dameron
Oct 14th Gary Boyd
Oct 15th Vincent Bauer
Oct 21st Lee Miller
Oct 22nd Diane Scheel
Oct 29th Elroy Mahn

Anniversaries



11th Ken & Deanna Ross
12th Ron & Charmane Osborn
18th Randy & Diane Scheel
21st Howard & Barb Widman



Scrip

Scrip is a great way to put your shopping dollars to work for Christian education.

If you would like to purchase Scrip for someone else try U-Pik scrip. This is a gift certificate for Scrip that can be redeemed for any Scrip that the recipient chooses.

If you buy candy for your trick or treaters remember to buy Scrip. We have grocery store cards, Walmart, and Walgreens. Great places for candy purchases.

Scrip is always changing. Be sure to go to

www.alacoyotes.org and visit the Scrip webpage.

You can purchase Scrip from Jill Kaiser between church services or when school starts in the school office from Laurie Conklin.





Christ's Love, Our Calling!
Is the theme for the 2009-2010 school year.

Things remain busy around school. Students have reached the middle of this 1st quarter, and everyone seems to be getting back into their school routines. What a joy it has been seeing much a strong Christian atmosphere on our Emmaus campus.

4th - 8th combined together to form our girls and boys softball teams. Though both teams were young, both coaches have enjoyed their positive enthusiasm and their Christian spirit. Both teams were able to achieve a couple of wins this season while playing hard each game.

Next on our sports schedule will be soccer for the boys and volleyball for the girls. Games will begin in October. Check out the website for their schedules and come cheer on your Emmaus 76'ers.

Are you looking for a way to help out your school? Here are a few ways your school could use your help.

- We are looking for people to help serve hot lunch to the students once or twice a month. Hot lunch is served on Tuesdays and Fridays. This would only take about an hour of your time from 11:15am-12:15pm. Take to Mr. Kaiser, Mrs. Evan-Nichols, or Mrs. Conklin if you can help.
- A school wish list has been created highlighting various items that would help out the school. This list can be found on the website or a copy can be obtained from the office.
- You can also help by donating soda for the pop machine. The flavors we sell are

Mountain Dew, Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Diet Dr. Pepper, Lemonade, Aquafina water (only type that works in our machine). We also sell Propel (must be 16.9 ounce). If you would like to donate any of these items, just bring them to the school workroom.

- Classroom volunteers are always welcome. Maybe you could read to children or listen to them read. There also might be some correcting or helping with a bulletin board. If are interested in volunteering speak with a teachers

Don't forget to check out the church/school website www.emmauslutheran.com

In Christ,
Mr. Kaiser

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Words:

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Halloween
candy
picnic

orange
straw
Sahauro Ranch
Cookie Boxes
Genesis