

## From the Pastor's Pen...

It is the desire of both Cory and myself that our Sunday worship gatherings would be among the most meaningful and beneficial hours of your week. At the same time, worship is designed with God in mind, not man. He is the audience. We are the participants. Our goal is to worship in a way that is, primarily, pleasing to God, but also meaningful and beneficial for the spiritual lives of his people.

In the near future we will be adding an element to our worship gatherings that I believe will contribute to both of these goals. Each week we will focus on one of *99 Essential Doctrines*. We will take about 90 seconds in the worship service to cover one of the essential teachings of our faith each week. These *99 Essential Doctrines* were compiled by Lifeway as a part of *The Gospel Project* curriculum. Along with this addition there will be some slight restructuring of the service. It's also likely the services will extend slightly past 11:30 am. Here's a sample of what a service might look like.

Announcements  
Prelude  
Call to Worship  
Prayer of Adoration & Confession  
Congregational Singing  
Scripture Reading  
Essential Doctrine  
Congregational Singing  
Offering  
Prayer of Thanksgiving & Supplication  
Sermon  
Response  
Benediction

For the Gospel and the Glory of God!  
Bro. Paul

## Caleb's Connections...

**John 8:34-36**

“Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Sin is a very real problem for the Church and always has been since the fall of man. One of the biggest problems regarding sin is our lacking understanding about it. Sin isn't just something bad we do or something that we struggle with. Sin enslaves us! We need to fight sin every day, but more than that we need freedom. And the truth is, we cannot free ourselves. We can fight all our life, but we can never free ourselves from sin.

The glory of the Gospel is that God saved us when we were slaves to our sin. He did not expect us to free ourselves because He knew we could not. So instead of letting us die in our sin, He sent Jesus to give us freedom. Through the sacrifice of Jesus we can be set free! And who the Son sets free is free indeed!

### Prayer Requests

- Pray that we can live in the freedom offered by Christ, and not dwell on our sin

- Pray that our students will use their schools as the mission field that God has given them

From what's on my heart,  
Caleb

## 🎵 Cory's Column...

**Haggai 2:4b-5**

“Be strong, all you people still left in the land. And now get to work, for I am with you, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. <sup>5</sup>My Spirit remains among you, just as I promised when you came out of Egypt. So do not be afraid.”

God tells His people to get to work. The work that He had for the Israelites, here in Haggai, was to get up, quit being lazy and afraid, and rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem.

What is the work that God has for us, His church in 2020? We are to be His witnesses in our communities. We are to “Go and make disciples of all nations.” We are to exercise our faith through worship, discipleship, and mission, and in doing so grow-up in the Spirit to look more like Christ. We are to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God – giving our best effort to be holy and blameless while relying on the Spirit to enable and empower us to do so. We are to be completely surrendered to His will in every facet and corner of our lives. We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We are to rejoice always and sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. We are to be salt and light in this dark and broken world, always allowing our lives to point others to Jesus. We are to be His ambassadors, His children, His church.

And God is telling us “now get to work, for I am with you.”

Always singing His praises,  
Bro. Cory

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**Katey's Korner...**

**Family Bible Challenge**

52 Verses Every Christian Should Know

Feb. 2-8	Numbers 6:24
Feb. 9-15	Philippians 2:3
Feb. 16-22	Psalms 46:10
Feb. 23-29	Acts 16:31

**Children's Missions Day**

Saturday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Ages: PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade

Bring a box of individually wrapped snacks (Lil Debbie, trail mix, peanuts, nabs, etc.) Lunch will be provided and parents are welcome! Sign up in the glass hallway.

**Summer Camp Dates**

Youth Crossings - June 14-19 (7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade)

Super Summer - July 13-17

Kids Crossing - July 19-22 (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

**Children's LEGO Retreat**

March 6-7 for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Cost: \$20

Meet at church at 5:30 on Friday night.

We will spend the night in host homes, and then we'll have an outing on Saturday. We will be done by Saturday afternoon. Please see Katey if you can help in any way. I'm needing a few host homes and folks to help with food (Sunday school classes would be great!)

Love in Christ,

Katey

**The Record Speaks**

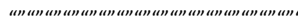
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Sunday School Attendance	107
Guests	7
Jan. Sunday School Avg. Attendance	95
Jan. Income	\$43,617.85
Jan. Expense	\$30,048.27
Investing In His Kingdom	\$1,058.74

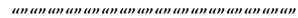
Investing In His Kingdom

February is investing in His Kingdom month.

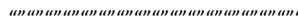
Your financial gift will help our youth and children go to camp.



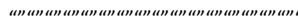
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Kids' Sermon  
Sunday, February 23  
at 6:00p.m.



Thanks to those who gave toward the new church sign.  
We now lack \$1,021.24. If you can help, it will be appreciated.



February Food Pantry Needs

Canned Vegetables, Microwave Meals, Microwave Grits,  
Fruit Cups, Individual Size Applesauce, Individual Sized Juices,  
Soups, Bar Soaps



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