VISION

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Welcome New Members

Kimberly Neto

Cindy Wells

CONNECT

This past Wednesday night Joe Chester led our marriage class through a great discussion on transparency and vulnerability and how they lead to intimacy. The closeness of congregation of God's people is largely dependent on the level of trust and the willingness of her people to be transparent. Our connection is powerfully related to the family's openness.

If you are visiting today, let me begin this process by letting you in on a little secret: the man you are going to be listening to today is a broken sinner - FAR from perfect person - trying His best to be more and more like the one who gave His life so I could be a part of His Family. If you look around you this morning, you will find many whose lives have been rescued and repaired by the Great Redeemer. I'm so thankful that you have come today. May we join together in a great day of worship together. Please reach out if there is any way that we can help you in following God's Will for your life or if you have any needs we can assist you with. - Chuck

I love the following article:

THE PROBLEM WITH "I'M FINE" & THE BEAUTY OF TRANSPARENCY

"The words of the mouth are deep waters ..." (Proverbs 18:4)

You know the drill. You casually, sincerely ask someone you care for how they're doing and they tell you, with a smile, "I'm doing fine!" And they leave it at that. You ask again, but in a different way. "Are you? Great! Tell me, what's new with you and your life?" And they respond, "Everything's going well. How about you?"

Only thing is, several days - or even weeks - later you learn third-hand that they're doing anything but "fine." They've suffered a death in their family or within their inner network of friends. Or they were in an accident and barely escaped serious injury. Or they lost their job. Etc. And you seem to be one of the last to know. Sometimes you even suffer damage to a relationship because of such. Sometimes grand misunderstandings can result that only snowball with time. Sometimes you even lose a friend, for good. See, the problem is you believed them. And they misled you.

Oh, it could have been for a thousand reasonable reasons. They weren't emotionally up to talking about it at the moment you asked. They didn't want to sound like they were whining or complaining for they know others close by are suffering even greater loss. They assumed you already knew of their experience or situation and were simply letting you know, and reassuring you, that they're coping; not to worry. Etc. Easy and accurate communication between humans is rarely easy and is a rather rare happening. For we are complicated beings with complicated experiences and complicated relationships.

So where is all of this going? Well, like many of the conversations in which we humans share - I'm not sure I rightly know. But, I do know that it is good to consider not only my response to people's questions, but what that response might mean for them - and actually, the both of us - down the road; to consider more than just the moment, while in the moment. I know it is good to seek to grow in transparency and trust. And I know that it is a powerful thing to bond with another human being in a relationship that is love.

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters." (Hebrews 13.1) David Smith

SUNDAY BIBLE HOUR

Nursery - up to 24 months
Lora Daniel and Nina Heffington
2 & 3 year olds - Lime Rm
Lauren and Lily Mallard
4's - PreK - Blue Rm
Denise and Will Dillingham
Kindergarten - Purple Rm
Mallory, Audrey, and Allison Haile
1st grade - Red Rm
Tabitha Murray and Rebekah Stilwell

SUNDAY CLASSES

Classes begin at 5:00pm.

Up to 24 months - Nursery
2's & 3's - Lime Room
4's - PreK - Blue Rm, **K** - Purple Rm
1st-2nd Red Rm, **3rd** - Yw Rm,**4th-5th** - Orange Rm
6th-12th - Youth Room
How Do You Say What is Gray? Tom Campbell/Dan Winkler (Auditorium)
The Psalms Jesus Sang - Victor Lay/Larry Arnold -(Kitchen)
Because He Is Coming - Todd Stinson - (Hallway)
How to Study the Bible - Jacob Campbell - C20s

WEDNESDAY CLASSES

Classes begin at 6:30pm.

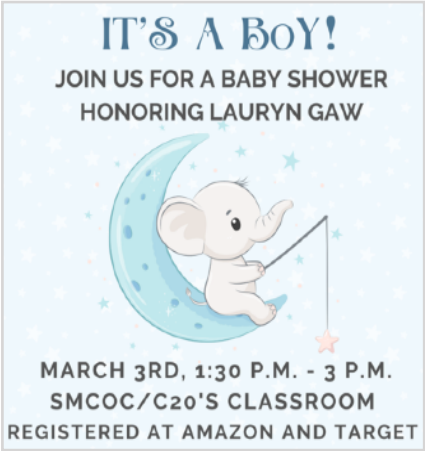
Up to 24 months - Nursery
2's & 3's - Lime Room
4's - K - Blue Room
1st - 2nd -Red Room
3rd - 5th - Orange
6th -12th - Auditorium

I Hurt, But I Will Heal - Chester Darden (Auditorium)
How to Study the Bible- Jason Stout (Hall)
Sacred Marriage - Steve Moffett/Matthew Ruiz (Kitchen)
College/20's- Faith and Heroes - Doug Patterson

Remember in Prayer

Continue to Remember: Nancy Heffington, Caroline Thurman, Riley Walker, the Adkins family.

Expectant Mothers: Lauryn Gaw, Lauren Campbell and Janae Richter



Contact Billy Martin at bkm339@gmail.com if you need a 2023 contribution statement.

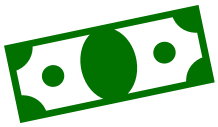
Announcements

Lad to Leaders/Leaderettes Reminders

-DUE TODAY! $50 hotel room deposit. See Dustin Murphy with questions.

-If you want to order a Lads t-shirt, see the email that was sent out. Use the QR to order. Orders and payment are due by March 1st. See Caroline or RJ Sparrow with question and payment info.

Financial Peace Class Beginning March 3rd on Sunday nights.See C.L. Walker for more information. Register using the QR.



Kid's Corner

ART SAYS IT!
Work day,February 24th
10:30 a.m.

Help Needed

We'll be changing out the Bulletin Boards in the Kid's classrooms March 1st. If you are available to help prep or set up a bulletin board, see Angie.

By the Numbers
Attendance Last Week:

Sunday Worship Service....506
Sunday Evening Classes....257
Wednesday Night Classes...260
Contribution: $24,783.50

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Spring Meadows Youth Group

As you are reading this, we have just wrapped up another young adult and young at heart banquet! I am always appreciative of so many people that make this possible for our church family. Especially Stephen Ward and his group that always provide the best meal! Our teens are always exceptional in the entertainment that they provide for the audiences also thanks to Jason Stout and Lauren Mallard for their help in coordinating this event. Challenge Youth Conference is this weekend and we have a group of about 110 that will be traveling to Pigeon Forge for this excellent event with 14,000 other people. Pray for our safety as we travel.

TODAY - CYC meeting for all students and parents up front after worship.

Monday - The Garage Bible Study, 7 p.m., at my house! Come and be a part of it. We would love to have you here!

Horizons is still open, but filling quickly.Sign up at this link: www.fhu.edu/horizons

Maury Christian Camp - Sign ups will begin soon! Last year camp filled up extremely early. If you want your child to go, you will need to sign up quickly. This is for those who have completed 4th grade and above.

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