MAY 2024

"This relationship begins with HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

acknowledging that it is the truth, then making an intellectual decision to establish a personal relationship with Jesus Christ now."



SUNDAY 9:00-9:45-Adult Sunday School **WORSHIP SERVICE** 10:00 - 11:30

Children's Church Fellowship after the Service WATCH ON FACEBOOK @ ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP, CHEWELAH



PRAYER Monday 3pm with Judy Rarrick

BOOK STUDY

YadaYada ladies meet at 11am on Tuesday's in the fellowship hall

WEDNESDAY @ 12noon



Study is the book of Galatians in the church's conference room & live video.



SOUP'S ON! Wednesday's at 5pm in the church fellowship hall. Invite a friend or neighbor!



Boot Camp Session Times May 3rd—5th Friday: 7:00 - 8:30pm Saturday: 9:00 - 12:30am Sunday: 9am Sunday School Sunday Worship Service: 10am



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This is no ordinary boot camp...no drill sergeant yelling at you, no pressure to pray out loud and no awkward, drawn out periods of prayer. However you will find motivating stories of how prayer transforms people and sets them free from the power of sin and guilt. You will come to realize the power of prayer, how God heals through prayer and how prayer is the essential weapon in the war against Satan. Most importantly you will realize the depth of personal relationship that prayer brings between you and your Father God who just happens to be King of the Universe!



Early spring has an abundance of fresh garden produce and the Produce Pantry is up and ready to be the conduit to help pass along to other's the overflow of veggies/fruit from your garden.

The pantry is located by the handicapped ramp in the church's northern parking lot. The pantry is strictly for produce from your garden and please feel free to take what you need.



|| Brenda Nagunst

From the Pastor's Desk It's no accident that the Holy Spirit arrived on the fulfillment of the celebration of the Shavout. Shavout is the celebration of when the Law was given, and the very day it was fulfilled God gave us the Holy Spirit. Jesus fulfilled the Law by his death and resurrection. Just as the people of GoMay 19th is Pentecost. Pentecost is when we, as Chris-

tians, celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit in Acts. "Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak" Acts 2:2-4. However, this isn't the beginning of Pentecost, God planned that the Holy Spirit would arrive on Pentecost.

So then, what is Pentecost? Pentecost was the Jewish celebration of the first harvest. There was a celebration called the Shavout that took place 50 days after Passover, which was the start of the barley harvest. It was called Pentekost in Jesus say because Pentekostos in Greek which means 50. Pentecost was a pilgrimage festival, like Passover, which meant that all the adult Jewish men would come to Jerusalem to be there in person, no Zoom call. This was a harvest celebration. The priest would take two freshly baked loaves of wheat bread and offer them before the Lord. The bread was made from the first of the wheat harvest.

So, what about the meaning? Passover celebrates the people of Israel being set free from bondage of Egypt. Fifty days after they left Egypt God gave the people the Law. This is when they entered into covenant with God. Here's the cool part for us, at Pentecost in Acts, the Holy Spirit arrived, the very presence of God. This was 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus. On Pentecost, he gave us the Holy Spirit, a new covenant with God. The Law and the purpose of the Law had been fulfilledd became his people when the Law was given, so did the church begin when the Holy Spirit was given.

There were a couple of important things that happened on that day the tongues of fire that rested on everyone. Jesus told them to be the light of the world. He was the light of the world, now his light was given to them to shine to show others the light of Jesus. Third, was languages. Remember in Babel where God caused confusion by making it so people couldn't understand each other as theyin the upper room. First, there was a great wind. In the Bible, wind often represents the presence of the Lord. A wind fills and blows through the room as God enters. The wind, or breath of God, gives life. God breathed life into Adam. Ezekiel saw the breath of God give new life to dry bones. God's presence gives us new life. Second was spoke? Here he did the reverse, he united

Verse of the Month

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams. Acts 2: 7

the people, and they could hear the words of the apostles in

their own language.

Petnecost is something all Christians should celebrate. It is so rich in meaning, and it's the birthday of the church.





Halleluiah! We are finally returning to Uganda, leaving May 7th ! Lucy, our HAN Office Manager has been extremely hard working while we have remained in the US. She has kept up with the prison classes and village classes taught by Isaac Odongo, the artist who produced all of the pen and ink illustrations for the Primers and the new Bible Translation

into the Lango language. The system of ordering and shipping of HAN Primers from Kampala has proven workable without difficulties. Lucy has continued to visit the street beggars and give them some funds for food, and helped people who arrive at the HAN Compound gate with significant health issues. She has also helped facilitate the release from jail, the sister of a woman who helped feed and care for patients HAN supported at Dr Opio's hospital. She was in jail for several weeks and was just released, praise God! A Member of Parliament representing part of Lira, recently called Lucy to say that he would like to purchase the Primer Books for 250 people who live in his district and who



cannot read and write!! We will work out the training of new teachers. Our plan is to see if we can take the new teachers into the Lira prison to be trained there, as those trainers are the very best. They have trained many teachers and have been teaching their students 5 days a week for several years. In our minds, it will help people outside the prison realize that those inside the prison are people just like themselves so that when they meet a released prisoner in their village/town; they will have a more positive outlook about them returning to society.

Other wonderful news is that Isaac Odongo, the teacher mentioned above, who had 2 classes when we left last year, now has started 9 classes! We're not sure how he is organizing them and where they are, but he has requested 9 more black-boards and supplies. Visits to those classes will be one of our first activities.

Your support of Hands Across Nations is crucial in these continuing programs! The Lord has done mighty works through these humble people because of you have shared your funds and prayed for them.

Thank you ever so much, Keith and Carolyn Jones

FWW-



The water festival is going on now here in Myanmar. This year the water festival is celebrated from April 13 -17th. Every business is closed on these holy days. The water festival, called Thingyan, is one of the biggest and most joyous Buddhist traditional festivals in Burma/Myanmar. The sprinkling of water is intended **to "wash away" one's sins from the previous year**,

Water cannot wash our sins away, good works cannot wash our sins away, soap cannot wash our sins away. Jeremiah 2:22. Only the Blood of Jesus wased away our sin and made us clean...1John 1:7 and Romans 5:9

The water festival and following the new year holidays will be celebrated for 8 days, from April 9th 13 to the 18th here in Myanmar. It is a good time to share the power of the blood of Jesus and have bible camp for our people.

Some of our FMCs started children's and youth bible camps and salvation classes on these holy days.

PLEASE pray that many people of Myanmar will experience the cleansing of sin only by the blood of Jesus during this water festival. Blessings! PaKey





Your heart matters to God. You might not believe it because of something you've gone through, but the reality found in the Word of God reveals His pursuit of you. Many in the body of Christ have fallen into the trap of the enemies lies. Some believe that God is not for them, others believe that God doesn't love

them, and that's exactly what the enemy wants. Often these lies come from wounds that have been inflicted by other Christians or disappointment from unmet expectations.

It is so important that we heed the wisdom we've been given in Proverbs 4:23 NIV, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." We must protect our hearts from falling into the traps of the enemy. We must believe that God is not a liar (Numbers 23:19) and that He is good (Ps 34:8). He cares about your heart and there is nothing you can do to stop Him from loving you! What's In Your Heart Matters Luke 6:45 NIV – "A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of."

God cares about your heart and He cares what you fill your heart with. Your heart is so important because it is the "well spring of life". It is the source of life in you and through you. In order to test the soil of your heart, you simply have to listen to what is coming out of your mouth. Is your heart full of life, love, and hope or is it full of discouragement, despair, and hopelessness?

If your heart is filled with the later, there is hope and the Lord wants to help you fill your heart with good things. One easy place to start is by reading the Word of God and allowing it to wash you (Ephesians 5:26). You can also spend time in the presence of God, worship, pray, and so much more. Spending time with Him will allow you to get to know Him and deposit His goodness into your heart.

Your Heart Reveals What You Treasure Matthew 6:20-21 NIV – "But store up for yourselves treasures" in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "God cares about your heart because it is the source of your life. Where your heart is focused reveals where your priorities lie. God longs for relationship with you, thus, He wants to be a priority in your heart. This begs the question, "Is God the number one priority in my life?" The answer to this question reveals where you are storing your treasure. There are



only two options - temporary treasure or eternal treasure.-Christianlearning.com

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