



APRIL 2020



Palm Sunday
April 5th
No Worship
Service



EASTER
April 12



April 10th
Tentative Schedule
12 PM Service at
Flora
7PM at Flora 1st
Christian Church

Something to
Think About



No movies, No Concerts. No
Sporting events. No restaurants.
No social gatherings. Limited
workload. Now that your schedule
is cleared, can we talk now? -GoD

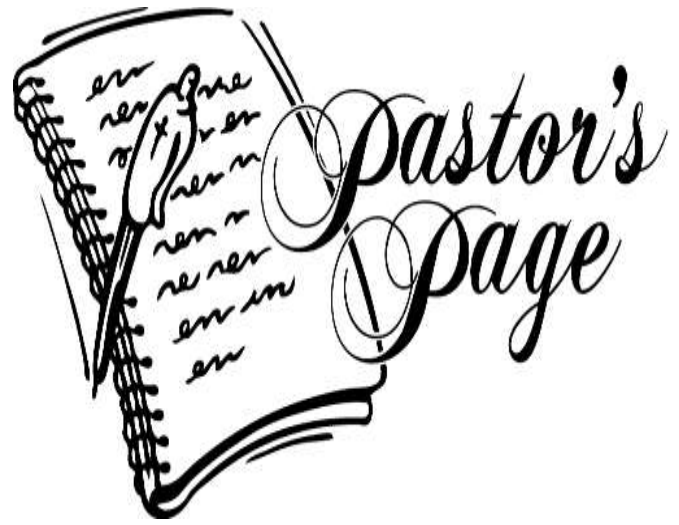
If Only We Knew...

With this article is a picture of me and a few of my siblings standing next to a very small climbing rose in May of 1967. I was 3 ½ years old. I do not remember that day at all. My sister would have been 6 ½, and I doubt she remembers it either. Somewhere in a photo album, there is another picture of that same rose bush several years later. It was much bigger and full of blooms. The post was no longer visible that once was so vital to give it its support. When the photo was taken, no one knew what would be happening in years to come, let alone what would be happening March of 2020, 54 years later.

We do not know what will have taken place by the time the COVID-19 has swiped through the entire world. There have been many speculations about government plots and conspiracy theories from China to the US. There has been good that has come out of this. The crime rate has decreased by large numbers. Even criminals are afraid of being exposed. I heard one minister say that God was shutting down everything that gets between us and Him. No sports, no cruises, no mass travel plans. We have no excuses NOT to be studying the Word of God.

But I keep harkening back to the reality that we cannot know what the world will be like when all of this blows over. How many of our friends and family will be severely ill or will have died. How many co-workers will not be returning to work.

We need not worry about the future. We do not *HAVE* to know the future. It is beyond our grasp to know or predict. We need to trust in the ONE who does know. Listen to the Holy Spirit, spend time in



reading God's Holy Word and talking to the living God. Let Him guide you and direct your time and energy. He knows the future and can guide us each one to it and through it. Amen and Amen

Your sister in Christ,
Pastor Grace

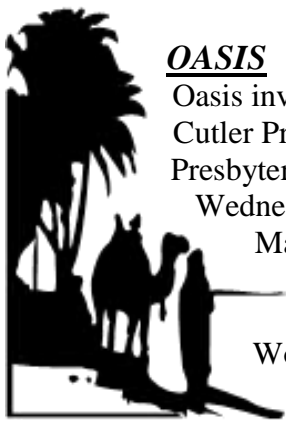


Christian Education

by Barbara Pearce

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have missed a few weeks of Sunday School, and Church - because of the Coronavirus. This pandemic has all of our attentions. There are all kinds of "biblical" opinions as to why God is allowing this worldly virus to affect and kill so many people. I have read that the Coronavirus is the Beast in Revelation 13. Some say if we turn back to God, this pandemic will end based on 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 where God says if we seek his face, he will heal their land. Do you know God's word well enough to stand firm in this and other disasters throughout the world and throughout your lifetime? We all need to have strong faith in God. Sunday School and Church are ways to sink yourself into God's Word and His Ways. In Sunday School, we not only fellowship with God's people, we dig deep into His word and are able to look at our own beliefs and thoughts in order to Grow as Christians. Please join us for our Sunday School Class every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM next to the Kitchenette upstairs. The class is currently studying Mary Magdalene: Finding Your Worth in Christ. The Children's' class is watching and discussing videos on "What's in the Bible" created by Phil Vischer



OASIS

Oasis invited parents, our congregation, Cutler Presbyterian and Delphi First Presbyterian Churches for an Ash Wednesday Service and Worship on March 4, 2020. There was a normal Study night on March 11th with Music, Crafts, Games and Worship. Oasis plans to have its traditional Swimming Party the end of April, but all plans

depend on the social isolations and closings due to the Coronavirus/COVID-19.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our church has made the initial contact with Cutler Presbyterian and First Christian Church to start planning for this summer VBS. We will know as time goes on if VBS this summer will be canceled because of COVID-19, but

as of right now we will start making plans to surround the community children with God's Love.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women

By Jane Bishop

The Mary-Martha Circle, having not used the March schedule for the meeting, or that for the Thrift Shop either, will use these same general times and duties in April. If changes need to be made, I will

call you. The Mary-Martha Circle will meet April 21, in the Church Basement at 6:00p.m. The Hostess will be Libby Sparks; Deloris Pitts, Yearbook of Prayer; Jane Kearns, Horizon; and Jane Bishop. Bible Study.

Thrift Shop Schedule for April:

Sorting-Apr. 2nd Marlene Smith

Register-Apr 18th Barbara P. Jane Bishop,
Libby Sparks.

Sorting-April 23rd Jane Kearns

Of course, all plans for April may change--plans are just day to day at this time, but it is always good to hope for better news.

My love and prayers to you all. Jane

A BIBLE STUDY I'VE ENJOYED

By Michelle Matos

Tabletalkmagazine.com is a Bible study I have been doing for the past year. Each month has a theme that is studied in depth. This month is the parables of Jesus. The meaning of 12 of Jesus parables are explained and more easily understood.

There is also a daily study of God's word that is done chapter by chapter or verse by verse. This month is the book of 1st Thessalonians. I am learning more about the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ. It shall come like a thief in the night. Until he comes back, I am to live like the Child of God that I am.

I highly recommend this study. It can be done online, on the app or get a hard copy in the mail each month.

Have a Blessed day
Michelle

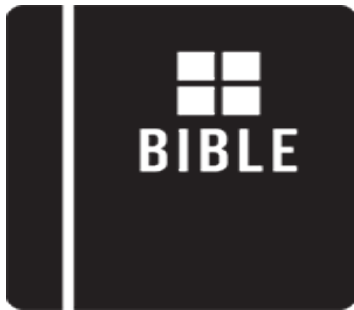
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

MEALS AND DONATIONS

During this difficult time the Community Youth Center in Flora is providing hot meals on Wednesdays and Sundays from 4-6PM for anyone that may need it. They are also providing brown bag lunches and breakfast for children and seniors available for pick up on Sundays and Wednesdays from 3-5
Donations of food items such as fruit cups, snack crackers, granola bars etc.

THE RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE WILL BE IN DELPHI ON APRIL 9.

The need for blood does not wait for better times. The Red Cross is taking special precautions for the safety of donors. If you might feel fearful to give, just imagine what if one of your loved ones was lying there dying for the lack of a needed blood transfusion--there is no substitution.



Weekly Bible Studies

Studies will Resume in May

Sundays at the Delphi Church

Office 4:00PM

Study of 1 Samuel

Thursdays Home of Pastor Grace-

5:30PM

NEW STUDY

Wednesdays at the Delphi Church

Office Starts May 6th

Beginning with Genesis

2-3PM

Notes

By Toni Brewster

A new hymn in the time of coronavirus God Whose Will is Health and Wholeness

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D ("There's a Wideness in God's Mercy")

God whose will is health and wholeness, hear your people as we pray:

Many now are facing illness; more face sickness every day.

As we lift our song toward heaven, may we use the gifts you give —

Science, justice, and compassion — to help others safely live.

Jesus taught that your commandments call for us to use the mind.

May we use the gifts of science to seek health for humankind.

Bless the ones who work for healing; bless the ones who seek to be

Builders of a health care system that protects society.

God, you call for love and justice, yet our laws are far from wise:

Many don't have good insurance; lack of health care threatens lives.

Many workers must keep working, sick or not, to pay the bills.

Turn us round when we have sanctioned greed that leads to greater ills.

Loving God, we ask your blessing on the sick and those they love,

And we pray for those now grieving as they lift their cries above.

There is trouble all around us; illness causes pain and fear.

Give compassion, love and kindness as we serve your people here.

Tune: Traditional Dutch melody ("There's a Wideness in God's Mercy")

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First Class Mail

Ushers for April

April 5 Judah Pitts, Kevin Clark
April 12 Sally Schmidt, Barbara Pearce
April 19 The Pitts Family
April 26 Marlene Smith, Deloris Pitts

Scripture Readers for April

April 5 Laraine Mc &, Libby S
April 12 Deloris Pitts, Bill Kearns
April 19 Tammy & Joe Moss
April 26 Jane Kearns, Haylee Randolph

Coffee Fellowship for April

April 5 Gerry & Susan Hollis
April 12 Martha Clark
April 1 Joe & Tammy Moss
April 26 Doug and Laraine MacLauchlan

Acolytes for April


April 5 Janessa Pitts, Haylee Randolph
April 12 ShawnRoss & Kolton Pitts
April 19 Judah & Janessa Pitts
April 26 Haylee R, ShawnRoss Pitts

Audio/ Visual

April 5 Martha Clark
April 12 Kevin Clark
April 19 Matt Matos
April 26 ShawnRoss Pitts


Session Leaders

Michelle Matos- Clerk
Barbara Pearce – Personnel
Melvin Matos – Worship
Martha Clark- Stewardship
Kent King- Bldg and Grounds
Deloris Pitts- Missions
Sally Schmidt- Cong. Life



Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.

And he took _____, gave _____ and _____ it, and gave
it to them, saying, "This is my _____ given for you; do this in
_____ of me." In the same way, after the supper he
took the cup, saying, "This _____ is the new _____ in my
blood, which is _____ out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV

Answers: bread, thanks, broke, body, remembrance, cup, poured, covenant

B=Birthdays
 * could be cancelled

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Oasis	2	3	4
5 No Service	6	7	8 No Oasis	9 B=Chuck Compton	10 Good Friday *12PM @ Flora PC *7PM Flora 1 st Christian	11 *8:30 Bells *9:30 Choir B=Marty Catron
12 *Easter Service At Flora 9AM Breakfast 10:30 Service Tentative B=Susan Hollis	13	14	15 No Oasis	16	17	18 *8:30 Bells *9:30 Choir B=Erika Hollis
19	20	21 *Mary Martha 6PM	22 No Oasis B=Miah Brower	23	24 B=Rachel Catron	25 *8:30 Bells *9:30 Choir B=Matt Matos
26	27	28 B=Steve Catron B=Mason Eakins	29 No Oasis	30		