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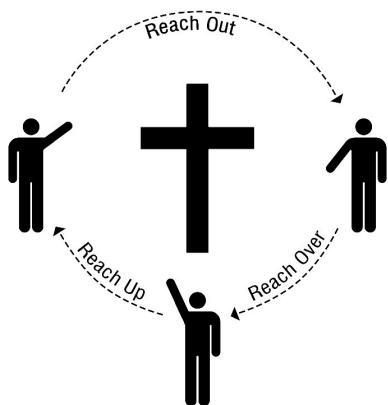
Pastor's News and Notes

*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.
They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*

.Reach Out, Reach Over, Reach Up

At our Congregational Meeting, I identified the 2024 theme: Reach Out, Reach Over and Reach Up. This theme comes from the Great Commission that Jesus gave his church. Here is a recap of the theme presentation:

FPCS 2024 Renewal Theme



Jesus said:

Proclamation: *All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

Reach Out: *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,*

Reach Over: *baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

Reach Up: *teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.*

Promise: *And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:18-20

Reach Out entails actively pursuing the people of Sebring who do not have a church home by making connections, telling them about Jesus and inviting them to join us in learning about and worshipping him. Reach Over calls us to engage with those we reach out to by encouraging them to join our church family and joining them in growing in faith. Reach Up means working out our salvation through learning God's Word and Serving God and one another in obedience to Jesus.

There are three ways you can participate:

1. Pray – that the Father use FPCS to reach out to the lost souls of Sebring, that the Son blesses FPCS in efforts to reach over to new members, and that the Holy Spirit grows our people to reach up in their walk of faith.
2. Plan – Identify new ways to reach out, reach over, and reach up.
3. Participate – Submit to God's calling of you to reach out, reach over, and reach up.

Below are three ways you can engage in the work of the Great Commission. May God bless you as you bless others with the good news of Jesus Christ.

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Reach Out – Outreach

The outreach team is currently of need of help. We have only a small handful of folks participating in planning ways to reach out to our community. The more people we have, the more quantity and quality of efforts we can make to reach the folks who don't know Jesus or are looking for a church home. If we are to succeed in 2024, we need your participation in outreach. We are meeting the second Thursday of each month. Our next meeting is February 8th at 4 pm. We will meet in the pastor's office.

Reach Over - The Truth Project

The Truth Project is a 12-lesson video curriculum that looks at life from a biblical perspective, studying the very nature and character of God and how He has revealed himself to us. Del Tackett, our host, comments: There is no aspect of life that is not addressed by the Bible. Classes are scheduled from 4 pm to 5:30 pm, starting on February 14th. We will meet in the classroom. This small group Bible study is a great opportunity to invite your friends who do not have a church home. If you are planning on attending, please let me know so that I can prepare handouts for you.

Reach Up - Communion Prep

One of the means of grace that God provides his church is holy communion. We participate in the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. To fully participate in this sacrament, it is prudent to prepare in the week prior. The Shorter Catechism explains that what is required to participate is that we examine ourselves of our knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of our faith to feed upon him, of our repentance, love and new obedience; lest we commune unworthily and thereby eat and drink judgement on ourselves.

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Here are suggested ways to engage in preparation according to the Bible.

Monday. Read: 1 Cor. 11:28-29.

Pray: Father, show me where I lack knowledge of the Lord's body, so that I might feed upon him.

Tuesday. Read: 2 Cor. 13:5.

Pray: Father, test my faith that Jesus Christ is in me, so that I am assured of my faith.

Wednesday. Read: 1 Cor. 11:31.

Pray: Father, show me where I am unrepentant, so that I repent.

Thursday. Read: 1 Cor. 10:16-17.

Pray: Father, show me where I lack love for you and for the body of Christ, so that I love with all my heart, soul, strength and mind.

Friday. Read: 1 Cor. 5:7-8.

Pray: Father, show me where I lack obedience so that I obey all that the Lord commands.

Saturday. Read: Heb. 10:22.

Pray: Father, thank you for preparing me to partake in the Lord's body and blood so that I will be spiritually nourished and grow in grace.

Pastor Karl

Caring Christian Women (CCW)

February Fellowship Meal

February 18th

Following Worship Service
in the Fellowship Hall.

Please join us there!