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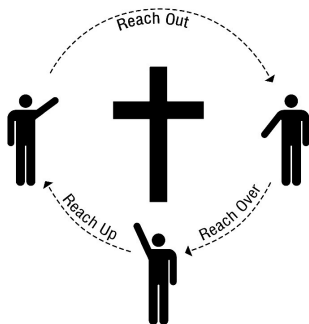
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Pastor's News and Notes

*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*

FPCS 2024 Renewal Theme



Reach Out, Reach Over, Reach Up

Our 2024 theme comes from the Great Commission that Jesus gave his church:

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 all ways, to the end of the age.*

Matthew 28:18-20

Wide World of Website

Your outreach team has submitted the majority of the content that will appear on our new church website. A church website not only has the potential for reaching the Sebring community, but the world at large. The current plan is to preview our website the second week of March with a tentative launch date of Mar 18th. Please pray for God's blessing on this project, in that this communication tool will connect us with new folks and help inform and grow our church family.

Geek not Greek

During these last few months, I have been wading through the world of website design. Being seminary trained, I spent a year learning Greek, so I cannot say that this work is Greek to me. I find Greek easier to manage than geek stuff I've encountered working on this website. Having said that, I will say that in this day and time, much in the geek world is made easy to learn and work with. One of the things going forward for our website is to keep it fresh and updated. I expect that most in our church family are not trained in the mysterious world of geek. However, if I can learn how to do this work anyone can. The church needs someone or a couple of someone(s) to keep an eye on our website and update it as needed. For example, weekly we will post the sermon from that week, and monthly we will post upcoming events. Doing either of these tasks will not take much time and can be done from the comfort of your home. Doing this work will be vital to keeping us well connected with our church family and our community. Please volunteer today. No geek experience necessary. Please let Pastor Karl know if you are interested.

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Hosanna to Halleluiah

This year, through four services, we will be retelling the story of Holy Week. Please plan to attend and invite your family and friends to join you. During the Palm Sunday Service, we will hear of Jesus' ministry leading up to the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. On Maundy Thursday, in the Fellowship Hall, we will enjoy an evening meal with a Communion Service. We will cover events of Holy Week that happened Monday through Thursday of that week.

In the Good Friday Service, we will look at the events that occurred on Friday including Jesus' trial and crucifixion. Finally, on Easter Sunday we will conclude Holy Week as we cover the events from burial to resurrection.

Here is the Schedule:

Palm Sunday – 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday – 5:00 pm in the
Fellowship Hall

Good Friday – 5:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday – 11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Anniversary Announcements and Birthday Broadcast

We now have a working directory for our church. However, as with most directory work, as soon as you publish it you find errors or omissions. We need someone who is willing to contact all of our church family to update their information. One of the ways we use this information is to publish anniversaries and birthdays in this newsletter so that we can celebrate with you. We want to do better in connecting with our church family and having an up-to-date directory will help do that. Please let Pastor Karl know if you are interested in working on this project.

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Reformed Refresher

In the works is a new course of study. It is called the Inquirers Class and will be taught by Pastor Karl as and additional Sunday School class during the Sunday School hour. The plan is to offer this course once each quarter of the year. The course will be given over four consecutive Sundays. It will cover topics to answer questions like: What does it mean to be reformed? What are the basic beliefs in Christianity? What does it mean to be presbyterian? A more detailed course study will be forthcoming. The current hope is that we will have our first class in April. We will provide detailed information later by email, Sunday announcements, and our April Presby Press.

March Benediction

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9

Pastor Karl

Caring Christian Women

In keeping with the mission of our church to Reach Up, Reach Out and Reach Over, the Caring Christian Women would like to make the month of March a Mission Month.

During the month we will be accepting canned goods and monetary donations for the New Testament Church and Mission.

There will be boxes for canned goods in both entrances and for any monetary donations, please use a pew envelope and mark it for Mission.

The Mission, which is located at 604 Lemon Avenue in Sebring has a list of specific needs: laundry soap, plastic forks, 30-gallon garbage bags, soy sauce, napkins, canned northern beans, egg noodles, shampoo & body wash as well as new wash cloths.

This local mission has served over 4000 meals, housed over 80 people, and delivered over 60 boxes of food during the Christmas season. They have assisted families in paying for electric and water bills, gas cards as well as several other basic needs for families and individuals.

Their new project is portable showers for those that need access to a shower. Donations are funding this project.

Their ministry was founded on Rev. Karl's belief that to help people in need he had to, "feed them physically to then feed them spiritually," according to the organization's December newsletter.

Please support our mission in March. Your contributions will allow them to help so many in our community.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship with Communion 11:00 am	4	5	6 Small Group Bible Study 4:00 pm	7 CCW 10:00 am	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am	11 Deacon meeting 4:00 Elder Meeting 5:00	12	13 Small Group Bible Study 4:00 pm	14	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 11:00 am	18	19	20 Small Group Bible Study 4:00 pm	21 CCW 10:00 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8:30 am Oscar's Restaurant	22	23
24 Palm Sunday Worship 11:00 am	25	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall	29 Good Friday 5:00 pm in Sanctuary	30
31 Easter Sunday Worship 11:00 am						