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Welcome Spring!

A Faith that Attracts

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**And with great power the apostles gave witness...
And great grace was upon them all.
Acts 4:33**

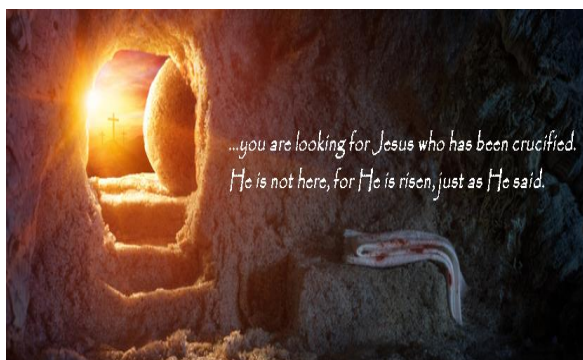
A musician was walking down the street with a friend when they heard an organ grinder playing a familiar tune. They stopped to listen for a moment, but then the musician hurried away, saying, "That sound drives me crazy."

A few weeks later, these same men went to hear a great orchestra. At the close of a certain piece, the musician stood to his feet, cheering wildly and waving his program. The friend smiled. The tune was the same one that was played by the organ grinder on the street.

There is a world of difference between the grand symphony of the Christian faith lived out prayerfully in the energy of the Holy Spirit and a profession of faith lived out prayerlessly in the energy of the flesh. When people can see the touch of God in a person's life, they are attracted to the Christian faith. That is why the first-century believers had such an influence on their world. We represent the same Savior, but do our lives have the same impact?

Let's gratefully reflect on the wonder of our salvation. Let's confess our sin, seek God's will, and obey Him. Let's pray and submit to the Holy Spirit. When people see God's touch in our lives, they will be attracted to our Savior.

**If we hide our shining light and don't reflect God's Son,
How will people in sin's night be guided, helped, and won?**



**When people get to know you,
will they want to know Christ?**



Once Saved...Always Saved...?

You have probably heard of the saying that goes, "Once saved, always saved" in reference to one's condition after receiving Christ as their Savior but have ceased to walk with Him. We believe in the doctrine of eternal security, or what is called the "perseverance of the saints." The Bible is clear that once a person is saved, they cannot lose their salvation. This is a settled fact to one who has been born again, adopted, forgiven, justified, redeemed and united with Christ. Once someone has been born again, they cannot be un-born again. Once they have been adopted into God's family, they will never be un-adopted. That is the doctrine of eternal security. But there is another focus in the book of Hebrews 5:11-6:12 that is related to eternal security which is a different doctrine called the assurance of salvation.

Eternal security holds that if you are a Christian (from God's point of view), you cannot lose your salvation. Assurance of salvation is concerned with whether you or I can know for sure that we are Christians (from our point of view). Being a Christian and knowing that you are a Christian are two different things, although they are usually connected. The doctrine of assurance of salvation fits better with journey, sports, agricultural and maturity metaphors. It is viewing salvation, not from God's point of view, but from ours. From our point of view, someone who does not continue to the end of their journey with Jesus will not make it to the final destination of heaven; not because they lost their salvation but because they never truly had it in the first place.

1 John 2:19 makes this point. John Calvin formulated it this way: how do you know if someone is a Christian? Answer...if they persevere to the end. If you abandon Jesus and the journey of faith and live a life separate from the commands of Scripture you are demonstrating that you are not genuinely born again. The question arises; don't genuine believers sometimes wander away from Jesus for a season? Absolutely. But, you know that a person is a genuine believer if he or she comes back. If a person does not come back, you cannot know whether they were a genuine Christian in the first place.

Consequently, if you have loved ones that have walked away from God, I would not want to give you false hope, nor should anyone else. No one should ever tell you that if your loved one has made a profession of faith when they were younger that everything is okay with their souls as a matter of fact. Here is where time and truth go hand-in-hand. If one is genuinely saved (believers by faith alone), they will end up in heaven, even though they may have walked away for a season. If they were never believers, they will not. If someone is not currently journeying with Jesus, then neither you nor I can know whether that person is a true Christian or not. So, our job is not to give false assurance but to warn them – if they do not keep going with Jesus in a consistent God-focused walk of faith, they will not get to their destination (not because they lost their salvation, but because they are giving evidence that they are not actually saved).

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But here's the additional point to be made from Hebrews: If you read Hebrews 2:1-3, 3:12-14, 10:26-31, 12:25 and 5:11-6:12 you will not find any discussion there about eternal security. You will not even find a discussion like what is found in 1 John 2:19 about how people who turn away from Jesus were not believers in the first place. What you will find are warnings not to walk away from Jesus. These verses are meant to frighten people or awaken those who call themselves Christians (also see Matt 7:21-23, John 15, Romans 11:17-22, 1 Cor. 9:27-10:12, and James 2:14-26). If we preach these passages in such a way that they don't frighten us, then we have not preached them correctly. The author of Hebrews believes in eternal security, but he understands that people who are constantly fed a diet of "once-saved...always saved" can draw from it an incorrect inference, namely if I pray to receive Christ it doesn't matter what I do from that point on. I realize that it is a difficult tension, but we have to let the Word of God speak in all its complexities without using one passage to silence another.

Scripture both affirms that "even if we are faithless, He is still faithful because He cannot deny Himself" (2 Timothy 2:13) and "See to it, brothers and sisters, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. We have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original conviction firmly to the very end." (Hebrews 3:12-14).

It is difficult to see loved ones walk away from the Lord after a profession of faith was made in the past. However, to give an assurance of something that is not there is cruel and misleading when it comes to their final point of death. We never want to have blood on our hands for giving an assurance that is not warranted. I know that we want to hear just the eternal security passages, especially if we have a loved one who once professed faith but now no longer does so. But we should not silence the truth of Hebrews. While I have seen God use 2 Timothy 2:13 to bring comfort to believers, I have also seen the Holy Spirit use the real, bona fide warnings of Hebrews to bring people who were wandering from the faith back to Jesus Christ.

Woodville Church Nursery Schedule for April & May

April

1st Carol Maring & Lillian Foust
8th Mary Helmus & Shayne Fifer
15th Kim Schaefer & Susan Foust
22nd Jenna Minor & Norita Cooley
29th Amy Cook & Teresa Adams

May-

6th Barb Atkins & June Frontjes
13th Betty Angell & Norita Cooley
20th Marilyn Davis & Renee Cook
27th Chris Rottman & Lorie Kellogg




Thank you ladies for your service in caring for these little ones.
*If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled
please contact Pam Morgan at 616-502-3423 as soon as possible.*



April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Resurrection Day Worship Service <i>Bible League Offering</i>	2 <i>Ladies Aid</i> Men's Bible study	3 AWANA	4 Wednesday Night Service	5 Praise Team practice	6 Ladies Book Study	7 Elders Prayer Time
8 Sunday school Worship Service Sunday school	9 Ladies Book Study Men's Bible study	10 AWANA	11 Christian Women's Club Wednesday Night Service	12 Praise Team practice	13 Ladies Book Study	14 Elders Prayer Time
15 Sunday school Worship Service Sunday school	16 <i>Ladies Aid</i> Ladies Book Study Men's Bible study	17 AWANA	18 Wednesday Night Service	19 Praise Team practice	20 Board Meeting	21 Elders Prayer Time
22 Sunday school Worship Service Pot Luck 	23 Men's Bible study	24 AWANA	25 Wednesday Night Service	26 Praise Team practice	27	28 Elders Prayer Time
29 Sunday school Worship Service Sunday school	30 Men's Bible study					Greeters for April: Tim & Stefanie Mortensen & Family

Sundays

Worship Services
10:00 a.m.
Sunday school
9:00 a.m.
11:45 a.m.

Monday

1st & 3rd
Ladies Aid
10 a.m.

Tuesday

Supper
5:30 p.m.



6 p.m.

Wednesday

Night Service
7 p.m.

3rd Friday

Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.

April Birthdays

- 4: Joe Winter
- 8: Wade Mortensen
- 8: Ken Rowley
- 13: Randy Peters
- 16: Bill Edwards
- 19: Joe Wagner
- 20: Leon Atkins
- 28: Tony Kelley (Navy)



April Anniversary

25: Pete & Pam Alley



Items on this calendar are subject to change



May 2018



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Sundays

Worship Services
10:00 a.m.
Sunday school
9:00 a.m.
11:45 a.m.

Mondays

1st & 3rd
Ladies Aid
10 a.m.

Tuesdays

Supper
5:30 p.m.



6 p.m.

Wednesdays

Night Service
7 p.m.

3rd Friday

Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters for May: <i>Roger & Sue Frens</i>		1 AWANA	2	3 Praise Team practice	4	5 Elders Prayer Time
6 Sunday school Worship service Sunday school (Ministry Shares Offering)	7 <i>Ladies Aid</i> Men's Bible study	8 AWANA	9 Christian Women's Club Wednesday Night Service	10 Praise Team practice	11	12 Elders Prayer Time
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27 Worship service	28 Memorial Day Men's Bible study	29 AWANA	30 Wednesday Night Service	31 Ladies Book study Praise Team practice		

May Birthdays

1: Karla Winter	18: Shelly Werner
3: Ted Lynema	19: Dale Ann Dudeck
4: Teegan Thompson (Bell)	23: Dustin Cross
9: Hayden Cook	24: Don Foust
10: Robert Franklin	27: Nancy Rottier
11: Shelley Cook	28: Roger Frens
12: Norita Cooley	29: Evalyn Winter
13: Frank Wilson	
16: Penelope Minor	
16: Dave Rottier	



May Anniversaries

3: Stan & Carolyn Bushre
21: Tom & Carol Maring
24: David & Teresa Adams
29: Phil & Chris Rottman

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Food For Thought...

Ham & Cheese Breakfast Casserole

Ingredients 6 servings

4 large eggs
4 large egg whites
1 cup nonfat milk
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon minced fresh rosemary
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
5 cups chopped spinach, wilted
4 cups whole-grain bread, crusts removed if desired, cut into 1-inch cubes (about ½ pound, 4-6 slices)
1 cup diced ham steak, (5 ounces)
½ cup chopped jarred roasted red peppers
¾ cup shredded Swiss cheese



Preparation

Active 30 minutes

Ready In 1 h 45 minutes

Preheat oven to 375°F. Coat a 7-by-11-inch glass baking dish or a 2-quart casserole with cooking spray. Whisk eggs, egg whites and milk in a medium bowl. Add mustard, rosemary and pepper; whisk to combine. Toss spinach, bread, ham and roasted red peppers in a large bowl. Add the egg mixture and toss well to coat. Transfer to the prepared baking dish and push down to compact. Cover with foil.

Bake until the custard has set, 40 to 45 minutes. Uncover, sprinkle with cheese and continue baking until the pudding is puffed and golden on top, 15 to 20 minutes more. Transfer to a wire rack and cool for 15 to 20 minutes before serving.

Make Ahead Tip: Prepare casserole through Step 2; refrigerate overnight. Let stand at room temperature while the oven preheats. Bake as directed in Step 3.

Tip: To wilt spinach, rinse thoroughly with cool water. Transfer to a large microwave-safe bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and punch several holes in it. Microwave on High until wilted, 2 to 3 minutes. Squeeze out excess moisture before adding the spinach to the recipe.

Lemony Asparagus Pasta



Ingredients

2 servings
4 ounces whole-wheat penne pasta, (about 1½ cups)
½ bunch asparagus, trimmed and cut into ¾-inch pieces
¾ cup whole milk
2 teaspoons whole-grain mustard
2 teaspoons all-purpose flour
⅛ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons minced garlic
1 teaspoon minced fresh tarragon, or ¼ teaspoon dried
¼ teaspoon freshly grated lemon zest
1 teaspoon lemon juice
½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, divided

Preparation

Active 35 minutes

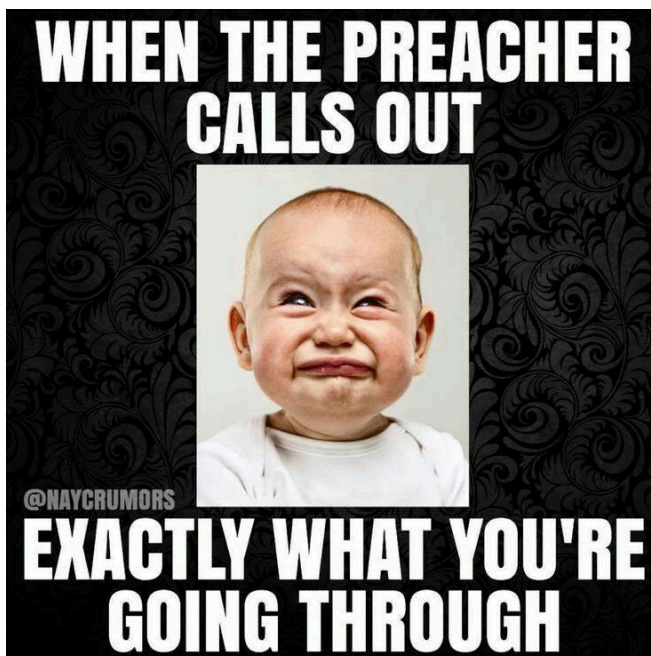
Ready In 35 minutes

Bring a large saucepan of water to a boil. Cook pasta for 6 minutes. Add asparagus and continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until the pasta and asparagus are just tender, about 3 minutes more. Drain and return to the pot.

Meanwhile, whisk milk, mustard, flour, salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Heat oil in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. Add garlic and cook, stirring constantly, until fragrant and lightly browned, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Whisk in the milk mixture. Bring to a simmer, stirring constantly, and cook until thickened, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in tarragon, lemon zest and juice.

Stir the sauce into the cooked pasta and place over medium-high heat. Cook, stirring constantly, until the sauce is thick, creamy and coats the pasta. Stir ¼ cup Parmesan into the pasta until combined. Serve the pasta topped with the remaining ¼ cup Parmesan.

“...A merry heart doeth good like medicine...”



Spec Tator

(Likes to watch, never helps out)
James 1:22



Commen Tator

(always talking, critical of others)
Ephesians 4:29

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GOD
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FULL OF
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ACTIVITY PAGE

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The family is the first place for evangelism.
As parents, we learn to be evangelists and prayer warriors
for the sake of the little ones entrusted to us by God.
Therein lies the ultimate objective for the family to nurture
precious souls into God's kingdom.