

THE LINK

LINKING GOD AND HIS PEOPLE, EACH TO THE OTHER,
TO CHRIST JESUS OUR SAVIOR AND LORD

Pastor's Notes

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Thank You!	

My precious sheep:

I am writing this newsletter one week after the horrific shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida where 17 precious human souls made in God's image were murdered by an evil person (and at least 14 more injured). This type of news is becoming all too common in America these days. When something like this happens, we all begin to debate about what should change in our country to prevent, or at least minimize, these tragedies from happening. Our politicians are divided about what we should do and emotions run high.

Personally, I think some reasonable gun laws should be enacted. Every Christian should be able to support any gun law that would help protect more human lives. How could we not? I am no expert on the current gun legislation in America and I don't know all the facts. Nevertheless, I do know this for certain: no Christian should

be a lover of guns. We are to love God and our neighbor more than anything else (Mark 12:30-31). We are even told to love our enemies. Jesus commands us to love our enemies (Matt 5:43-48; Luke 6:27-36), not shoot our enemies with guns. And this love of enemies' commandment is not a peripheral teaching of Jesus, but it is front and center. Jesus embodied this teaching on the cross where He did not kill His enemies but He allowed Himself to be killed by His enemies. Jesus did not crucify His enemies; but He was crucified by His enemies. He did this out of unconditional, sacrificial, agapé love. This is the way of Christianity. This is the way of the cross. This is at the heart of the gospel.

A greater commitment to the gospel and spreading it is our best reaction as Christians. Even though I believe we should support whatever guns laws are necessary to protect more human lives, the best thing we can do as a church is spread the gospel. The gospel has a two-fold blessing: it can transform a life on earth, so that a truly converted person would never even think of committing such a horrendous act, and it will take us to heaven when we die. The gospel is the one thing that is most unique to the church and it's the one thing that the world desperately needs – so we should be all about spreading it. Are you spreading the gospel? Have you found your one lost sheep? We are currently offering a class to help you do this more effectively ("Just walk across the room" – Sunday mornings at 9:30am led by Gerald Nichols).

We all want to protect our children. Next year both of my boys will be in elementary school. They have their whole lives ahead of them. Will I be able to protect them from everything? What if something tragic happens to them? All parents with young children are worried about that in America right now. Again, the gospel gives me hope and some peace in these difficult days. First, Jamie just became a Christian and was baptized. I believe something has changed in him on the inside. Thus, if something tragic happened to Jamie, I would be confident that he would go to heaven and be with Jesus his savior in Paradise. Nathanael is not a Christian yet; but, I will keep praying for him and, Lord willing, around Jamie's age he will receive Christ too. Therefore, we need to be diligent in teaching our kids the gospel and praying for them so that they might receive Christ and have the hope of heaven. Furthermore, when they receive Christ, they will grow up knowing that such a heinous act as killing innocent people through gun violence is evil. We must make our children and youth ministries at CCC a priority and continue to reach more young people for Jesus Christ.

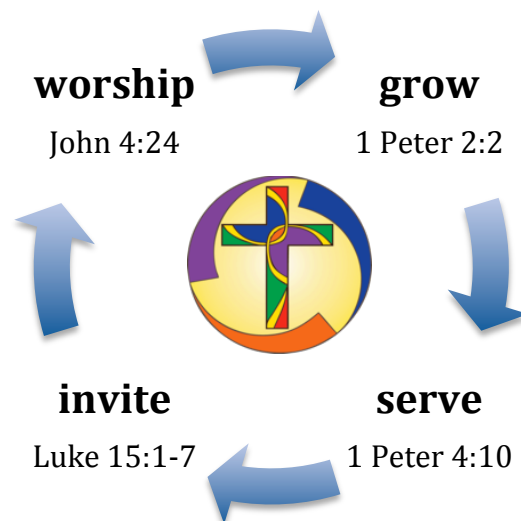
Nevertheless, if the unthinkable happened to one of my children, even after they received Christ, and knowing they were in heaven, how would I be able to cope in this life? If I lost one of them, I would be a wreck. That would be the hardest thing for me to recover from. Yet, I believe that the gospel would comfort me even then. Because at the heart of the gospel is the reality that God the Father lost His own Son when He died on the cross. God knows what it feels like to lose a child because He lost His one and only Son. God knows that pain. That is real pain for Him. Their Trinitarian relationship has been forever damaged because of our sin. If the unthinkable ever happened to one of my sons, I know I could bring that to God and experience a deeper fellowship with Him. I would be comforted by Him. And I could then use His comfort to comfort others and spread the gospel even more, as it says in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 that God the Father is “the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” We need to be all about the gospel. While we should support any legislation that helps protect more human lives, ultimately, as Christians and as a church, we should be all about spreading the gospel to more and more people, to help change them in this life, and to give them hope for the next life. Will you do your part to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ? I pray that we all do.

Grace and peace,

Pastor James

CCC's Mission:
“Worshipping God, Growing spiritually,
Serving others, Inviting friends”

CCC's Vision:



Classes/groups this Spring:

Sunday (at 9:30am):

- Sunday school class on 1, 2, 3 John (Led by Richard Axmann) – room 10
- Sunday school class on “Just Walk Across the Room” (Led by Gerald Nichols) – room 6
- Youth Bible study on Ecclesiastes (Co-led by the Rogers & Moyles) – The Upper Room
- Membership class (led by Pastor James) room 5

Wednesday (at 10:00am & 7:00pm):

10:00am

- Women’s Bible study on “The Upper Room” (Led by Pat Baker) – The Fellowship Hall 7:00pm
- Bible study on Romans (Led by Pastor James) – church lobby
- Women’s Bible study on Eph 4-6 “Ridiculous love” (Led by Katie Carlson) – room 5

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Mar. 1st: Ken Mikaelson
 Mar. 3rd: Jeri Leach,
 Mar. 3rd: John Elwell
 Mar. 11th: Cady Nichols



Mar. 16th: Eileen Richards
 Mar. 17th: Regina Duffy
 Mar. 18th McKenna Marten
 Mar. 21st: Gavyn Carnley
 Mar. 21st: Ryan Barlowe



Mar. 24th: Clyde George
 Mar. 25th: James Carlson
 Mar. 27th: Bob Rebmann
 Mar. 28th: Ernest McKay
 Mar. 31st: Rob Bramhall

You Are Loved

*God heals the brokenness in our lives,
 and transforms us into
 something beautiful and strong.
 Have faith that things will get better,
 as God gives us the strength to carry on.*

*When all feels lost, don't give up,
 no matter what happens,
 or how hard it gets,
 - just look up,
 and know that you are loved.*

*Blessings can come
 with the storms of life, and the healing
 often, comes in the midst of our weeping.*

*Live out your dreams,
 always seeking help from above.
 And may the eyes of your heart,
 capture the glory of His love !*

written by, Dianne Ingle

Story Time

*Long ago as the day approached its end
 And shadows enclosed upon a sunlit path
 When one's scratches have been healed
 And ones tears have been wiped away*

*Father comes home to brighten the encroaching night
 For this is the time he reaches for a book
 This is the crest of time that fulfills the day
 To open our world with enchanting stories
 For each day and each story has a happy ending*

*And since our years have so swiftly passed
 As adapting to change has quickened life's pace
 We look to the past with father
 For the wisdom to steady our course
 For this is the way a father should be, could be
 Or wish to have been.*

By Edward S. Murphy



The Family of Claude Rivera would like to thank everyone at Clearfield Community Church for their prayers and support during this difficult time. God Bless, Sharon Rivera and Family.

THANK YOU SO MUCH

The Valentines Day Lunch/Party was a success. There were so many people involved in this endeavor it would be hard to list all of them. It was truly an all-Church adventure. So thank you to all who helped, you are GREATLY APPRECIATED, and thank you to all who came and enjoyed the food, the games, and the time together. We will just have to do this again.

News & Upcoming Events

Pastor James and Katie have moved into their new home!

We as a church would like to throw them a kitchen shower. Below is a list of items they need. If you want to contribute please have your items back to the church by Sunday March 11th. Please let Cathy in the Office or Dorothy Kinsey know if you buy something off this list so we don't all buy the same things. Thanks so much! Kitchen towels, iron skillet, Steak knife set, Place mats X4, matching napkins X4, spice rack with spices, cookie pans, small kitchen white board, steamer, dishwasher soap,

Lunch Bunch

Palm Sunday will be the day the Lunch Bunch will meet to have lunch. Those wishing to join us will meet on March 25th about a half hour after the morning service ends. It will be at the Star Cafe located at [1540 S. State](#) in Clearfield.

It's Diaper Derby time- Join us on Sunday March 4th to celebrate with Jailyn & Nick Smith. The occasion: the arrival of their first child (Amélie Rose) To keep a new tradition here at CCC, we invite you all to join together as a church family and support the parents-to-be by bringing diapers of all sizes! We also encourage you to bring the gift of a book (new or old) as a special offering from your family to theirs. There will be light refreshments & fellowship immediately following service. If you have any questions or would be willing to bring a snack or finger food to share, please contact Jaime Earnhart @ 801/628-3297

Attention! All Parents and Caregivers!

We have a sign in table in the lobby. Please sign in your children before service, so they can go directly to Children's church after the Children's moment in service. We will also have parent contact info sheets for you to fill out for each one of your children. Please fill one out when you sign in your child. Thank you for your help in this matter.

CM Intern Jailyn Smith 801/390-7814

MARTHA CIRCLE:

Martha Circle meeting and potluck is on **March 16th 2018 at 11:30 in His Gathering Place**. We always have a great time and have a wonderful bunch of ladies that attend. All ladies of the church or friends or first timers are always welcome to join us. We have a short meeting along with devotions, wonderful food and socializing. Don't worry if you don't cook – something "store bought" is perfectly acceptable. Please come join in!! (Regular meetings will be on the 3rd Friday of each month at 11:30.) Hope to see you there. Questions call Dorothy Kinsey 801/544-7112.

BABY SHOWER: Martha Circle is having their annual Baby Shower on April 20th for the Pregnancy Care Center. There will be a box at church starting Feb 25th for donated items. We request the items be new. If the items are "store bought" please leave the price tag attached or the receipt/list of prices with the items. If they are hand made attach a slip indicating the estimated cost of the items. We are obligated to report the amount donated. This has always been very well received and we hope you are as generous again this year. **Please have your items to the church no later than April 16th**. If you have any questions call Dorothy Kinsey 801/544-7112 Thank you in advance.

Ministry News

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Rocky Mountain Care Center Ministry

Please Come join us every Friday at 10:30 AM for a half hour of song and a message from the speaker that day with patients.

Mar 2nd – Ken Mikaelsen & Lee Oswalt, Mar 9th – Mike Mann

Mar 16th – Ken Mikaelsen & Lee Oswalt, Mar 23rd –Dennis Richards,

Any questions you may contact Wilma Bowen 801-825-6820 or Dennis Richards 801/825-3471.

***CCC Worship at Legacy of Ogden is every other Sunday at 2:00 PM.
5526 S. 500 E., Ogden.**

***CCC Worship at Rocky Mountain Care Center is every Friday at 10:30 AM.
1481 E. 1450 S. Clearfield.**

Mission Project 2018 Fish “N Loaves “Food Tower”

Thank you for your donations to build our "Food Tower"!

The challenge has been made for everyone to bring one more can of food before our project ends on March 11th! We Can Do It!

Dianne Ingle, Kathy Russell and Sarah Voigt



**Thank you to all who participated in the Hygiene Kit Drive!
It was a great success and the Ogden Rescue Mission was very thankful! Martha’s Circle**

**FYI! Starting Sunday March 4th 2018, we will start Sunday School classes at 9:30 AM instead of 9:45. Classes will be for 1 hour.
Come join us!**

GUEST WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS

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