

# THE LINK

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

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## Pastor's Notes

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<b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month	
Thank You!	

My precious sheep:  
 "Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love." (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)  
 These verses above are the theme verses for our men's ministry. Throughout this month's issue of the Link I want to talk to you all about our men's ministry. We have a group of older men that meet on Saturday morning for Bible study and fellowship. That's great. But I want to share with you about our newer men's ministry which has been going on for the past several months now and is gaining some steam, but we want to see more and more men involved.

Why a men's ministry, you may wonder? Men are an important but often neglected demographic in the church. Statistically speaking, women outnumber men for church attendance and participation in churches all throughout America. Typically, more women attend church, and in many cases, a believing wife will attend a church while the husband stays at home. The same statistics are true when it comes to individual prayer life between the genders. Yet, God loves the men of this world and Jesus Christ died for them and so we've got to find ways to reach them more for Christ. Furthermore, I think most reasonable people would acknowledge that our world is in desperate need for men to step up and be better husbands and better fathers. Our men's ministry is going through a curriculum entitled "Act Like Men" and at one point Pastor Joby Martin puts it this way, "Most of the pain in our culture is because a man did not do his job of defending and protecting." Wow. I think he is right.

Let me explain. Men are to be defenders and protectors of the home. This defending and protecting does apply to physical protection, but more deeply it applies to spiritual protection. In our theme verse above from 1 Corinthians it begins, "Be on your guard." This is a military command which means to "pay attention" or to "watch out." We have to be on guard for our ultimate enemy, the devil, who is like a roaring lion who is seeking (24/7) to devour our lives and the lives of our families. 1 Peter 5:8 puts it this way, "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." This is no empty threat – this is serious. Imagine if the news reported that a lion had escaped from the zoo and was prowling around in your neighborhood. Wouldn't you be on the look-out? Wouldn't you live life differently? Likewise, we should be vigilant to the schemes of the devil and put on the full armor of God daily (Eph 6:10-20 – by the way, it's no coincidence that this passage from Ephesians on putting on the armor of God comes immediately after the passage on instructions for the Christian household in Eph 5:21-6:9). The devil wants to devour your life as a man and husband and father and to devour the lives of your family members in turn. If he can get you when your guard is down, he will devour you through temptation and addiction, through such harmful things as alcohol, drugs, pornography, gambling, and once he's got you, there will be collateral damage in your family. It will bring emotional damage to your wife and kids, who may themselves give into temptation and addiction. If the enemy can take you out, those that you love are left defenseless.

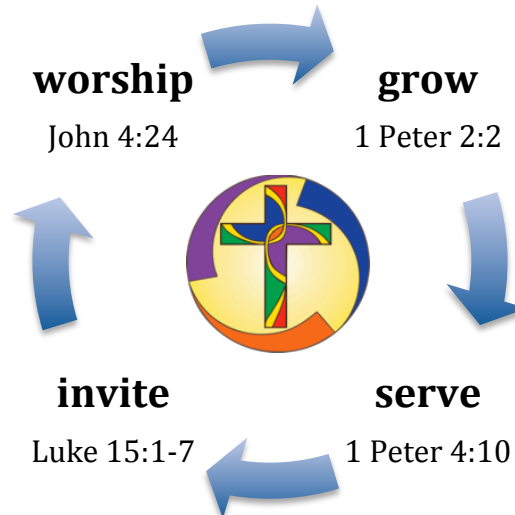
This is a daunting battle that we face – but rest assured that God is aware of this and He will help you. The context of 1 Peter assures us of this. He cares for you, as it says in 1 Peter 5:7, “Cast all your cares on Him because He cares for you.” And He will strengthen you, as it states in 1 Peter 5:10-11, “And the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.” Remind yourself of these precious promises in Scripture and put your faith & hope in them.

Also, realize, you are not alone in this battle, but you have a band of brothers in the men’s ministry to encourage you and support you. Thus, our men’s ministry exists to support one another as Christian men, and husbands and fathers. And if you’re a single man, please consider this ministry, as we’re here to support you in your Christian walk as well. We meet every month, on the second Sunday of the month at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall, for breakfast, instruction, and fellowship and support. Outside of the breakfast, sometimes we have service events and we have social events as well. For social events, we are planning several activities in the following months, such as: a BBQ this summer; sporting activities; game night; maybe some axe throwing (at Social Axe Throwing!); etc. Please consider being a part of this men’s ministry and to inviting some man to take part of this ministry. Remember that INVITE is the fourth part of our vision here at CCC, and I challenge each of you to find your one lost sheep (Luke 15:1-7). Perhaps your one lost sheep is a man who is in desperate need of the fellowship of other men and the comfort & strength of Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

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 “Not a Fan” by Kyle Idleman (Led by Gerald Nichols room 6)
- Youth Bible study on Ecclesiastes (Co-led by the Rogers & Moyles) – The Upper Room
- New Membership Class beginning May 13th (Led by Pastor James) room 5 downstairs

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

- 10:00am -Women’s Bible study on “Prayer” (Led by Pat Baker) – The Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm -Bible study on Romans (Led by Pastor James) – Room 6
- Women’s Bible study on “Sermon on the Mount” (Led by Katie Carlson) – room 5

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

May Birthdays are:

May 7<sup>th</sup>: Jenifer Gallegos

May 7<sup>th</sup>: Stacey Moyle

May 9<sup>th</sup>: John Moulton

May 9<sup>th</sup>: Dave DeGroot

May 14<sup>th</sup>: Jean Varner



May 16<sup>th</sup>: Mary East

May 17<sup>th</sup>: Diego Felix

May 19<sup>th</sup>: Joseph Schofield

May 20<sup>th</sup>: Nate Gallegos

May 28<sup>th</sup>: Nicole Darling

*In Expectation*

**You are a Child of God**

Skip like a child -  
grab the rings with all your might.  
Do a summersault high in the air,  
Laugh heartily, everything is alright !

Put a smile upon your face -  
Let your inner heart sing.  
Find the joy in your life,  
Giggle with the peace it brings !

Seize the day -  
Play like a youthful boy.  
Jump high into the air,  
let your heart burst with joy !

Let your dreams wonder -  
let your spirit soar !  
Love God with all your heart,  
...Knowing that,  
from the old rugged cross,  
He loved you even more !

written by, Dianna Ingle

*A lifetime creates desire for expression  
A compelling impulse to share impressions  
Of insightful moments commiserate with occasion  
Indicating the times needed to feel acceptance  
In life we travel our separate ways  
But not without relationships  
Therein lies the enlightening element of life  
The part we endeavor to embrace*

*Poetry peering from the human viewpoint  
Recognizing the good earth's engaging care  
Sees spring drawn into youthful bloom  
With flowers in seductive attire  
Leading to summer's well received harvest  
Appearing in retreat winter recomposes  
What instore might lie await  
Seeking some assurance  
Life finds purpose*

*With the season's commitment confirmed  
The response for life lies in our compassionate  
expectations*

*By Edward S. Murphy*



**Vacation Bible School  
July 31 - Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Worship, Bible study, Crafts

Time: 9-11:30 am - It's FREE!

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## News & Upcoming Events

### **Lunch Bunch**

**A "Bunch" of fun and fellowship was had at our April get-to-gather! Our next date will be the Sunday after Mother's Day. It will be May 20th after church - about 12:45 p.m. It will be at the Star Cafe at [1540 South State](#) in Clearfield.**

### **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

**BABY SHOWER: Thank You to all who supported Martha Circle is having their annual Baby Shower on April 20<sup>th</sup> for the Pregnancy Care Center. It was a great success Dorothy Kinsey 801/544-7112**

Steps for Life 2018  
"Life is a Journey"



The Pregnancy Medical Clinic (formerly the PCC) serves women who feel hopeless in an unexpected pregnancy. By meeting them in this uncertain time, God can show their family the beauty he has in store for their journey, even amidst some bends in the road.

You can help women in unexpected pregnancies by becoming a PMC ambassador! Call us at 801.612.9293 to learn more about how you can represent the PMC in your church or other spheres of influence!

**Seeking Ushers:** Looking for two to four people who would be interested in ushering once or twice a month. If you are interested contact Bob Rebmann at 801-510-1417 or let Cathy at the church office know.

# 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.*

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Maureen Umbriaco, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Alice Cipilonni

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Pat Baker, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Ken Mikaelson

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.**

**The Wednesday Women Bible study is doing a new 7 week study on “Prayer”. We meet at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Thanks, Pat Baker 801/825-4187**

**Martha Circle Info:** Martha Circle’s May meeting will actually be a luncheon at Golden Corral restaurant in Layton. It will be held on 18 May at 11:30 AM. Please come and join us – this is the last meeting until the fall. Hope to see you there. Questions call Dorothy Kinsey 801/544-7112.

### **GUEST WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS**

Wi Fi: CCCGuest Password: Churchonfire