

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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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!
3rd Friday of the Month
Thank You!

My precious sheep:

It has been six years since our church building was burned down. Do you remember where you were when you heard news of the fire? Of course, I wasn't your pastor at that time, but I've heard stories. The fire occurred on Tuesday March 19, 2013. Pastor John Parsley, who is my friend and who I think did a wonderful job leading the church in the wake of the fire, recently messaged me and said he pulled the fire alarm at 2:33pm that day. Do you remember how you felt? Were you concerned about the future of Clearfield Community Church?

Here we are over six years later, and God has done a wonderful work in preserving our church! This new facility itself is magnificent! It is modern and beautiful. I jokingly call it the "Baptist Vatican" because it is so lovely.

God had a future for our church, and the fire was not the end for us; but, really, you could say it provided for a new beginning. Fire can have that effect.

I have heard that our church adopted Jeremiah 29:11 as the verse for CCC in the wake of the fire. This verse contains a splendid promise from God. It reads, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." And what a splendid promise it is! And that is what God did for us, right? He had a plan for our church in the midst of the fire, and ultimately His plan was not to harm our church through those flames, but to give us hope and a future. This verse can also be applied to your life personally as a Christian. God has a plan for each of your lives, and you have hope and a future in Him. Because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, there's always hope.

Originally, Jeremiah 29:11 was spoken to God's people the Israelites when they were in exile in Babylon. Because the Israelites had sinned and rebelled against God for centuries, and never heeded the words of the prophets (29:19), God punished them through the nation of Babylon. God had warned of the curse of exile way back at the time of Moses (Lev 26; Deut 28). But the people did not listen, and God reluctantly punished them (it tore His heart to shreds – see Hosea 11:8-9). He decreed that they would be in exile for precisely 70 years (29:10) and then He would bring them back.

Jeremiah 29:11 is a precious promise that got us through the fire and brought us to where we are today. We must not ever forget it. As the church is in a new season with me as your pastor (my two-year anniversary was on April 1), I would like us to embrace another verse from Jeremiah chapter 29. It is Jeremiah 29:13 which says, "You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." In context, God spoke these words to His people the Jews in exile in Babylon. And it's related to 29:11 in that (in part) the promise of hope and a future would be experienced by them as they sought God with all their hearts. May this be our goal at CCC. The second part of our mission/vision at CCC is GROW, and we will grow in Christ as we seek Him with our whole heart (see the greatest commandment – Matt 22:37-38).

I also heard that after the fire, the church embraced the song, “For I know the plans I have for you” (based on Jer 29:11). Do you remember this song? I’m sure you do. I found the lyrics in the song sheet cabinet, and I want to quote them below. The lyrics say:

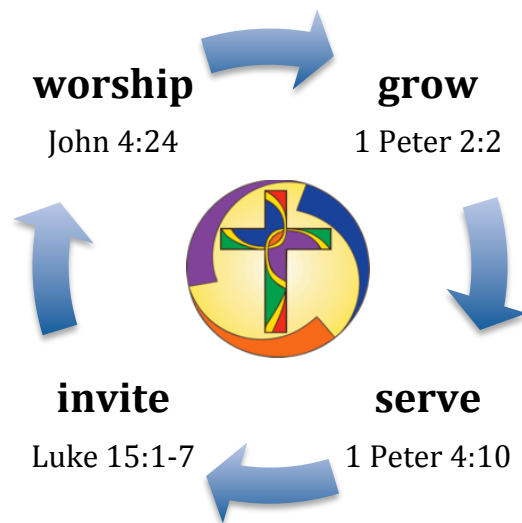
“For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper not to harm you. And I know what hope the future holds even when the times alarm you. Call upon my name, and pray to me, and I promise that I’ll hear you. When you seek me, seek with all your heart, and you’ll find me very near you.”

Do you notice how this song combines Jeremiah 29:11 and 29:13? That’s what I am asking us to do as we move forward, and as I begin to enter my third year as your shepherd. I have ordered bracelets with the words “Jeremiah 29:13” written on them and will hand them out on Sunday April 7. Do you still have your Jeremiah 29:11 bracelets? I recommend we wear Jeremiah 29:11 on one wrist and Jeremiah 29:13 on the other wrist. Our church is still known as “The church on fire” – may we continue to be on fire for the Holy Spirit. Let’s blaze for God’s glory.

Grace and peace,
Pastor James

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

CCC’s Vision:



Classes/groups for Spring:

Sunday (at 9:30am)

Sunday school class -“Gospel of John” (Led by Tom Earnhart room 6)

Sunday school class Bible Study (Led by Richard Axmann- Room 10)

Sunday school class – New Membership class during lent starts on Mar 17th (led by Pastor James room 5)

Youth Bible study – -“ Book of Genesis” (Led by Moyles) – Upper Room

Wednesday

10am -Wednesday Women’s Bible Study– “The Beatitude’s, (Led by Pat Baker) –FH

7:00pm -Bible study- 2 Samuel (Led by Pastor James)- Room 6

7:00pm – Youth Group The Case for Christ - Led by Robyn Argello & Robyn Inabnit

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Apr. 3rd Preeda Faulkner
 Apr. 5th Jessie Dubois
 Apr. 6th Tina Ramirez
 Apr. 7th Bailey Gerhardt
 Apr. 7th Stuart Simmons
 Apr. 8th Marte Hazelwood
 Apr. 8th Logan Day
 Apr. 9th Irene Helmke
 Apr. 9th Chad Robbs



Apr. 10th Bill Hazelwood
 Apr. 10th Erin Carnley
 Apr. 13th Evin Barlow
 Apr. 15th Isaiah Ramierz
 Apr. 19th April Ehrig



Apr. 20th Dana Herdt
 Apr. 21st Debbie Maryott
 Apr. 22nd Joe Stanley
 Apr. 23rd Lindsay Stitt
 Apr. 29th Derek Ingle
 Apr. 29th Rylan Earnhart

A Beautiful Day

Fish and Loaves

I was hungry,
 and because you cared for me,
 I was able to see the light.
 Because you fed me and my children,
 I was able to sleep at night...

Bless the soul,
 that helps those in need,
 and feels another's woe.
 What you have done for others,
 You have also done for me.
 Your kindness to others,
 will be given back to thee.

Whoever has a giving heart will be blessed,
 for he shares his bread with the poor;
 My children, can't you help others a little more?

Jesus said, I am the bread of life.
 He who comes to me will never go hungry,
 and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
 A cup of water given in His name,
 glorifies your father in heaven, just the same.
 Be the hands and feet of God each day,
 - and his love will never be far away.

written by, Dianne Ingle

From the overture of life's unfolding story
 When an early morning sun beams anew
 This is the time earth promenades for life
 From which consummate beauty
 is freely shared
 Illumination of nature is
 the beginning of recognition
 From here the power that be surges forth
 For which life support by
 description can inspire
 Surmounting these intervening
 anxious moments
 To open doors to successive passages
 To know this assertive current
 has been planned
 To secure one's place in the
 tapestry of creation
 For which the sun rises again for another day
 And the seasons in turn await with color.

By Edward S. Murphy



News & Upcoming Events

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. Robyn Inabnit, Children's Ministry Leader

We will begin **The Gospel Project** during Children's Church on Sundays. If you have a passion for Children knowing the Lord, we could use you on our CCC Kids Team! We want to expand our classes, but will need more volunteers to be able to do this. Even if you can help out **ONE** Sunday or Wed. a month it would be a huge blessing. See Robyn, Children's Ministry Leader

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet April 28th at the Star Cafe - after church around 12:45 p.m. Hope to welcome Spring!

Fish 'N Loaves

The first and last Saturdays in April have been selected to dig dirt for our new Food Pantry. Volunteers may come at 8 a.m. to Layton Hills Baptist Church with their own shovels. The dates are: April 6th and April 27th.

New Church Directory coming! With many new people in our church, and many older saints who have gone home to glory, we are in need of a new and updated directory. We have secured Lifetouch to come to our church and do a 4-day photo-shoot for the new directory. These four days will be Wednesday May 8th through Saturday May 11th (May 8-11, 2019). A representative from Lifetouch may contact you. Besides being a good resource for our church, this will also allow you to have recent, quality photos for your own family! For information and questions, contact Pastor James or Bob Brandler.

Easter is coming!!

If you would like to order an Easter lily for the Easter Morning service, please contact the church office (825 1115). Cost is **\$11**.

Deadline for orders is **April 15th 2019**.



Ministry News

CCC's Mission:

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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.

April 5 – James Carlson, April 12 – Alice Cipollini

April 19 – Gaither Video, April 26 –Eileen Richards

Any questions you may contact Eileen 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.**

Martha Circle will be meeting on the third Friday of each month.

We will meet at 11:30 AM. Potluck lunch.

All Ladies welcome! For more information contact

Marsha Gooseberry at 801/773-5861

Chris Rebmann 801/540-5882

Diane Ingle 801/776-6836

BABY SHOWER: Martha Circle is having their annual Baby Shower on April 26th 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 22nd.** If you have any questions call Marsha Gooseberry 801/773-5861, Thank you in advance.

GUEST WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS

Wi Fi: CCCGuest Password: Churchonfire