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May 2019

Sunday Worship

Adult Bible Class

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service*

9:30 a.m.

Children's Church

9:45 a.m.

(after Children's Chat)

*Childcare provided

Pastor
Rev. Matthew Froeschle

Treasurer
John Swick

Youth Director
Toby Montgomery

Music
Scott Hines

Worship AV
Brandon Barta

Church Custodian
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Administrative Assistant
Cherry Wishard



From the Pastor's Desk

Suggested Scripture Reading: Romans chapter 6

When I was going to school in Ames, Iowa (Go Iowa State Cyclones!), I had a very religious Mormon friend, whom I took with me to the church I attended one Sunday. The sermon was about grace, and particularly focused on how we can do nothing to earn God's favor. After worship, my friend was upset about the message. He wondered how the sermon would motivate anyone to good works if God loved them no matter what they did.

One of the objections people like my friend have had to the concept of freely given grace is that it could be misused to justify immoral behavior. After all, if God gives grace when people sin, why not sin more so God can grant more grace?

The apostle Paul brings up that very topic in his letter to the Romans.. Paul poses the question, "Shall we go on sinning so that grace might increase?" He then proceeds to answer the question in an unexpected way. Rather than go on about how bad sin is, or how misguided we are to beg the question, he responds in verse 2 by saying, "we died to sin - how can we live in it any longer?"

Paul brings up a supernatural reality - that the believer has died to sin. In this letter, Paul doesn't say "you should try not to sin," but rather "you are no longer a slave to sin." This is a much different way of thinking about what God had done in our lives than some of us may be used to. As we see in this passage, God has given us a new identity.

I should emphasize, however, that this does not mean Christians will no longer sin or need to repent. If we claim to be sinless, we are lying. But this passage does say that sin no longer defines us. When we sin, we are not acting in accordance with who we have become in Christ, but rather behaving according to the habits of the "old self." In verse 6, we are reminded that the shadow-self - the sinner - has been done away with, and we are no longer slaves to sin.

When we sin, we may be tempted to despair and think, "well, that's just who I am." But that mentality ignores the powerful work of God that has taken place within us. Because that is no longer who we are. We are living in a new reality - the reality of Christ's salvation. God has freed us and changed us.

Being claimed by God in baptism is more than being drafted onto a team or enlisted into service. We are fundamentally different. The Scriptures tell us that in Christ, we are a new creation. For the one who has been saved, living in sin would be analogous to trying to live underwater or trying to breathe dirt. You can't do it. The Spirit of Christ within you won't allow it.

This change is not anything we have accomplished - it's not anything we could have done on our own. We don't boast in ourselves. We boast in a God who makes all things new.

So does this teaching gives us a license to sin? The sinner would seek to remain in sin - the sinner would be helpless to do otherwise. But the Christian seeks after God - the Christian has the license to love. And in Christ, we discover that we now have a freedom we didn't used to have - and that is the freedom not to sin.

In His Grip,

Matthew



The Sadie Willaredt Scholarship is presented every year to one or more students enrolled in an institution of higher learning for the first time or who are continuing their studies. Applicants should show active involvement in our church. Applications are available in the church office. Applications will be received through May 31st.



Thank you for all the Box Tops, they are a great way of giving to the Kemmerer Village School. Keep them coming.



Coke Rewards

The Coca Cola Give program will donate from 5 to 30 cents for your Coca Cola rewards codes. These Codes can be under the lids of bottles, or inside the 12-pack and cases of any Coke product. Just go to <https://us.cocacola.com/give/>, choose Kemmerer Village as your school, and enter your codes to help our children and support our school. Every cent counts!



Mission Project - Baby Bottle Coin Collection for Choices Pregnancy and Health - Baby bottles will be available in the Narthex on Mother's Day, May 12. The Mission Committee is asking you to take one - fill it with your spare change and return the bottle on Father's Day, June 16.

SHOWCASING KEMMERER SUCCESS, the real works of art at Kemmerer Village are the children entrusted to our care. Nothing is greater than their success. One young lady was featured in an art gallery shortly after leaving Kemmerer. Angelina says, "Kemmerer helped me learn art and music were my major coping skills. All the staff encouraged me. I was always creative, but Kemmerer helped me use it to better cope with my trauma and mental illness. I wish the staff could have been at the art show, because they really helped me get there." Angelina went to her first foster home at the age of 6. She was placed in 45 homes after that, before she came to Kemmerer Village.

Pablo Picasso said, "the purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls." At Kemmerer Village art is nothing short of therapy. Teaching our children to express themselves is an important skill. Art helps the kids learn, communicate and focus. Art therapy helps build self-awareness and self-esteem necessary to tackle various social situations and life challenges. Art has been proven to help reduce pain, stress and many symptoms associated with physical and mental disorders.

Phillip and Sarah Kemmerer realized a need existed for helping orphaned children. They were willing to accept that challenge and as a result Kemmerer Village was born. Today we continue to recognize the need to help troubled children and families, and at Kemmerer Village we accept that tremendous challenge.

With your continued support continued support and prayers we can sustain our mission to care for children, youth and families and help them seek a better life for themselves.

Thank you and God bless,
Michael A. Havera
Director of Financial Development and Fundraising



Food pantry items are still being gathered.

Please keep the food coming and help those in need. Food can be left in Fellowship Hall.
May: Cake Mixes

Visit Our Website

www.fpcmattoon.org

Faith Step

*Find a sunny spot.
Close your eyes in prayer
and quietly receive the love
of Jesus.*

*Then watch for the
opportunity to send it on.*

*This is how we know we're
living steadily and deeply in
him, and he in us
He's given us life from his
life, from his very own Spirit.*

*1John 4:13 (MSG)
Submitted by a church member*



May 1
John Smitley

May 3
Nancy Plummer
Susan Millsap
Katrina Smith

May 4
Earl Bennett
Pastor Matthew Froeschle

May 6
Amy Bumgarner

May 10
Connie Buescher

May 14
Lauren Covington

May 15
Rick Mercer
Joyce Seldomridge
Kelly Stranko

May 16
Yvonne Schroeder

May 20
Janet Smitley

May 23
Sherrie Beck
Merrie Ramsey

May 24
Neal Grant
Larry Gutzler

May 27
Brenda Welling

May 29
Camden Figgins

May 30
Amelia Bumgarner
W. D. Fisher
Judy Wetzel



**Continued prayers
for those having
treatments for medical
conditions:**

Mavis Bagby
Catherine Beachy
Jean Beard
Kathy Beaver
Earl Bennett
Joan Dickens
Evelyn Furry
Jo & Harlan Heller
Jeremiah Parker
Betty Martin
Betty & Bob Miller
Elnor Oliver
Lori Woodyard
The Barta family

**For all those who are
serving in Armed Forces,
including:**

Matt Gathmann
Kelly Martin
Hunter S. McRoberts



Happy Anniversary

May 5
Toby & Pam Montgomery

May 6
Neal & Sheri Grant

May 9
Jerry & Carol Ann Parker

May 25
Joseph & Sheri Gilkerson



Parish Nurse From the Parrish Nurse: This month I will share a message from my daughter, Kathy Clay, who is the Fire Marshall of Teton County. She does a great deal of work in the safety/prevention area and has taught me a few things. Remember, my favorite thought that was taught to me by my mother, "You can be the richest man or woman in the world, but without your health, you have nothing."

A very important safety feature in your home are your smoke alarms. You should have a smoke alarm in every bedroom and in adjoining hallways. A smoke alarm will alert you to smoke in your house which gives you time for escape. Know two ways out of your home, so if one way is blocked, you can go the other way. Remember too, if there is no way past the fire, close your bedroom door. Refuge behind a door - even a lightweight wooden door - will provide valuable time for firefighters to rescue through the room's window.

Smoke alarms have expiration dates. Most people do not realize this important fact. By removing the alarm from its mounting fixture, you will see on the back an expiration date. If there is no date, no doubt, it is time to replace the unit.

Smoke alarms near kitchens and bathrooms tend to false alarm. Be sure to locate your smoke alarms in the appropriate areas.



Greetings once again from the youth area! Cherry is yelling at me to write this article so here I am. As of this writing it is just after 2pm on Maundy Thursday and I finished an awesome lunch from Taco Bell, one of my favorite places to eat. Now, if you eat with me at Taco Bell you might notice that I order a lot of tacos, however I can no longer use the excuse of that I am a "growing boy" because we all know that I am almost 38 years old and the only place that I am growing is out instead of up.

They say moderation is key when it comes to eating food, but some of us have a problem with that (me). I had a dessert that Mary Nance Miller brought for a luncheon one time not too long ago and I kid you not, it was probably one of the best things that I have ever eaten in my life. I could have taken that whole thing home with me and I feel bad because I think that every time, I have seen Mary Nance since then, I have only talked about that dessert that she made.

Moderation Toby, c'mon! I have to remind myself of that almost daily, but should we take moderation into account when it comes to our Lord Jesus Christ? Unfortunately, we are really good at taking in Jesus moderately. Sometimes we want to worship our Lord, but sometimes we don't want to mess with it. Sometimes we want things that WE want and we don't think about how this could affect our relationship with our Father. Sin is horrible and addictive all at the same time. We can worship our sin just as much as we should worship the Lord. When we worship what we want in our lives, Jesus is welcomed in a more moderate pace, if at all, and sometimes we don't pay attention to Him. Good Friday is tomorrow and we are supposed to go into Good Friday ready to kneel down at the cross and give all of our sin to Jesus. This moment we need to transform our moderation into desperation. We desperately need you, Jesus! Jesus said it best and it would do us good to listen to His words from Luke 23:46. "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands". Turn that moderation into desperation! Peace and love!

Toby



MAY EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 1

Women's Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
LOGOS 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 2

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 5

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Worship Committee Meeting after worship
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8

B & G Meeting 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Mystery Book Club 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 12



Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Pre-Pack Food Center 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Sarah Circle 10:30 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Personnel Meeting 4:30 p.m.
Priscilla Circle 5:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 19

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21

PEO 9:00 a.m.
Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Mission Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 26

Adult Bible Study 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.
Children's Church 9:45 a.m.
Youth Group 3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27



Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
Dulcimers 1:30 p.m.
Session 6:00 p.m.
Barbershoppers 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 30

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Men's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.



Priscilla Circle

will meet Tuesday
May 14th at
5:00 p.m.
We will work in the
pastor's garden.
A potluck meal will be
served
afterwards. Kathy
Beaver will give
devotions.
Any questions
call
Alice Jeisy
at 644-2625

Sarah Circle

will meet at 10:30 on
Tuesday morning,
May 14th in the
church parlor. Carol
Ann Parker will have
devotions and Sue
Gathmann will have
the lesson. Anyone
interested in
participating in this
study is invited to
attend.



Sarah Circle Annual Used Book Sale

Please start saving
your books for our
annual book sale.
You may bring them
to church any time.

Saturday, June 22nd

7:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.



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Return Service Requested

