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Let There Be Light

We've been enjoying Family Movie Night one Sunday a month. The next one will be August 12th. Check out the full article on page 2 for full details. Hope to see you there!!!!

Church Picnic

It's always a good time when we have a church picnic. Of course it's always great when we have an outside worship service. In May we have both. Check out the full story on page 2.

Baby Pick has arrived

There's a new arrival in the Pick household. To see a great picture check out page 4.

Family Retreat

We're starting early this year to get the sign-ups for this year's Family Retreat. It's



going to be a great year!! The dates are August 31st through September 3rd. We'll be once again meeting at the great State Park of Lake Hope. Based on last years response we have secured the same type of cabins as last year. We had such a great time last year that it is going to be a great and exciting time again this year.

The cost this year is \$200 for the weekend. That includes your cabin, lunch and dinner on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. If you are interested in going, sign-up quick before all the cabins are taken. See you at the park around the fire pit.





Outside Concert/ Picnic May 27th

It's so exciting when God's people get together not only to worship, but also to fellowship. Well, on the 27th of May we will be doing both. Jimmy Dooley will be here to help us reach out to our community with the Good News of Jesus Christ during our worship service and then it's time to eat.

Now of course the service is going to be outside, weather permitting, and we'll be grilling any meat that you bring, but hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. There's going to be a "Dessert Competition" this year and several games to be played. Don't miss out on this great day of worship and fun.

Let There Be Light!!!

We at CW Church have been blessed to partner with Faith Films Network to provide family movies right here in our building. Over the past year we have shown several of these films and are trying to have an event a month. On August 12th at 7 p.m. we will be showing the very powerful film "Let There Be Light." This movie will challenge you and your beliefs, encourage your marriage and prayer life, and strengthen your faith. It is a heartfelt moving film on how God shines His Light into the darkness of a man who lost all to find the Light again. Tickets are on sale now at iTickets.com for \$8 or you can wait until closer to the date and get them from the church. Starting in July we will have tickets in the building. We will also be selling tickets at the door the night of the movie for \$10. Each ticket includes a bag of popcorn and a bottle of water. Mark the date and "Let There Be Light."



Generosity: Giving a gift which require personal sacrifice

Jesus condemned the hypocrites who loudly proclaimed their sacrificial gifts to God. Years earlier a godly woman quietly demonstrated the true spirit of giving. She devoted her life to the Lord and was rewarded with greater spiritual perception than the religious leaders around her. Who was she?

This girl's childhood was spent in a time of political turbulence and national warfare. The news of the day was dim and often ugly.

Against the background of a corrupt and violent political scene, her life stands out in sharp contrast. This girl lived by God's standard and radiated the inward beauty of righteousness. Before long her vivacious spirit attracted the attention of a young man. His love for her grew, and one day he approached her father for permission to marry her. Their wedding followed the customs of the time, and for the next seven years they enjoyed a happy marriage.

Then this radiant young wife experienced the shock and sadness of her husband's death. The loss of



her husband drew her closer to God, and she discovered a depth of fellowship with the Lord that she had never known before. She delighted in God's presence to such an extent that "she departed not from the temple but served God with tastings and prayer night and day." The result was an amazing increase in her spiritual alertness as well as a continuation of her vivacious youthfulness. Her concern for the pitiable condition of her own people grew with each political crisis.

One day news of an approaching enemy army brought panic to the city. After three months of fierce

fighting, the invading army conquered the city. This marked the beginning of the strict Roman rule over her people. Taxation and oppression increased. There was no hope of human help in sight. As a result, many in the nation began to follow the example of this godly woman. With a new surge of interest they studied the Scriptures and looked for signs of the long awaited Messiah.

One day a young couple entered the temple. They had come to fulfill the requirements of the law for the firstborn son. This son was Jesus the Messiah. He was unnoticed on that day by the religious leaders. Only two people were given the spiritual discernment to recognize Him as the eternal Son of God. One was Simeon, a just and devout man. The other was Anna, this radiant and godly widow. When she saw Him, she rejoiced in her spirit and praised God for the gift of His Son.

Anna was over one hundred years old. For eighty-four years this godly widow had set aside personal gain to concentrate on serving the Lord and those around her. God honored her faithful giving by allowing her to be one of the very few who recognized the Messiah and received the foretaste of the hope and reward of every Christian—seeing her Savior face to face. From Luke 2:21-38

Congrats to Chris and Michelle Pick

We'd like to give a big congratulations to Chris and Michelle Pick on their new addition to their family. Chris has been going through so much over the past several months with the loss of his father. It has been a very tough year this year. However, the Lord has richly blessed them now with another wonderful bundle of joy.

David Lee Pick was born on the 26th of April and weighed 5lbs 9 ounces. He was also 19 inches long. Please keep David, Chris, Michelle, and Erica in your prayers. Especially as they adjust to this new little one added to their home. Chris posted that Erica is already having trouble with accepting her new brother.

For those that don't know Chris and Michelle, they are one of the missionaries that we support here at CW Church. Chris ministers to the Indian Reservations out west as well as to the lost in Asia. He is a singer/song writer and has ministered here with us several times. Congratulations!!!!



Chosen

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9

Do you know who you are? Better yet, do you know whose you are? With a relationship with Christ we are not a people who should stumble over Christ. A people who question His claims and deity and refuse to believe Him. We are a people who believe Christ, a people who are building our lives on the Foundation Stone of God’s Son. We have taken our lives and laid them on Him; we have entrusted our whole being into the keeping hands of God, the people He is building to live with Him forever and ever.

Once you put your faith and trust in Christ, you become very, very special to God. You become special because you trust His Son. God has only one Son who has God’s perfect nature, who is holy, righteous, pure, loving king and gentle just as God is. He has only one Son who came to earth to save us by dying for us and showing us how much God loves us.

When we put our trust and faith in Christ, we become a chosen generation. The Greek words actually mean a chosen or elect race. Peter takes the term from the Old Testament where God states the same thing about Israel, **“My people, my chosen, This people have I formed for myself.” Isaiah 43:20-21**

The idea is that of a new race of people, a new species that differs entirely from the other races on earth. This is a shocking statement to some people; nevertheless it is exactly what the Word of God claims. God is actually creating a new race of people on earth. How? How can it be that believers from China, Russia, Asia, Africa, India, Europe, The Americas, the Islands, Canada, and all the other nations of the world form a new race of people? By the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is changing people inwardly, not outwardly. He is not changing facial and skin features. These mean little; they are only superficial differences that change, age, perish, die, and decay ever so rapidly. God is changing people within their hearts and minds and lives, changing them where it really matters. God is implanting His divine nature within believers. When we believe in Christ, God’s divine nature is immediately implanted into our heart and life.

Are you a part of the “Royal Priesthood?” Are you a part of the “Chosen Generation?” If not open your heart today and invite Him in. Until next time.

Pastor Rob



Kid's Club is Back!!!

Kid's Club is back in action. Each Sunday during the message the kid's ages 4 yrs -6th grade will be meeting

in the Kid's Worship Center for a great time of learning, singing and even some crafts from time to time. Right now they are doing a study on 1 John and "What it Means to be a Christian." The kids rejoin worship at the end of the message for the last couple of songs and celebration of what the Lord had done during their time of studying the Word. Come one, come all kids this next week and every week at 10:30 for the Morning Celebration, Kid's Club and a great time of being in the Lord's presence. See you Sunday.

"Build the Kingdom"

The Lord has given Leadership a new purpose for our congregation. "Build the Kingdom." We have read in Scripture where Jesus told Peter that He will build His Church. You read in the book of Acts that the Lord added to the church daily. Nowhere in Scripture do we read where we're supposed to "Build the Church." However, we do read in Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV2011) "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." We also read in Acts 1:8 (NIV2011) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." There are other passages where the Word tells us to go out. In light of these passages we have decided that "Building the Church" is up to the Lord. Our responsibility at CW Church is to "Build the Kingdom." As a result the focus of the ministry of CW Church is reaching out into our community. Over the next several months we will be sharing with you how we will be accomplishing this purpose. Mind you this is a never ending purpose. One that we will be working on until Christ comes again. So, join us as we "Build the Kingdom" together.