



**July
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Birthdays This Month

If we have missed your birthday or someone else's, please contact the office to inform us.

- July 1 Lori Evans
- July 2 Don Swanson
- July 3 Julie Nyberg
- July 5 Alan Tatarsky
- July 7 Emmitt Moore
 Charity Leathers
- July 13 Ethan Leathers
- July 15 Larry Feehan
- July 18 Dennis Neubauer
- July 20 Dave Alfredson
- July 28 Cris Lopez
- July 30 Tim CLOW

Bulletin Announcements

Deadline for announcements, please email us or call by 10 a.m. Wednesday

Newsletter

Deadline for the Newsletter, please email it by the 17th of the month.

QUILTS FOR THE HOMELESS

In the fall we will be making quilts to be given to the homeless of Rockford. We are beginning to prepare the quilts and can use your donations anytime between now and September. We can use any sheets in like new condition or used blankets - twin, double, queen or king, plus fabric suitable for quilting. Thread is also needed. Donations can be placed in the Carpenter's Place basket under the table in the hallway.



Help Lauren & Linnea Saylor attend Trinity University

Trinity International University is willing to match any gifts given in the Church's name on behalf of students up to \$1000. The church will send a check to Trinity with these gifts in early August. Please mark Memo on checks or envelopes as "Trinity Match". These gifts are tax deductible. Thanks for your generosity.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning

- 9 a.m. Sunday School
- 10 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 10:25 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesdays

- 6:30 - 8:00 AWANA
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Saturday

- 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Group



2018 Church Picnic
Saturday, July 28 from 10 am to 3 pm.

The First Mark of the Early Church: God's Word

Acts 2:42 "They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."

Last month we began looking at the marks of the early Church in Acts 2: Devotion to the Apostle's Teaching, Fellowship, Breaking of Bread and Prayer. This month we will begin to look at each of these in depth.

The first mark of the Early Church is Devotion to the Apostle's Teaching. This was comprised of recounting the teaching of Jesus and study of the Old Testament. One of the best examples of this is Peter's first sermon in Acts 2. He quotes the Old Testament with authority and points to the ways in which Jesus fulfilled what the Law and Prophets promised. Peter and the Apostles put a very high priority on the Scriptures.

Here are other passages from the Bible highlighting God's words about His Words.

The Power of the Scriptures

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:10-11

God has given His words through the prophets, His Son and His Apostles to accomplish His purpose. He sends His Word out and it does what He intends.

The Eternal Nature of the Scriptures

"The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8

The words of God will never be nullified or made obsolete. If anyone or anything is to change, it is us. We are to bend and conform to the Scriptures, not try to bend the Scriptures to our fickle desires.

Jesus' Opinion of the Scriptures

"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. "Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:18-19

Jesus makes the enduring nature and authority of Scripture as clear as possible.

The Usefulness & Benefit of the Scriptures

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Apostle Paul commends the Scriptures for all of life. Do you want to be a Good Person? Follow the Scriptures.

The Sustaining Nature of the Scriptures

"He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD." Deuteronomy 8:3

Do you need encouragement and understanding? God gives this to us in His Word.

The Saving Power of the Scriptures

"So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, 'If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.'" John 8:31-32

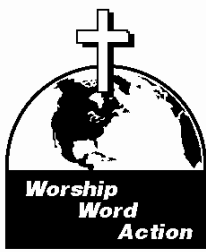
As the Early Church treasured the Scriptures, so God commends to us His own words of revelation, salvation and sustaining grace. May we have a similar devotion!

In His Grip & Grace
Pastor Mitch

Forest Hills Evangelical Free Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Lord's Supper 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	2 Pastor's Study Day 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm CE MTG	3	4 Independence Day 6:30 pm Bible Study	5 Pastor Vacation	6 Pastor Vacation Pastor's Day Off	7 Pastor Vacation 8:00 am Men Pray
8 Greg Sandberg SS & Pulpit Pastor Vacation 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	9 Pastor Vacation Pastor's Study Day 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	10 Pastor Vacation 12:00 pm Diaconate Mtg 12:00 pm Missions Mtg	11 Pastor Vacation 6:30 pm Bible Study	12 Pastor Vacation	13 Pastor Vacation Pastor's Day Off	14 Pastor Vacation 8:00 am Men Pray
15 Jail Ministry Missions Moment Pastor Vacation Phil Kloster SS & Pulpit 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	16 Pastor Vacation Pastor's Study Day 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	17 Pastor Vacation 7:00 pm Council MTG	18 Pastor Vacation 6:30 pm Bible Study	19 Pastor Vacation	20 Pastor's Day Off	21 8:00 am Men Pray
22 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Fellowship 10:25 am Worship	23 Pastor's Study Day 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study	24	25 6:30 pm Bible Study	26 12:00 pm Goldenagers	27 Pastor's Day Off	28 Church Picnic 8:00 am Men Pray CHURCH PICNIC 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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