



RCC *Messenger*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ROSENDALE CHRISTIAN CHURCH—APRIL 2020

Road to Redemption

Due to concerns of COVID-19 and shelter—in place orders by Andrew County and the State of Missouri we have regretfully made the decision to postpone “Road to Redemption” until this summer. Date possibly in July will be determined at a later time. Please contact Pastor Rich or check our website rosendaleecc.com for more information.

Camp 2020

As of right now the camp board has determined that they will make a decision in May regarding whether or not to have camp this year. Please check the camp website flamingspirit.com for the most up to date information.

Good Friday Service

7pm via Facebook Live

Resurrection Sunday Events

6:30am Men's Study via Zoom

10:00am Resurrection Worship Svc via Facebook Live

Upcoming Events

Sunday Worship Services for April will continue to be online. May events including Senior Banquet/Baccalaureate, Mother's day and Sunday services will be announced at a later date as the Pastors, Elders and Board make decisions regarding these events in light of the current COVID-19 situation.

Church Events

- Apr 5th—Palm Sunday
7pm via Facebook live
- Apr 7th— Women's
Study via Zoom
- Apr 8th— Elder/Board
Mtg 5:30/7pm via Zoom
- Apr 12th—Men's Study
via Zoom
- Apr 12th – Easter
Sunday—Resurrection
Worship Service 10am
via Facebook live
- Apr 21st—Women's
Study via Zoom
- Apr 26^h – Men's Study
via Zoom

The Equippier

Equipping the leaders of RCC through the plain and faithful teaching of God's word."

"In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day..." Luke 13:33
NIV

"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on..." Phil 3:12 NKJV

I Press On! Someone has said "Motivation keeps us going and discipline keeps us growing. I don't think there were 2 men more motivated and disciplined than our Lord Jesus and the Apostle Paul. They both were on a global mission of redemption and they knew they couldn't let anything stop them from accomplishing what God called both of them to do. If Jesus didn't go to the cross or rise from the dead, there would be no Christianity. And if Paul didn't preach the gospel to the known world, there would be no church in the world today. Just three words, "I press on" kept them focused and motivated to finish their mission. In fact, Jesus made one of His most significant statements from the cross, "It is finished. He accomplished redemption for humanity, especially for those that would believe. No more sacrifices would be necessary to atone for man's sin. Jesus finished what no animal, priest or law could accomplish. When Paul came to the end of his life, he wrote Timothy, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race..." (2 Tim 4:7). Paul had accomplished the work that Jesus called him to do in Acts 9. Paul, who is considered the greatest missionary of all time, took 3 journeys to preach the Gospel, write letters, plant churches, confront false teachers and encourage new disciples. It's always easier to start something than it is to finish something. Jesus did tell us that the road of faith is 'narrow and difficult' and only a few find it. I would add, only the faithful will make it to the end and finish the course. Jesus promised, be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life. (Rev 2:10). The Christian Life is an everyday grind that is not for the faint of heart. I just love Jesus' and Paul's example of sticking with it. "I press on" is only mentioned twice in scripture by Jesus and Paul. To press on is no easy thing. They kept pressing, pushing, forcing themselves to selflessly give themselves for the cause of the Kingdom.

Even though it was Jesus and Paul, it wasn't about them at all. It was about them giving their Father and Lord glory! John Eldredge once wrote, "You know you are living in a small story if you're the main character." Love that! Whenever we set out to live for something worthwhile, it will always be bigger than me. Jesus and Paul understood that and that's why they made and are still making an impact in the world today. Pressing on means that we will keep going no matter how hard life gets. Jesus was told in Luke 13:31 that "Herod wants to kill you." That just might be enough to discourage me from continuing. But not for Jesus. He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow and on the third day, I will reach my goal.'" Herod's death threats would not deter Jesus in the slightest on His mission of redemption. In our efforts to press on we have to push past all the people and circumstances that distract and discourage us. Paul had his "Herod's" too—enemies that threatened him, accused him and tried to kill him. As well as long times in prison cells, numerous times of persecution and intense pressure from the churches. (See 2 Cor 11). But, Paul would press on and on and on. Paul reminds me of the "Rocky of the N.T." He would continue to take hit after hit but would always get up and keep going. What was it that motivated Jesus and Paul to press on? 1. They had the Holy Spirit. 2. They were on a divine mission. 3. They loved the people they served — even their enemies. 4. They had the only message that saves. 5. The stakes were high—eternity! The same reasons are true for us. Never give up. Keep the faith. And press on until the end.

~Pastor Kent



We were having a great time at preschool until the virus hit! We had made it all the way to the letter U last week. We talked about David and Goliath this month and how we can trust God. Praying that we can get back to school soon. Stay safe and healthy!!--



RCC MISSIONS

- Trans World Radio
- Indian Mission-Church of God
- Salvation Army
- Andrew County Ministries
- Emmanuel Children's Home
- Grace Covenant
- 3:18 Ministries
- Heinrichs
- Chosen People

- Show Me Christian Youth Home
- Lighthouse
- Campus House Ministries
- Rapha House
- Back Pack Buddies
- Creation Truth
- Pregnancy Resource Center
- Amanda W -Thailand

Volunteers

Greeters:

Apr 5: Jay & Tracie Warder
Apr 12: Phil & Tatia Shahan
Apr 19: Gary & Theresa Nie
Apr 26: Frieda Houston

Teachers: Nursery

1st Sun: Susan Haist
2nd Sun: Deb Wehr & Lauren W
3rd Sun: Breanna Ellis
4th Sun: Judy Lewis

Communion April: Sallie Jo Potter

Lead Deacon:

Apr 5: Jean McGuire
Apr 12: Phil Shahan
Apr 19: Heather Roberts
Apr 26: Tracie Warder

Children's Moments:

1st Sun: Sallie Jo Potter
2nd Sun: Sallie Jo Potter
3rd Sun: Holly Mitts
4th Sun: John Boles

Hospital Callers:

Apr 5: Bill & Barb Elliott
Apr 12: Phil & Tatia Shahan
Apr 19: David & Sallie Jo Potter
Apr 26: Stacy Cole

Children's Church Craft:

1st Sun: Brylie Brincks
2nd Sun: Judy Lewis
3rd Sun: Shannon Schuman & Tyler
4th Sun: Holly Mitts





RCC Youth News

YOUTH NEWSLETTER APRIL 2020

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Student Ministry

James 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

This, in fact, is God's response to "social-distancing". He desires to be close to us. HE is big enough to deal with our dirtiness, our sickness, and all those other things that we think keep us from Him. He has provided the remedy for all of that through Jesus.

As we are called to distance ourselves from each other and from all the things we normally do, maybe this is actually a gift, not a curse, from God. Perhaps this is God tapping us on the shoulder and saying, "Come hear and spend some time with Me."

One thing this time out from "normal life" has allowed Tammy and I to do (actually more Tammy than me) is to work on cleaning some things that we have been avoiding because of time constraints.

I challenge you to draw near to God during this time and let Him work on you in a new a fresh way. Allow Him to cleanse and purify you. Let Him sanitize you.

Pick a book of the Bible to read. Set aside a 1/2 hour time slot each day to pray. Study the Bible in Zoom with your friends. Don't waste this opportunity. God is calling!!!

Rich <><

Church Camp

April is normally the month that we promote signing up for church camp. There has been no decision made regarding camp this summer. Flaming Spirit is monitoring the present situation with the Covid 19 pandemic and will make a determination in May whether it is safe to

hold camp in June or not. In the meantime, everyone is welcome to go to flamingspirit.com and register. We pray that camp will be possible and are looking forward to what God has in store.



April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6	7 Women's Study -Zoom	8 Elder/Board 5:30/7pm— Zoom	9	10 Good Friday Service—7pm Facebook Live	11
12 Easter Men's Study 6:30am –Zoom Resurrection Svc 10am –Facebook Live	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Women's Study -Zoom	22	23	24	25
26 Men's Study 6:30am – Zoom	27	28	29	30		

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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2020 VBS is July 29– 31 with the program
during Worship on Aug 2.

Please check our website rosendalecc.com for the most up to date information on all our events!

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