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Saturday,
May 6



Spaghetti
Dinner
Fundraiser

4:30-
7:00PM

Join us Saturday, May 6, 4:30-7:00 for our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser here at Hunters Ridge Community Church. This event raises money to help send campers to Village Creek Bible Camp. The menu features homemade Italian spaghetti sauce, homemade meatballs, fresh baked bread, Caesar salad and homemade cupcakes. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids (8 and under). You can buy tickets at the door, or call the church office at 587-8374.



Our Mission:
To relate to
God more
intimately,
to evidence the
fruit of the
Spirit, and to
bring Jesus
into all our
relationships.

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HRCC News

From the Pastor's Pen...

Most of us have had times when our cars have stalled out. Maybe you were on a vacation and your car stalled out. Or maybe you were sitting in the middle of an intersection and your car just stalled out. Maybe you were just sitting in your own driveway and you turned the ignition key on in your vehicle and nothing happened. Your car can stall out in pretty much any situation and you are left wondering, "Is it a mechanical issue?" "Is it a problem with the fuel system?" "Is it my battery?" Whatever the problem is, the car just stalled out and it is not running.



Some people "stall out" in life as well. Maybe you have repented of sin and placed your faith in Jesus alone for salvation. Maybe you were growing and excited about your faith. Then something happened and you have just "stalled out" in life and your relationship to Jesus.

The Bible tells us about a time when the disciples of Jesus had "stalled out." After the resurrection of Jesus the Bible says that Jesus appeared to His disciples three times (John 21:14). The first time was after Jesus rose from the dead. He was with them in the upper room (John 20:19-23). The second time was when Doubting Thomas was with the disciples a week later and he touched the hands and side of Jesus and exclaimed it truly was Jesus alive from the dead (John 20:24-29). The third time was on the beach when Jesus had breakfast with them. **John 21:1-3 says, 1) After these things Jesus manifested Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and He manifested Himself in this way. 2) Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. 3) Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will also come with you." They went out and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing.** The disciples had spent the most remarkable 3 years of their lives being with Jesus. And yet now it seems like it is all over. They just went back to what they always did prior to meeting Jesus, they went back to fishing. And while Peter was fishing he probably thought often about how he had denied Jesus 3 times. The others probably did not feel much better either. They fell asleep on Jesus when He was in the Garden of Gethsemane; all except John deserted Him at the Cross; they cowered in fear after the crucifixion, and they all doubted the resurrection. As they are out fishing it would appear they are just "stalled out" in their spiritual lives and just in life in general. They have failed Jesus and things are not just the same with Jesus.

That could be us as well. When we fail Jesus, when we get apathetic about Jesus, when we disobey Jesus, we can easily "stall out" in our spiritual lives or just life in general. It could be a chronic sin, something we have been struggling with for a long time. Or it could be a sudden lapse in judgement and we disobey. Whatever it is we can easily feel as if things are just not the same between us and God. We

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can feel ashamed, embarrassed, or guilty. We feel like it is hard to pray or read the Bible. We begin to distance ourselves from God. We are “stalled out,” spiritually and in life.

Is that you? Jesus came to have breakfast with those disciples but He really came to reassure them of His love and challenge them to be His disciples. He wants to move them from being “stalled out” to “vital” disciples and followers of Christ.

Do you ever feel “stalled out” in your spiritual life? Maybe you need to go back to a place where you first met the Lord and connected with Him. Maybe you need to go back to that time in your life when the Lord seemed fresh, exciting, new, and alive. What was that like? Why was it so important? Why have you lost that? Or if you feel “stalled out” maybe you need to change things up and try something new; get a new devotional, a new Bible, etc.

If you are “stalled out” in your spiritual life, have breakfast with Jesus again. Meet Him in His Word. **A PERSON CANNOT BE TRANSFORMED WITHOUT HIS WORD, HIS TRUTH.** Time in God’s Word is so important whether it is on a personal level, in a small group, a Sunday school group, or all three. Prayer, talking about Christ with others, and serving can all help us if we feel spiritually “stalled out.”

I am so glad Jesus rose again from the dead. As we celebrate Easter I pray that you too are transformed because of His resurrection. I pray that you will meet Jesus daily in His word. I pray that instead of being “stalled out” in your spiritual life, your spiritual life will be running well.

Happy Easter

Pastor Howard

Easter Schedule

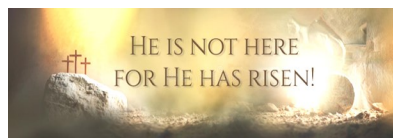
Palm Sunday Service, April 2nd at 10:00 AM

Good Friday Service, April 7th at 7:00 PM

Easter Breakfast, April 9th, 8:45 – 9:45 AM

Easter Worship Service, April 9th at 10:00 AM

You are invited to join us on Easter Morning, Sunday, April 9th, 8:45 – 9:45 AM for an **Easter Breakfast**. The men of the church will be preparing the breakfast for us. Men, please sign up on the bulletin board to bring food items and to help.



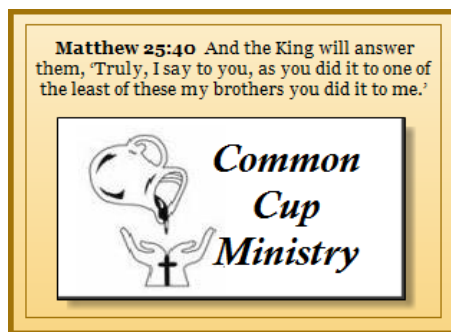
Scrap & Craft



Spring on into Scrap and Craft this month and celebrate the season of new growth with a new project, or restart one you have put aside. Whatever you are working on, come work on it with us and enjoy some good fellowship with like minded crafty women!

Friday, April 14, 4:00-10:00 (bring your own dinner)
Saturday, April 15, 9:00-4:00 (pot luck dinner at noon)

Please let Becky Anderson or Dawn VandenBerg know if you plan to attend so we can prepare a table for you.



We will be collecting diaper sizes 5, 6 and 7's in April. Pull-Ups for girls and boys in sizes 3T-4T, 4T-5T and 5T-6T are also needed. Check the online Target ads for deals. We also were told that the Pull-Ups at Aldi work well and are reasonably priced.

The Warm Coat Drive will begin following Easter this year. If your children have outgrown coats and snowpants over the winter, please bring them freshly laundered and place in the green Common Cup box under the mailboxes. We are also accepting coats for teens, men and women.



Please stop by the Common Cup table to check out different volunteer opportunities. In 2022 we had 575 volunteers help out in many different ways. Won't you consider volunteering?

High School Lunch

Our date for preparing and serving free lunch to the high schoolers at CrossPoint has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 27. If you are available that day, we would love to have your help! Please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office if you would like to help.



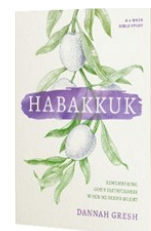
In the Library



With all that is going on in the world these days, many people are asking, “Are we in the end times?” What does the Bible say about the end times? And how can we understand what is a confusing topic? Our library can help. This month we are featuring books by various authors on the end times prophecies. Gain a better understanding or perhaps learn something new by checking out one of these books this month.

Ladies’ Bible Study

Ladies! Join us for our next study *Habakkuk: Remembering the Faithfulness of God When He Seems Silent* by Dan-nah Gresh. Learn how the storms of life can become opportunities to activate your faith. We will study the book of Habakkuk and discover how remembering is essential to understand-



ing the faithfulness of God.

This six-week study will begin on Thursday, April 13th, Noon and 7:00 PM. The last week of this study will be May 18th. Please let Becky know if you would like a study guide.

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Read Through the Bible

In 2023 we will be reading through the Bible using a portion from the Old and a portion from the New Testament each day.

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| 1. Jud 13-15; Luke 6:27-49 | 9. 1 Sam 13-14; Luke 10:25-42 | 17. 2 Sam 1-2; Luke 14:1-24 | 25. 2 Sam 21-22; Luke 18:24-43 |
| 2. Jud 16-18; Luke 7:1-30 | 10. 1 Sam 15-16; Luke 10:25-42 | 18. 2 Sam 3-5; Luke 14:25-35 | 26. 2 Sam 23-24; Luke 19:1-27 |
| 3. Jud 19-21; Luke 7:31-50 | 11. 1 Sam 17-18; Luke 11:1-28 | 19. 2 Sam 6-8; Luke 15:1-10 | 27. 1 King 1-2; Luke 19:28-48 |
| 4. Ruth 1-4; Luke 8:1-25 | 12. 1 Sam 19-21; Luke 11:29-54 | 20. 2 Sam 9-11; Luke 15:11-32 | 28. 1 King 3-5; Luke 20:1-26 |
| 5. 1 Sam 1-3; Luke 8:26-56 | 13. 1 Sam 22-24; Luke 12:1-31 | 21. 2 Sam 12-13; Luke 16 | 29. 1 King 6-7; Luke 20:27-47 |
| 6. 1 Sam 4-6; Luke 9:1-17 | 14. 1 Sam 25-26; Luke 12:32-59 | 22. 2 Sam 14-15; Luke 17:1-19 | 30. 1 King 8-9; Luke 21:1-19 |
| 7. 1 Sam 7-9; Luke 9:18-36 | 15. 1 Sam 27-29; Luke 13:1-22 | 23. 2 Sam 16-18; Luke 17:20-37 | |
| 8. 1 Sam 10-12; Luke 9:37-62 | 16. 1 Sam 30-31; Luke 13:23-35 | 24. 2 Sam 19-20; Luke 18:1-23 | |