

The Elkins Exchange

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If anyone would like to receive the newsletter via email please send a note to Ruth at:

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Please keep the church updated with address and phone number changes! Can give to Ruth Morgan or email.

Please give any news, pictures, happenings, etc. that you would like to see in the newsletter to Ruth Morgan by the third Sunday of the month.

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From the Preacher's Desk

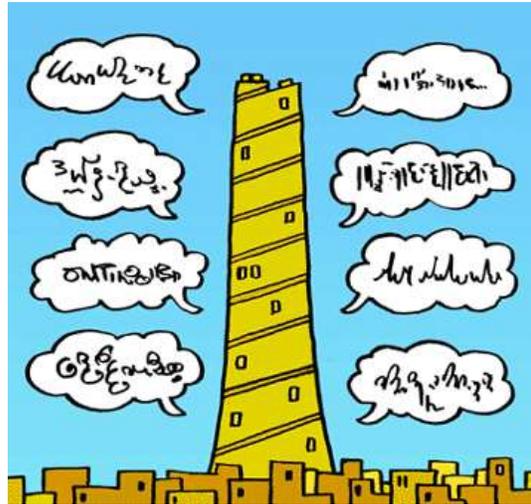
Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar

for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The Lord said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel – because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth. (Genesis 11:1-9 NIV)

If you've walked past my house, you've likely seen the growing pile of sticks. My daughter, frustrated that I won't build her a treehouse (for one very obvious reason: we have no tree), has decided that she will build her own treehouse with sticks. Knowing the end result, I have no problem with her collecting the sticks. We can roast marshmallows on the folly of her collection when reality sets in.

As a kid I remember learning that the people of Babel wanted to get to heaven without God, and I remember thinking how stupid that sounded. No tower could obviously be



built that tall, and surely the ancient people were bright enough to realize that. They can't have been so primitive that they seriously thought they could climb their way to God, could they? And even if they thought so, couldn't God just let them tire themselves out? Why expend the effort to mess up their language over that? (Yeah, as a linguistics major, this passage has occupied a lot of my thought process through the years.) How would tiring themselves out

on an impossible tower lead to them doing anything they wanted?

Scripture actually doesn't tell us that they were trying to build their way to God. Maybe that was a part of it, and if so, I get that God would want them to learn the lesson that they can't get to heaven on their own. But the Bible is clear that their motive was to keep from filling the earth, a command He gave mankind back in Genesis 1:28.

The men of Babel certainly intended to live their lives in defiance of God's commands, united in their opposition to the will of God. Their goal was to make a name for themselves. "What's so wrong with that?" we might ask. "Who doesn't want to be important?"

But that's the point. If it's all about us, it can't be all about God. The problem with the world back then, which is still our problem today, is that we want it all about us. But we simply can't live that way and follow Jesus; He cannot be Lord if we are the lord of our own lives.

In splitting up their language and dividing the people, God took away a piece of man's ability to go it alone without Him. It was a temporary setback; mankind has not quit trying to do it our own way, without Him. But a life of telling ourselves that we deserve to be the center of our world is selfish and delusional. This is the lesson of Babel.

Mission of the Month

The Mission of the Month for April is the **KYOWVA Evangelistic Association**. KYOWVA began in 1950 & represents the three states of the tri-state area: KY, OH, & WV. This mission works with both independent Christian Churches & Churches of Christ & has extended to more than twenty states in the United States. The reason for this mission is to begin new or assist existing congregations. They have successfully done this with over fifty congregations & four camps.



A new work was started in September 2001 & is working to save souls under the leadership of George Hall. The goal of this new church is to save souls & to provide this area with a New Testament Church. A New Testament Church where Jesus is proclaimed as Lord, immersion for the forgiveness of sins & the gift of the Holy Spirit is preached, the Lord's Supper will be served every Sunday & an instrument accompanies the singing.

We are asked to support KYOWVA with our Sunday school offering on the third Sunday of April.

The association's Board of Directors is made up of members from within the Tri-State area of Ashland, KY; Ironton, OH; & Huntington, WV. They meet on a monthly basis.

Facts and Figures for March

AM Service **67**

PM Service **20**

Weekly Budget need: **\$2558**

News



We are saddened to announce the passing of Lee Robert (Bob) Hart on March 3rd. He had been a resident of Nella's for several years.



Resurrection Sunday is April 21st.

Please join us for worship to commemorate our victory through Jesus.



June 2-6

- It's VBS time! This year's theme is **Outlaws for God**. Director's are Patsy Nelson and Beth Cooper.
- Please pray for success of this year's program!
- List will be posted for food needs as time draws near. Monetary donations also welcome.
- This year's mission will be Cookson Hills Christian Children's Home.

Life group/Bible Study on Thursday evenings.



- Mark Morgan at his home, Beverly/Dailey area. 7 pm **Hebrews**
- Jason Brandon 6:30 at the church in Elkins, Studying the book of Matthew.

Kid's Own Worship: each Wed. 6:15pm @ Church.

Some new upgrades are happening around the church. Thanks to everyone who has donated money or time to these projects! We all greatly appreciate it!



A Look Ahead:

Mother's Day Banquet will be May 11th at 6pm. Barbara Kalb will be the guest speaker. Theme "He will see you Thru!"

Calendar of Events

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> *Bryn Cooper	<i>2</i> Board Mtg 7pm	<i>3</i> Kids Own Worship *Broady Thompson	<i>4</i> *Jack Hasselaar	<i>5</i> *Shawn Channell	<i>6</i> *Dave Anderson
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Kids Own Worship	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> *Joyce Pudder	<i>15</i> *Loretta Hart	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Kids Own Worship	<i>18</i> *Karen Reed *Kris Wilmoth	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> *Angela Lall
<i>21</i> ✝ Resurrection Sunday Mission Sunday	<i>22</i> *Crystal White *Frelie Dotson	<i>23</i> *Cindy Talbott *Cassie Hinkle *Brianna Worles	<i>24</i> Kids Own Worship	<i>25</i> *Marilyn Owens	<i>26</i> *Kathleen Price *Pamela Brandon	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> *Jayme Herron	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> Elders Mtg 7pm				

Church Flowers given this month

Thank you to Sandra Lilly for the seasonal silk flower arrangements for the pulpit. We still encourage donations in memory or special occasions. Please make your own arrangements with florist and let Mary Ann Kyle know.

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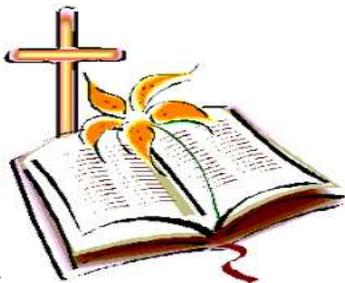


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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. John 13:35

Preaching Minister Jason Brandon
Bible School Sunday 9:30 am
Worship Service Sunday 10:30 am
Choir Practice Sunday 5:00 pm
Youth Meetings. Sunday 6:00 pm
Evening Service. Sunday 6:00 pm
Kids Own Worship. Wednesday 6:15 pm
Small Groups Thursdays, various times & locations



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Scripture Readings for April

		1 st	Matt. 28: 1-10 Rom 15:14-33 Psalm 70 Deut. 32	2	Matt. 28:11-20 Romans 16 Psalm 71 Deut. 33, 34
3 rd	Mark 1 :1-8 1 Cor. 1: 1-17 Psalm 72 Joshua 1, 2	4 th	Mark 1 :9-20 1 Cor. 1:18-31 Psalm 73 Joshua 3-5	5 th	Mark 1 :21-34 1 Cor. 2 Psalm 74 Joshua 6, 7
7 th	Mark 1 :35-45 1 Cor. 3 Psalm 75 Joshua 8, 9	8 th	Mark 2:1-12 1 Cor. 4 Psalm 76 Joshua 10-1 2	9 th	Mark 2:13-17 1 Cor. 5 Psalm 77 Joshua 13, 14
10 th	Mark 2:18-28 1 Cor. 6:1-11 Psalm 78: 1-39 Joshua 15-17	11 th	Mark 3:1-19 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Ps.78:40-72 Joshua 18, 19	12 th	Mark 3:20-35 1 Cor. 7:1-16 Psalm 79 Joshua 20, 21
14 th	Mark 4:1-20 1 Cor. 7:17-40 Psalm 80 Joshua 22, 23	15 th	Mark 4:21-41 1Cor. 8 Psalm 81 Joshua 24	16 th	Mark 5:1-20 1 Cor. 9:1-12 Psalm 82 Judges 1-3
17 th	Mark 5:21-43 1 Cor. 9: 13-27 Psalm 83 Judges 4, 5	18 th	Mark 6:1-13 1 Cor. 10:1-13 Psalm 84 Judges 6, 7	19 th	Mark 6: 14-29 1 Cor.10:14-33 Psalm 85 Judges 8
21 st	Mark 6:30-44 1 Cor. 11:1-16 Psalm 86 Judges 9	22 nd	Mark 6:45-56 1 Cor. 11 :17-34 Psalm 87 Judges 10-12	23 rd	Mark 7:1-23 1 Cor. 12:1-13 Psalm 88 Judges 13-15
24 th	Mark 7:24-37 1 Cor.12:14-31 Psalm 89:1-18 Judges 16	25 th	Mark 8:1-13 1 Cor. 13 Ps.89:19-52 Judges 17, 18	26 th	Mark 8:14-21 1 Cor. 14:1-25 Ps. 90 Judges 19
28 th	Mark 8:22-30 1 Cor.14:26-40 Psalm 91 Judges 20, 21	29 th	Mark 8:31-38 1 Cor. 15:1-28 Psalm 92 Ruth 1	30 th	