

The Elkins Exchange



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

firstchurchofchristelkins@frontier.com

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



I'm sure you've noticed by now that our world has become very polarized about

Christianity. Once, years ago, the United States of America was a Christian nation.

Everyone went to church. Biblical values infused everything we did: our laws, our schools, our whole way of thinking. There were always a few people who stayed away from the church, but they were the exception, not the norm. Church values were the norm. Our country was a Christian country.

Today there is a real split between people. Some of us still go to church, of course, but we're no longer in the majority. Meanwhile many people not only don't go to church or believe in God and His Son Jesus, they seem quite offended and opposed to the gospel. What happened?

Please understand that the Bible is quite clear that the church of Christ will always be opposed by the world. What's more, Jesus tells us that few enter the gate that leads to eternal life, while many are attracted to the way that leads to destruction. I'm not sure that we can change those dynamics. Satan is called the prince of this world. But I don't think that let's us off the hook.

I think we have to take a hard look at ourselves. What gospel are people seeing in us? My suspicion is that the number of people in the church has dwindled because the church wasn't being the church that God wants us to be. I think that if we are Christ-like, people would love to come to church. I believe that in Jesus alone do we find the answers for the problems of this life, the cure for the world's pain. There are a lot of hurting people with problems and misery, and in the Bible I see that Jesus has the answers. So why aren't our churches filled to overflowing?

I think we have a couple of problems. The first is of course the ever-present struggle with integrity. "Let your light shine before men," Jesus says in Matthew 5:16, "that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Sin is a struggle. None of us are perfect, and we're still learning to hear the voice of the Holy

Spirit more and more as we grow in Christ. But when we quit trying to obey God, but are content with salvation without sanctification, we hurt the ministry of the church and ultimately we sabotage our own relationship with God. When the world sees that we're not any different than they are, they question why they need the church. It's a fair question. How do we keep our integrity? Focus on Him, and not on ourselves.

The second thing we need to work on is probably joy. We have salvation! This world is full of blessings from God for us. "Rejoice always!" says Paul in I Thessalonians 5:17, and when we don't we show an ungrateful attitude to God. Christians should be the happiest people on earth, should be having the most fun on earth, because we know we are loved by God and that we have an eternal home in paradise with Him waiting for us, guaranteed to those who would follow Him. I suspect that when the world sees a morose Christian they wonder why they would want any of that. And again, who could blame them. How do we keep this joy? Focus on Him, and not on ourselves.

The successful Christian is always focused on Christ. The successful church is always focused on Christ. Satan longs to distract us. This is the struggle of our faith. To keep our faith is to keep our focus. Let us pray to God that we may keep our eyes firmly and only on Him.

Mission of the Month

CRAM Worldwide, (Christ Reaching Asia Mission), is a non-profit, non-government organization dedicated to helping the poor, feeding the hungry, healing the sick and providing education.

Dr. Chan Yung Kim and his wife Patricia have been on the mission field since 1970. They have served on the Korean peninsula, China and Vietnam. Dr. Chan Yung Kim, a native Korean, graduated from Johnson Bible College with a Bachelor's degree, Cincinnati Bible College with a Master's degree and Han Yang University with a Ph.D. degree. He also received an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Louisville Bible College.



God has taken them to places that others may shy away from; countries like China, North Korea and Vietnam where the call of God is strong in their lives.

Projects include Feeding the 5000 Project, Food for North Korea Project, Blankets for Children Project, & Livestock Project.

We will help them with our donations the third Sunday in June.

Facts and Figures for May

AM Service 82
 PM Service 23
 Weekly Budget need: \$3449

News



Congratulations to Isaac Coop who graduated Tygart's Valley Christian Academy. He will begin

Marine basic training in August.



Life group/Bible Study on Thursday evenings.

Both Mark and Jason's groups will be taking a break for the summer. Mark's group will have a start up picnic mid-August.



Cathy Langevin was baptized on April 30th. Welcome to the church family!



There will be no June meeting of guild. An all church picnic is planned July 11th 6pm at the Sycamore pavilion of

the Elkins City Park. It's a potluck.



June 11th-15th 6:00-8:30pm

- We will have a closing program Thursday evening at the end of the schedule.
- This year's VBS mission is Mountain Mission school in Grundy, VA. Donations will be accepted anytime now.
- Please pray for a successful week of VBS.



Father's Day Potluck

Pulled Pork on buns and drinks provided. (bring side dishes)

Right after church on

Father's Day.

Calendar of Events

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> *Juanita Morgan *Jack & Shirley Jarrett	<i>2</i> *Etta Jean Kendall	<i>3</i> *Sandra Lilly
<i>4</i> *Janet Hensil *Jayme & Mike Her-ron	<i>5</i> *Ron Shockey	<i>6</i> Board Mtg 7pm *Kay Keesee *Alexis Kelly	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> *Ken & Beth Cooper	<i>14</i> *Rachel Pingley *Sierra Channell *Bobbie Valentine	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> *Devin & Carrie Barger	<i>17</i>
Vacation Bible School						
<i>18</i> Mission Sunday Father's Day Potluck	<i>19</i> *Brian & Lisa Moudry *Brad & Debbie Phillips	<i>20</i> *Becky Coberly	<i>21</i> *Terry Morrison *Mike Phillips	<i>22</i> *Allison Channell	<i>23</i> *Izabella Worles	<i>24</i> *Tom & Paula Fuhrman *Randy & Stacey Smith
<i>25</i> *Erin Price	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Elders Mtg 7pm *Patch Coop-Allred	<i>28</i> *Nancy Messer *Gary Kendall *John Pudder *Mike & Robin Price	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	

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

Preaching Minister. Jason Brandon
Bible Classes 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 6:30 pm
Small Groups Thursdays, various times & locations



**VBS June 11th
thru 15**

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website
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Scripture Readings for June

2 nd	Luke 1: 1-25 Eph. 1: 1- 14 Psalm 119:1-8 1 Kings 1	3 rd	Luke:26-38 Eph. 1: 15-23 Ps. 119:9-16 1 Kings 2, 3	4 th	Mark 16 Galatians 6 Ps.118 2 Sam. 23, 24
5 th	Luke 1 :39-56 Eph. 2:1-10 Ps. 119:17-24 1 Kings 4, 5	6 th	Luke 1 :57-66 Eph. 2:11-22 Ps. 119:25-32 1 Kings 6, 7	7 th	Luke 1 :67-80 Eph. 3: 1-13 Ps. 119:33-40 1 Kings 8
9 th	Luke 2:1-20 Eph. 3: 14-21 Ps. 119:41-48 1 Kings 9, 10	10 th	Luke 2:21-40 Eph. 4:1-16 Ps. 119:49-56 1 Kings 11	11 th	Luke 2:41-52 Eph. 4: 17-24 Ps. 119:57-64 1 Kings 12
12 th	Luke 3: 1-20 Eph. 4:25-32 Ps. 119:65-72 1 Kings 13, 14	13 th	Luke 3:21-38 Eph. 5: 1-21 Ps. 119:73-80 1 Kings 15, 16	14 th	Luke 4:1-12 Eph. 5:22-33 Ps. 119:81-88 1 Kings 17, 18
16 th	Luke 4:13-30 Eph. 6:1-9 Ps. 119:89-96 1 Kings 19, 20	17 th	Luke 4:31-37 Eph. 6: 1 0-24 Ps. 119:97-104 1 Kings 21,22	18 th	Luke 4:38-44 Phil. 1:1-11 Psalm 119:105-112 2 Kings 1-3
19 th	Luke 5:1-11 Phil. 1: 12-20 Psalm 119:113-120 2 Kings 4, 5	20 th	Luke 5:12-16 Phil. 1:21-30 Psalm 119:121-128 2 Kings 6, 7	21 st	Luke 5:17-26 Phil. 2:1-11 Psalm 119:129-136 2 Kings 8, 9
23 rd	Luke 5:27-32 Phil. 2: 12-18 Psalm 119:137-144 2 Kings 10, 11	24 th	Luke 5:33-39 Phil. 2: 19-30 Psalm 119: 145-152 2 Kings 12,13	25 th	Luke 6:1-16 Phil. 3:1-9 Ps. 119:153-160 2 Ki 14,15
26 th	Luke 6: 17-26 Phil. 3: 10-14 Psalm 119:161-168 2 Kings 16, 17	27 th	Luke 6:27-36 Phil. 3: 15-21 Psalm 119:169-176 2Kings18,19	28 th	Luke 6:37-42 Phil. 4: 1-7 Psalm 120 2 Kings 20, 21
29 th	.L Luke 6:43-49 Phil. 4:8-13 Psalm 121 2 Kings 22, 23	30 th	Mark 15:42-47 Gal.5: 13-26 Psalm 11 7 2 Samuel 22		