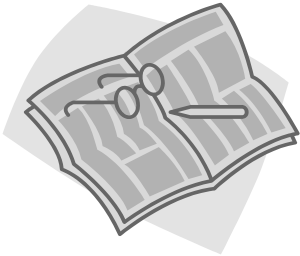


The Elkins Exchange

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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

There's not enough peace, is there?

Blue politicians are mad at red politicians, the red ones are mad at the blue ones, and they all blame the green ones for... something or other. Most countries seem to be upset with the United States about something or other. Hollywood is always upset about something, so I haven't bothered to figure out why they're mad this time.

As angry as everybody seems these days, you'd think we were living in the worst of times. And yet our quality of living has never been higher. Medical advances almost seem like science fiction, with all the things that can be done now. Technology is so incredibly advanced that we get irate when our cell phones take a couple of seconds to download to our fingertips the unlimited resources of the world-wide web. People may complain about the state of the economy but the video game and movie industries are doing fantastic, which tells me that people still have a lot of disposable income.

So why is everyone so upset? With all the amazing things that would have boggled the minds of our grandparents, let alone biblical patriarchs, why are we so miserable? Why does peaceful contentment seem so elusive?

Could it be because of these things? Life has become more complicated. Better medicine comes with more medical paperwork. Cell phones come with complex phone and data plans. We need the next model car, the one with the back-up camera that remote starts, heats your seats, and remembers your favorite stations. We need 600 TV stations, and if that wasn't enough, we need on-demand movies and shows we can binge-watch. No matter how much we have, or how



amazing it is, it never seems to be enough.

And this, I think, is why no one seems at peace. The human race is desperate to fill a void in its collective soul. With enough movies and music and technology, maybe humanity can tune out that awful gulf that screams at us that it is all meaningless, that none of it really actually gives peace, be-

cause peace doesn't come from things but from One, and that One loves us and requires obedience to His ways. We cannot do things our way, but His way, or there will be no peace, no contentment.

In I Timothy 6:6 we read these words: "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

Maybe peace isn't in the most recent Netflix series or the latest model of car, nor perhaps might it be found in filling our lives with more activities or even in getting more raises. I don't believe one nation or state has it, and I'm convinced that no political party has a monopoly on it. Instead, I think most everything in this world actually distracts us from true peace, because true peace comes when we are obedient in love to the Prince of Peace who loved us while we were still sinners and gave Himself to redeem us from sin, which really is the opposite of peace.

God desires to give us peace; Satan desires to keep us distracted from His peace. Let us keep our eyes on God and tune out the distractions of the evil one.

Mission of the Month

SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES; ENSURE JUSTICE FOR THOSE BEING CRUSHED. YES, SPEAK UP FOR THE POOR AND HELPLESS, AND SEE THAT THEY GET JUSTICE.

PROVERBS 31:8,9, NLT

The Rapha House founded in 2003 in Joplin Missouri is a mission to fight child traffick-



ing and sexual exploitation. It is a ministry founded on I John 3:18 to love and rescue children from the sex trafficking industry. Anyone wanting to donate may do so with the Sunday school mission collection on March 19th.

<p><u>Facts and Figures for February</u> AM Service 76 PM Service 34 Weekly Budget need: \$3449</p>

News



Character Under Construction will be this year's VBS theme. It will be **June 11-15**. There will be more information soon. Directors are Patsy Nelson and Beth Cooper this year. Please see

them if you want to help!



Don't forget **time** Spring's ahead on Sunday March 12th!

Upcoming Special Event:



In order to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Church, in conjunction with other local churches, is hosting a Holy Week for the "entire local Elkins community" this year.

Dates: April 10th thru 14th (Mon. -Fri.)

Times: Noon to 1pm, with a luncheon

Details: We provide facility, ministerial association takes care of the luncheon. See Jason if you would like to help out.



Directory Announcement: "Please update Nancy if 911 changed your address!!!" Picture taking is finished; if you

didn't get a new picture taken, see Nancy, otherwise old photo may have to be used. Printing of the New Directories will begin soon.



Life group/Bible Study on Thursday evenings.

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



Kid's Own Worship: each Wed. 6:30pm @ Church.



Attention Ladies:

Before the Community Holy Week, a cleaning and reorganizing of the kitchen and social room is planned. Anyone that can help please come **Tuesday March 14th**. Thank you! Please see Nancy Messer for further details.

Calendar of Events

March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 *Dave & Kris Wilmoth	3 *Lionel Lilly	4
5 *Nancy Weese	6 *Cindy Carr	7 Board Mtg 7pm *Patsy Nelson *Debbie Phillips	8	9	10 *Donna Blackwood	11 *Carrie Barger
12 *Chandra Robinson 	13	14 Guild 6:30pm	15	16 *Jean Weeks	17 	18 *Golden Day *Justin White *Hazel Roy
19 Mission Sunday *Lee Hart	20 *Lisa Moudry	21	22 *Liam Courtwright	23	24 *Kitty Smith	25
26 *Clark Kendall	27	28 Elders Mtg 7pm *Mandy Salinas	29	30	31 *David Dotson	

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 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 6:30 pm
Small Groups. Thursday 6:30 and 7 pm



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Scripture Readings for March

1 st	Matt. 21:1-11 Acts 28:1-16 Psalm 46 Lev. 24, 25	2 nd	Matt. 21:12-22 Acts 28:17-31 Psalm 47 Lev. 26, 27	3 rd	Matt. 21 :23-32 Rom. 1 :1-17 Psalm 48 Numbers 1
4 th	Matt. 21:33-46 Rom. 1: 18-32 Psalm 49 Numbers 3, 4	5 th	Matt. 22:1-14 Romans 2 Psalm 50 Numbers 5, 6	7 th	Matt. 22:15-33 Romans 3 Psalm 51 Numbers 7, 8
8 th	Matt. 22:34-46 Romans 4 Psalm 52 Numbers 9-11	9 th	Matt. 23: 1-12 Romans 5:1-11 Psalm 53 Num. 12-14	10 th	Matt. 23:13-24 Romans 5: 12-21 Psalm 54 Num. 15-17
11 th	Matt. 23:25-39 Rom.6:1-14 Psalm55 Num. 18-20	12 th	Matt. 24:1-14 Rom. 6: 15-23 Psalm 56 Num. 21, 22	14 th	Matt. 24: 15-35 Rom. 7:1-12 Psalm 57 Num. 23-25
15 th	M Matt. 24:36-51 Rom. 7:13-25 Psalm 58 Num 26, 27	16 th	Matt. 25:1-13 Rom. 8: 1-17 Psalm 59 Num. 28-30.	17 th	Matt. 25: 14-30 Rom. 8:18-39 Psalm 60 Num. 31, 32
18 th	M Matt. 25:31-46 Rom. 9:1-18 Psalm 61 Num. 33-36	19 th	Matt. 26:1-16 Rom. 9: 19-33 Psalm 62 Deut. 1-3.	21 st	Matt.26:17-35 Romans 10 Psalm 63 Deut. 4, 5
22 nd	Matt. 26:36-56 Rom. 11: 1-24 Psalm 64 Deut. 6-8	23 rd	Matt. 26:57-75 Rom. 11:25-36 Psalm 65 Deut. 9-12	24 th	Matt. 27:1-10 Rom. 12: 1-8 Psalm 66 Deut. 13-17
25 th	Matt. 27:11-26 Rom. 12:9-21 Psalm 67 Deut. 18-21	26 th	Matt. 27:27-44 Romans 13 Psalm 68 Deut. 22-26	28 th	Matt. 27:45-56 Romans 14 Psalm 69:1-18 Deut. 27,28
29 th	Matt. 27:57-66 Rom. 15:1-13 Ps. 69: 19-36 Deut. 29-31	30 th	Matt. 28:1-10 Rom. 15:14-33 Psolm 70 Deut. 32	31 st	Matt.28: 11-20 Romans 16 Psalm 71 Deut. 33, 34