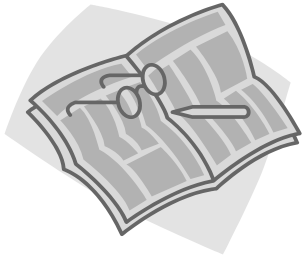


The Elkins Exchange

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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.

From the Preacher's Desk

How we apply the Old Testament to the church is a subject we've been covering since I came to the First Church of Christ in Elkins, and one that we will continue to cover. It is easy to think "we're not the nation of Israel; what does that part of the Bible have to do with me?"



How we interpret the Old Testament, in light of the New Testament, can be summed up by the fancy phrase hermeneutics. But what does it mean, and how does it work? Luckily for us, Jesus Himself told us how to do this.

"You have heard that it was said to an older generation, 'Do not murder,' and 'whoever murders will be subjected to judgment.' But I say to you that anyone who is angry with a brother will be subjected to judgment. And whoever insults a brother will be brought before the council, and whoever says 'Fool' will be sent to fiery hell." (Matthew 5:21-22 NET)

"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to desire her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (Matthew 5:27-28 NET)

"Be careful about not living righteously merely to be seen by people. Otherwise you have no reward with your Father in heaven. Thus whenever you do charitable giving, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in synagogues and on streets so that people will praise them. I tell you the truth, they have their reward. But when you do your giving, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your gift may be in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:1-4 NET)

"Whenever you pray, do not be

like the hypocrites, because they love to pray while standing in synagogues and on street corners so that people can see them. Truly I say to you, they have their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:5-6 NET)

"When you fast, do not look sullen like the hypocrites, for they make their faces unattractive so that people will see them fasting. I tell you the truth, they have their reward. When you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face so that it will not be obvious to others when you are fasting, but only to your Father who is in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, will reward you." (Matthew 6:16-18 NET)

So what does Jesus tell us? That the rules of the Old Testament had an outward, physical element to them. The Kingdom of Israel was a physical nation with physical boundaries, related by physical blood, and most of the rules God gave them were physical rules. For a people learning to interact with an unseen God, that which can be seen and felt physically was a necessary aid in coming to know Him. But God's plan all along was for Israel to be the example to us of what it means to be His people. As a spiritual kingdom related by the Blood of Christ, we have spiritual laws that supersede the merely physical rules that Israel had in the Old Testament. Simplistic though it sounds, what is on the inside matters. And when we take care of what's on the inside, those things on the outside will also be taken care of. "First clean the inside of the cup, so that the outside may become clean, too," says Jesus in Matthew 23:26.

Let us strive to be people who worry about what is inside our hearts first, knowing that when our hearts are right with God, our actions will follow.

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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 17th.

Facts and Figures for February
AM Service 72
PM Service 20
Weekly Budget need: \$2558

News



Life group/Bible Study on Thursday evenings.

- Mark Morgan at his home, Beverly/Dailey area. 7 pm studying

Hebrews currently.



This year's VBS theme is **Outlaws for God.** Final dates are not set yet.

Lots of helpers are needed. There is plenty of behind the scenes work for everyone to be involved in some way!

Its' not too soon for intercessory prayer on behalf of the success of this year's program.

Look for some new ideas like a campfire ending.

Money is needed for supplies and refreshments. Please see Beth Cooper or Patsy Nelson to see how you can help out. **THANK YOU!**



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

If you would like to help with meals please see sign up sheet in vestibule.



Don't forget **time.** Spring's ahead on Sunday March 10th!

Calendar of Events

March 2019

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

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 6:15 pm
Small Group. Thursday 7pm



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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