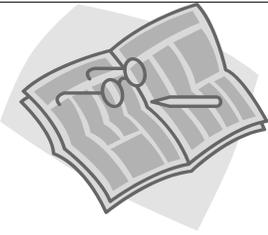


The Elkins Exchange

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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

With the passing of our dear sister Frances Lewis, the church doesn't feel quite the same. We will miss her wit and insight, but most of all we will miss her downright brutal honesty. Frances had a gift for telling the truth and not pulling any punches... at all... ever.... But this was a blessing to us all. The Bible tells us to speak the truth in love, and we are reminded that God's truth is essential.



Today we live in a world where no one wants to get their feelings hurt; we have a generation of people who get participation trophies because losing hurts their feelings, and we've taught them that no one should ever have to feel bad. But this is just pure fiction; bad things happen, and they're supposed to hurt. Sin is bad, and our sin hurts God. That's why He sent Jesus to get rid of it.

I had a friend in southern Illinois that had made it far into his life without ever experiencing death. His parents were alive, his grandparents were alive, and he had a pretty idyllic existence until a common friend of ours named Bill died one night in his sleep. Then this friend of mine completely shut down. In his world, there was no death, and he couldn't cope with it. I didn't even see him after that; our common friendship with Bill was too much of a painful reminder of what he had lost, and it was easier to cut me out of his life than to deal with the reminder of death. But it does make me wonder.... How long can you pretend that death isn't real? As people continue to get older, there will come a point in time when he can no longer shut it out. Pretending that death does not exist will not make it so,

and in fact he only hurts himself and his relationships with others in trying to do so.

I am reminded of Jesus's words in John 3:19-21. "This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the

light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

We live in a world where people would rather live in the darkness because it's comfortable, because they hate the light of God for the truth that it shows: that we are guilty sinners in need of a Savior. The truth hurts their feelings, so they will continue to shut out the truth and shut out anyone who reminds them of their miserable state. But how long can anyone live in such a fake world?

And the obvious answer is... a lifetime, but not a day past that.

All sorts of skeptics try to argue that God does not exist, that He is a created piece of fiction, when in reality the Creator of the universe is the one real truth, and we are the ones created by Him. He doesn't have to prove His place in His universe to us, but we have to find our place in His universe. Denying Him is as meaningless as denying gravity; it simply won't work. But if He denies us, we're lost. Feelings don't play into this; hell is harsh, but Jesus tells us it is true. The Bible says that those who do not follow Him will be thrown into the fires of hell, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The question is: will we believe God's truth or the comforting lie of darkness?

Mission of the Month

Ripe For Harvest World Outreach is an inter-denominational mission sending agency, one of a limited number of mission and church organizations that extend to an individual missionary the opportunity to participate in his or her mission placement.



...tive arts evangelism, house parenting in mission schools and orphanages, and many other ministries that are “Ripe For Harvest.” (John 4:35b)

- Founded in 1979
- Close to 200 staff families
- Ministries in over 37 countries of the world
- A non-denominational mission-sending agency
- Our staff is involved in evangelism, discipleship, church planting, teaching, school administration, prison ministries, conference speaking, Bible translation, ESL opportunities, spiritual counseling, music & crea-

Our vision is to put into practice Ephesians 4:12, “to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.” And in so doing we are responding and fulfilling our Lord’s prayer request: “Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” (Mt. 9:38, Luke 10:2). We will contribute to this mission the third Sunday of the month during Sunday school.

Facts and Figures for August

AM Service **80**

PM Service **36**

Weekly Budget need: **\$2205**

News



Congratulations to Frelie Lou Dotson on becoming a naturalized citizen on August 10th.



Life groups (Thursday evenings) start up this month.

The Andersons; Dave, Jessica, Madison and Matthew transferred their membership to our church on August 12th. Welcome to the church family!

- Jason Brandon 6:30pm at the church. Will start September 13th.
- Mark Morgan at his home, Beverly/Dailey area. The potluck startup picnic date hasn’t been finalized, it will be announced soon!



Also congratulations to Jessica Anderson on the adoption of Matthew.

Kids Own Worship:



Will be starting up again September 12th at 6:30pm. Three years of age and up.

Roger and Terry Morrison transferred their membership back on August 19th. So glad to have you back in the area!



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday Morning September 30th



immediately after morning services. Members please plan to attend for your input on important church decisions. If any-



We are saddened on the death of Frances Lewis age 101 on August 19th. We will miss her faithful church attendance with us.

one wants to submit a name for consideration for a new deacon or elder please write on a piece of paper and sign your name and give to Jason, a deacon or elder.

Also we want to express our condolences to Stacey Smith and family on the loss of her mother Linda Poe on August 19th.

Calendar of Events

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Labor Day	4 Board Mtg 7pm *Thelma Collins	5 *Michael Robinson	6 *Vincent & Christa Licvov *Jeri Teter	7	8
9 *Brenda Radcliff	10 *Betty Umphenour	11 Guild 7pm	12 Kids Own Wor- ship 6:30 pm	13 Life Groups	14	15 *Joyce Johns *Rachel Morgan
16 Mission Sunday	17	18	19 Kids Own Wor- ship 6:30 pm *Kim Thomason	20 Life Groups	21	22
23	24	25 Elders Mtg 7pm	26 Kids Own Worship 6:30 pm *Isaac Coop	27 Life Groups *Jack Fuhrman	28 *Jack & Barbara Fuhr- man	29 *Henry Messer
30 Congregational Meeting *Debbie & Jamie Vanpelt						

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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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 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



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Scripture Readings for September

1 st	Luke 20:27-40 Heb. 1: 1-9 Prov. 1 8 Isaiah 1,2	2 nd	Luke 20:41-47 Heb. 1: 10-14 Prov. 19: 1-14 Isaiah 3-5	3 rd	
5 th	Luke 21 :1-19 Heb. 2: 1-9 Prov. 19:15-29 Isaiah 6-8	6 th	Luke 21:20-28 Heb. 2: 10-18 Prov. 20: 1-15 Isaiah 9, 10	7 th	Luke 21 :29-38 Heb. 3 Prov. 20:16-30 Isaiah 11-13
8 th	Luke 22:1-13 Heb. 4: 1-11 Prov. 21:1-16 Isaiah 14-16	9 th	Luke 22:14-23 Heb. 4: 12-16 Prov. 21:17-31 Isaiah 1 7-20	10 th	Luke 22:24-30 Heb. 5 Prov. 22:1- 1 6 Isaiah 21-23
12 th	Luke 22:31-38 Heb. 6:1-12 Prov. 22:17-29 Isaiah 24-26	13 th	Luke 22:39-46 Heb. 6: 13-20 Prov. 23:1-18 Isaiah 27, 28	14 th	Luke 22:47-53 Heb. 7:1-10 Prov. 23:19-35 Isaiah 29, 30
15 th	Luke 22:54-62 Heb. 7:11-28 Prov. 24:1-22 Isaiah 31-33	16 th	Luke 22:63-71 Heb. 8:1-6 Prov. 24:23-34 Isaiah 34-36	17 th	Luke 23:1-12 Heb. 8: 7-13 Prov. 25:1-14 Isaiah 37-39
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22 nd	Luke 23:38-43 Heb. 1 0: 19-39 Prov. 27:1-14 Isaiah 46-48	23 rd	Luke 23:44-49 Heb. 11:1-16 Prov. 27:15-27 Isaiah 49, 50	24 th	Luke 23:50-56 Heb. 11: 17-31 Prov. 28:1-14 Isaiah 51-53
26 th	Luke 24:1-12 Heb. 11 :32-40 Prov. 28:15-28 Isaiah 54, 55	27 th	Luke 24:13-27 Heb. 12:1-13 Prov. 29: 1-14 Isaiah 56-58	28 th	Luke 24:28-35 Heb. 12: 14-29 Prov. 29:15-27 Isaiah 59-61
29 th	Luke 24:36-44 Heb. 13:1-8 Prov. 30 Isaiah 62-64	30 th	Luke 24:45-53 Heb. 13:9-25 Prov. 31 Isaiah 65, 66		