

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

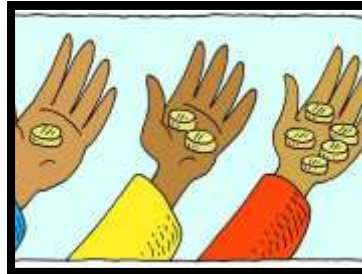
Sharing our Jesus Part 2

God has given us all different talents. Some of us may not be as good as others at speaking, or being social, but if He has given us friends, then He has given us people to share Jesus with. We may not know how to answer all the questions about why people should be Christian, but we can answer the question of why we are Christians. And the concern for losing friends is a valid concern, but if our friends and family don't know Jesus, then they're lost already. Consider these words from Peter:

For who is going to harm you if you are devoted to what is good? But in fact, if you happen to suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. But do not be terrified of them or be shaken. But set Christ apart as Lord in your hearts and always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks about the hope you possess. Yet do it with courtesy and respect, keeping a good conscience, so that those who slander your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame when they accuse you. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if God wills it, than for doing evil. (I Peter 3:13-17, NET)

Peter's context is indeed that sometimes we will be persecuted for being a Christian, but that this comes with the territory, but that our willingness to put ourselves out there, even in the face of persecution, will sometimes serve as a witness to the Gospel of Christ, even without words.

My parents always reminded me that I could only do my best. If I did my best in school and got a C, then that was okay, because I did my best. But if I didn't try hard and got a B, that wasn't okay, because I could have done better. We're not called to win the world to Christ, but we are called to share Jesus with our little corner of



the globe.

I can't help but be reminded for the parable of the Ten Minas.

A nobleman went to a distant country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. And he summoned ten of his slaves, gave them ten minas,

and said to them, 'Do business with these until I come back.' But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to be king over us!' When he returned after receiving the kingdom, he summoned these slaves to whom he had given the money. He wanted to know how much they had earned by trading. So the first one came before him and said, 'Sir, your mina has made ten minas more.' And the king said to him, 'Well done, good slave! Because you have been faithful in a very small matter, you will have authority over ten cities.' Then the second one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has made five minas.' So the king said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' Then another slave came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina that I put away for safekeeping in a piece of cloth. For I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You withdraw what you did not deposit and reap what you did not sow.' The king said to him, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! So you knew, did you, that I was a severe man, withdrawing what I didn't deposit and reaping what I didn't sow? Why then didn't you put my money in the bank, so that when I returned I could have collected it with interest?' And he said to his attendants, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has ten.' But they said to him, 'Sir, he has ten minas already!' 'I tell you that everyone who has will be given more, but from the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. (Luke 19:12-26 NET)

News

The Mission of the Month for April is the **KYOWVA Evangelistic Association**.



Michael Elza was baptized on Saturday March 28th. Welcome to the church family!

Please keep the church updated with current email address. We are using for sermon links and updates. It is the predominate way of communicating during this current pandemic. Send to:

firstchurchofchristelkins@frontier.com.

Please note the following announcements are tentative because of the current COVID-19 situation.



June 7-11(tentative)

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Beth Cooper, director



There is a bridal shower brunch for Jessica Anderson tentatively scheduled for Saturday April 25th at 10:30am. The couple is registered at Target and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

Mother's Day Banquet is tentatively scheduled for May 9th. The men will cook and serve the ladies. Further info on this next month.

A few pics currently behind the scenes at church with Jason and Chase Sampson.



Facts and Figures for March

AM Service **64**

PM Service **16**

Weekly Budget need: **\$3071**

Bryn Cooper and Jessica Anderson would like to announce their upcoming wedding. It will be held Saturday, May 2nd at the church building at 2 pm. All are invited to partake in the festivities. If you wish to attend, please let one of them know by April 15th. (Jessica's number 304-940-5766)

Bryn & Jessica



Resurrection Sunday is April 12th.

Our local services link will be posted on our website:

Firstchurchofchristelkins.com

Palm Sunday "The Covenant of the King" Zechariah 9

Easter "The Covenant of the Sacrifice" Zechariah 11

Communion Services will be at the end of the messages.

Offerings can be mailed to:

Ken Cooper
58 Sunset Lane
Elkins, WV 26241

Note from the Elders:

Anyone with special needs please feel free to call us at this time! We are monitoring the current COVID-19 situation and will post continual updates on the website and send by email.

Jason Brandon, Dave Wilmoth, Ken Cooper, Mark Morgan, Henry Messer

Calendar of Events

April 2020

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

The Community Holy Week will be May 6-10 and broadcast at noon on the college radio station WCDE 89.9 FM

May 6 Brian Seders
May 7 Jamie Estep
May 8 Julie Davis
May 9 Jason Brandon
May 10 Rice Payne



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

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	