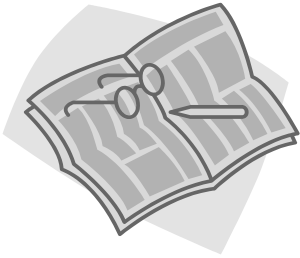


The Elkins Exchange

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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 1

There was a rich man who was informed of accusations that his manager was wasting his assets. So he called the manager in and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Turn in the account of your administration, because you can no longer be my manager.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What should I do, since my master is taking my position away from me? I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm too ashamed to beg. I know what to do so that when I am put out of management, people will welcome me into their homes.' So he contacted his master's debtors one by one. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' The man replied, 'A hundred measures of olive oil.' The manager said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' The second man replied, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' The manager said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their contemporaries than the people of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by how you use worldly wealth, so that when it runs out you will be welcomed into the eternal homes. (Luke 16:1-9 NET)

I fear that we can prioritize poorly as the church when we lose track of the goal. The easy bit is to keep doing our things for ourselves. We teach and we preach and we unlock the doors on Sunday morning and tell ourselves, "We've done our job. The church is open for business. Our job is to have the church ready for them when they show up. God's job is to send them to us. If our church is small, it's because we're in a



small town, and because the people just aren't interested."

Falling back on focusing just on ourselves is easy. Showing up at a church where everyone knows everyone is easy. Concentrating on doing the same programs and ministries week after week, year after year in the same way is easy. "The church is helping me grow. That is its job, and I'm growing, so our church is doing well."

The job of the church is to help people come to know God better. For those of us that know Him, growing in our faith is indeed part of the job of the church. But helping those who don't know Him to come to find Him is also part of helping people come to know Him better, because any degree of knowing Him is coming to know Him better.

Growing churches focus on others. They look to how they can take Jesus to those outside of the church, because in reality opening the doors is not enough of an invitation for people to come to church. We can't expect people to know that they need Jesus, to know what they are missing, unless we show them who He is. We can't expect people to know that they need a personal relationship with God through His Son if we don't have a personal relationship with them first.

Some people will respond, "But I'm not outgoing, and I'm not a people-person; I don't know that many people." Others respond, "I don't know the Bible very well. What happens if I tell people about Jesus and they ask questions that I don't know the answers to?" "What if I make them mad, and then they never speak to me again, and I get it wrong and now they've got the wrong idea about God?" "Sharing Jesus is hard. Why should I have to do hard things?"

But Jesus did hard things for us, and calls us to follow his example.

Continued next month

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 15th.

Facts and Figures for February

AM Service 71

PM Service 21

Weekly Budget need: \$3071

News



Life group/Bible Study on Thursday evenings.

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

up Hebrews with Pilgrim's Progress DVD and discussion.



The VBS that's just the ticket!

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.

The curriculum has been chosen for this years VBS. Details coming soon. Please see Beth Cooper now if you are willing to help!



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

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



Helping with Community Dinner



Don't forget **time.** Spring's ahead on Sunday March 8th!

Calendar of Events

March 2020

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

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