

April 15, 2018

Welcome, Visitors! We are happy to have you visiting with us today and hope that you will come again! Please fill out a visitor's card and pass it to the right so that we'll have a record of your attendance.

Friends and Family Day On Sunday, April 29th we will be having a Friends and Family Day. Nate and Matt will both be preaching, and we will have a Potluck meal after services for our Fifth Sunday. This will be a great day of fun and fellowship. There are plenty postcards to give away on the information tables in the lobby and Life Center.

- 8:30 am – Breakfast (Coffee, Juice & Donuts)
- 9:00 am – Bible Class (Classes for All Ages)
- 10:00 am – Worship
- 11:15 am – Fellowship Meal

America's Success or Failure?

Today, the exalted status of economics in our public debate is being challenged in some rather intriguing places. For example, Wall Street Journal editor Robert Bartley recently observed, "If America is to decline, it will not be because of military overstretch. Nor the trade balance, management secrets or even the federal deficit. If a decline is underway, it's a moral one."

Former Education Secretary William Bennett sees evidence of such decline in research identifying the most serious problems in public school classrooms. In 1940, running in the halls, chewing gum, and talking in class headed the list of teacher's disciplinary concerns; today, robbery, rape, alcohol, drugs, teen pregnancy, and suicide are most often mentioned. Bennett argues, "If we turn the economy around, have full employment, live in cities of alabaster and gold, and this is what our children are doing to each other, then we still will have failed them."

It is difficult to explain public opinion polls showing that a majority of Americans believe the quality of life in America has declined over the last three decades. To understand such perceptions, one has to consider that since 1960, violent crime has risen 560 percent, illegitimate births have increased 400 percent, teen suicides have risen 200 percent, divorce rates have quadrupled, average SAT scores have dropped 80 points, and the proportion of children living in fatherless families has increased three-fold. A society which manages to make great gains economically but fails to progress in the cultural areas outlined by Bennett is likely to successful in the long run.

Adapted: Family Policy, June 1993

Events

Widows' Luncheon There will be a Widows Luncheon this Friday, April 20th at 12pm. Debbie Jeffers and Pam Hyndman are the coordinators. Sponsors, please make sure to contact your widows.

Junior Youth Rally This Saturday, April 21st from 10am – 2pm join us for a day of fun. We will be learning about blooming where you are planted. This event is open to kids in kindergarten to fifth grade and lunch will be provided. Friends are welcome and Encouraged!

Spring Giveaway Our spring clothing/household item giveaway will be on Saturday, April 28th. All clean, gently used donations should be put in the drop off room.

Furniture Donations open this coming Sunday. Clothing can be dropped off during office hours, prior to worship times, or by arrangement.

Spring Sing Sunday, May 20th at 5:30pm we will be having our 12th Annual Area Wide Spring Sing Service. Area churches have been invited to join us for the evening.

◆ Upcoming Events ◆

Mark your calendars for these activities and opportunities for fellowship!

- April 20 – Widows Luncheon
- April 21 – Junior Youth Rally, 10am
- April 28 – Spring Giveaway
- April 29 – Friends & Family Day
- May 20 – Oregonfest
- May 20 – Spring Sing

Church Camp Our 2018 week is July 1 - 7. Register online again ASAP at www.nwocyc.org. The cost is \$175 per camper. If you need a scholarship or would like to sponsor a camper, please see Chris Ackerman.

Camp Scholarships We need your help in sponsoring campers! Without you, some wouldn't be able to attend Your generosity in the past demonstrates Echo Meadows support and love for NWOCYC. If you can help, please make your checks out to NWOCYC and give them to Chris Ackerman. Thank you!

Family Matters

Please Remember In Prayer:

Bible in a Year:
April 16 2 Samuel 23,24
April 17 1 Kings 1
April 18 1 Kings 2,3
April 19 1 Kings 4-6
April 20 1 Kings 7
April 21 1 Kings 8
April 22 1 Kings 9,10

Record of the Week			
9:00	97	Wed.	77
10:00	191		
6:00	98		
Contribution		\$4,886.00	
Missions		\$12.00	
Memorials			
Weekly Total		\$4,898.00	
Weekly Budget		\$5,597.86	

◆ Schedule of Service ◆

- Sun. 9:00am Bible Study
- Sun. 10:00am Worship
- Sun. 6:00 pm Worship
- Wed. 7:00 pm Bible Study
- Thurs. 11:00 am Ladies' Bible Study

