

JANUARY 15, 2017



WELCOME VISITORS We're 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.

BAPTISM Tony Caligiuri, husband of Kayla, was baptized Thursday by his proud father-in-law, Rusty Fisher. We know the Lord rejoiced along with his family! We pray for a faithful walk and a continuing strengthening of his relationship with Christ!

LARGE PRINT BIBLE If you have a need, or know someone who does, the church has a nice leather-bound, large print bible available. Please see the office.

A Longing for Wisdom

There's a story about a proud young man who came to Socrates asking for knowledge. He walked up to the muscular philosopher and said, "O great Socrates, I come to you for knowledge." Socrates recognized a pompous numbskull when he saw one. He led the young man through the streets, to the sea, and chest deep into water. Then he asked, "What do you want?" "Knowledge, O wise Socrates," said the young man with a smile.

Socrates put his strong hands on the man's shoulders and pushed him under. Thirty seconds later Socrates let him up. "What do you want?" he asked again. "Wisdom," the young man sputtered, "O great and wise Socrates." Socrates crunched him under again. Thirty seconds passed, thirty-five. Forty. Socrates let him up. The man was gasping. "What do you want, young man?"

Between heavy, heaving breaths the fellow wheezed, "Knowledge, O wise and wonderful..." Socrates jammed him under again. Forty seconds passed. Fifty. "What do you want?" "Air!" the young man screeched. "I need air!" "When you want knowledge as you have just wanted air, then you will have knowledge."

-M. Littleton

A Lifelong Process

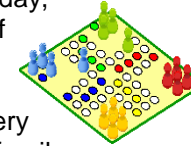
For every man, education should be a process which continues all his life. We have to abandon, as swiftly as possible, the idea that schooling is something restricted to youth. How can it be, in a world where half the things a man knows at 20 are no longer true at 40--and half the things he knows at 40 hadn't been discovered when he was 20?

-Arthur C. Clarke

EVENTS

JANUARY 29 – 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK Our potluck meal this month will be on the 5th Sunday, January 29th, following the morning service. Each family should bring a main dish and either a vegetable, salad or dessert. Widows and singles should bring 1 two liter of pop and either a large salad, vegetable or dessert. Plan to stay, enjoy great food and have a wonderful time of fellowship. Remember, there will not be an evening service on January 29th. ***Please give chicken money to Mark Sr. before January 29th.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT Mark your calendars!! Saturday, January 28 starting at 6:00 pm we will have a night of fellowship at the church building to play ping pong, air hockey, basketball, Wii games, board games, etc. Please bring your favorite snack and a beverage to share. Every one of all ages is invited; please feel free to invite your family and friends.



◆UPCOMING EVENTS◆

Mark your calendars for these activities and opportunities for fellowship!
(More details will follow as the dates get closer)

- **February 25**-Chili Cook Off
- **March 4**-Meadow Larks and Echo Elementary will be hosting a dinner for their grandparents
- **March 24 and 25**-Men's retreat here at the building

PEW PACKERS Please join us on Sunday evenings at 5:40

TEACHERS NEEDED If you are interested in subbing when needed and/or being a full-time teacher on a quarterly basis in the 2-3 year old class and/or the 4-5 year old class please contact **Micah McGough** as soon as possible. We offer a 9:00 class during Bible class and a 10:00 class during worship. There is a current need and your help would be greatly appreciated to keep the Pre-School program running successfully.

FAMILY HOUSE Donations of paper products can be put in the library for the Family House. This is a shelter that keeps families together.

CHURCH EMAIL The church email is: office@emcoc.net .

PHONE NUMBER CHANGE Ron and Pat Thomas have a new home phone number: (256) 262-4707. Their cell phone numbers remain the same.

FAMILY MATTERS

- Jennifer Howard-prayers for pain relief from RSD.
- Mike Melnek-home.

Prayers for those with illnesses, recovering from surgery and going through rehabilitation.

PLEASE PRAY FOR Jacquie Sloan, John Huntzinger, Charles Hyndman Sr., Anna Copass, Tony Ramos, Kay Hammond, Alma Schultz, Mary Henry, Norma Gonzalez, Carmen Wright, Mike Borysiak, Robert Dickey, Larry Hollstein, Jasper Lucas, Bertha Wells, Jim & Neva Hall, Terry Howell, Alton Tripp, and Jack Reynolds.

READING Jan. 15: Genesis 42-44; Jan. 16: Genesis 45-47; Jan. 17: Genesis 48-50; Jan. 18: Exodus 1-3; Jan. 19: Exodus 4-6; Jan. 20: Exodus 7-9; Jan. 21: Exodus 10-12

RECORDS JAN 8, 2017			
9:00	107	Wed.	58
10:00	238		
6:00	75		
Contribution		\$5,776.00	
Memorials		550.00	
Teens		332.67	
Total		\$6,658.67	
Weekly Budget		\$5,717.06	

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE	
Sun.	9:00 am Bible Study
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm Worship
Wed.	7:00 pm Bible Study
Thurs.	11:30 am Bible Study