

Over the last several months I have sat in committee meetings, a mentoring and church growth seminar, choir practice, a revival meeting at Dutch Fork, our revival services, Sunday School Class and Easter Services. I have talked with others about the Spirit of God that has been moving in

our Church and through our congregation and it has been uplifting and encouraging. You, oh Dear Friends are wonderful examples of putting hands and hearts to work for God. You exemplify the heart of fellowship and hospitality and worship. If this were one of the letters written to the 7 churches in John's Revelation You would be commended. Dennis jokes, and we resemble the remark "the Church that meets to eat"! But the comment I hear most frequently is how friendly our church is. How it feels so welcoming to someone coming in off the street. I've also heard talk about how much our church believes in the power of prayer and what a blessing it is to those needing that prayer that we lift each other up in intercession with expectation. Yet, we've had setbacks recently. Diagnosis that stop us short. Surgeries that slow us down. Losses that cause our hearts to stutter. How easy it is to allow these not so pleasant things to cloud our vision, to conceal our path, to camouflage our view forward. Isaiah had one of these moments when his friend King Uzziah died after 52 years of reign. Isaiah had a moment of doubt. Even though he had experienced God's provision and guidance for many years, he faltered. Have you ever experienced a moment of doubt? A falter in your normally confident steps? In his moment of weakness God still had his back. He showed Isaiah a vision of "...the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple." (Isaiah 6:1) You might not see the significance, but hear me out. In those days it was customary for a King, when victorious in battle, to take a part of the defeated king's robe and sew it onto his own to indicate his victory and broadened authority. Hence, a king with a very long train was known to be a strong king who could defeat those who would threaten his kingdom and people. When Isaiah saw the Lord with a train that filled the temple, he was reminded that our Lord is victorious. He has won many battles in our defense. He is powerful and has a wide realm of authority. As impressive as that seems, let's take it a step further. In 1 Corinthians 6:19 Paul asks "do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?" John tells us that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14) and Matthew guoted Isaiah 7:14 when he claimed that Jesus was Immanuel, meaning "God with us". In the Exodus story God commanded his people to build the tabernacle, a tent-like structure which would serve as God's dwelling place among them as they fled the land of their slavery. The tabernacle was replaced hundreds of years later when King Solomon built the temple in Jerusalem. It continued to be a place where God's love and care was manifested as people came to worship Him. Over seasons of obedience and rebellion in His people, the temple would fall and be rebuilt. At the time of the crucifixion of Jesus, the curtain that shielded the inner room of the temple was torn in half. Why? It signified that Jesus, as the perfect sacrifice made a way for God to dwell, not in a structure, but in us! God, ruler with the ultimate robe of victory lives in us. He directs our paths. Even in our moments of weakness, doubt and sorrow, we can rest in the knowledge that our God reigns in power, strength and victory over the most final of obstacles, death. And because He overcame, we too are victors and will reign with Him forever. If your way is shadowed, if fear dogs your steps, lean on Him for "the Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave your nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deut. 31:6)

Sunday Services 8:00 & 10:45
Sunday School 9:30
Monday Night Bible Study 7:00 at the
Lantz Home (Windsor Heights)
Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:00

Answers



- 1. Joseph
- 2. Cleopas and another disciple
- 3. A measure (often refers to money)
- 4. In Bethany
- 5. Twelve
- 6. Leviticus



- 2 Becky & John Finsley
- 7 Robert Smith
- 11 Harold Hunt
- 13 Rachel Clampitt
- 17 Chuck Kellam
- 17 Joe Morris
- 19 Bev Loew
- 21 Abel Hays
- 27 Jake Sayre





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Have you noticed this QR code? Our church now has a working webpage! On it you can access the Church Calendar for upcoming activities, an archive of sermons, monthly newsletters and general information about our Vision and Core Values. Thanks to our Tech Team you can also find us on YouTube in addition to Facebook. Check us out!

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- Bus Drivers needed—even if only for special events
- Sunday School Teachers—children, youth, adult
- Tech Team
- Church Directory Coordinator
- Service Valets (park cars for those who request)
- Greeters





Angie Braden	Cindy lckler	John Finsley	Roma Dailey
Adam Shallcross	Darren Perry	John Stevenson	Ronald Keller
Aubrey (9 yo)	Dave Duke	Katrine	Sharon Duke
Baby Hank Lambert	Dave Keller's sis Susie	Liz Hunt	Sherry Fisher
Bandy Family	Donnie Midcap	Lori Rovie	Shirley Nauman & Scott
Beatty Behannah	Dorothy Barker	Lydia Fink	Stacey & Dan—adoption
Becky Durrah	Dutch Fork—Pastor Search	Mark Griffith	Stanley McCardle
Becky Finsley	Ed & Tammi Malson	Melissa Carnahan	2 yo in Hospice Care
Веер	Elle	Michael Danaher	Travelers
Bill Cooper	Eileen Midcap	Michael Kuthy	Unsaved
Bob Talbert	Elmer Watkins	Mike W.	Unspoken
Brad McMillen	Hannah Mozingo	Morgantown storm damage	US: Country & Government
Brenda	Harold Hunt	Penny Morris	Wellsburg Christian Church—Pastor Search
Bus Driver Volunteers	Helga Ickler	Randy Weaver	Willie Joe Matalewski
	Jan Kisnowski	Rocco Salatino	WL Town Council

Please submit your ideas or, contributions for the Newsletter. It can be an essay, devotion, prayer, poem, recipe, story ... anything that you think would uplift and encourage our readers! Thanks!







- 1. OT Who was called "The Dreamer"
- 2. NT Who spoke to Jesus after his death on the road to Emmaus, but did not recognize him?
- 3. What is a talent?
- 4. Where did Lazarus, Mary, and Martha live?
- 5. How old was Jesus when He went to Jerusalem with His parents?
- 6. What Old Testament book of the Bible is named after a tribe of Israel?



Worship @ Petersen

3:00



Choir

6:30

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Bible Study

7:00

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