

Baptism: We are planning a Believers' Baptism service sometime in the spring, before Easter. If you are interested in being baptized, please see an elder or Pastor Mike. There is a teaching on Baptism that can be found on the web site, with the messages. We would recommend that you listen to this if you are considering Baptism or have questions about our approach to Baptism.

Vacation Bible School: The time to plan for this is upon us. We would like to make VBS this year an outreach to our community and have it M-F for a week. We are in need of a coordinator. If you would prayerfully consider this, see Dale Wriedt or Pastor Mike.



ON THE ROAD WITH JESUS: Our Lenten focus this year will be teachings of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. Jesus taught on the road as he was travelling to Jerusalem for the last time. This is a road that Jesus knew would ultimately take him to the cross. Get ready for an exciting time with Jesus!

“ON THE ROAD TO THE CROSS”

- March 4th “Jesus faces Jerusalem” Luke 9:51-56
- March 11th “On the Road of Discipleship” Luke 9:52-10:24
- March 18th “On the Road of Mercy and Compassion” Luke 10:25-37
- March 25th “On the Road to the Kingdom” Luke 13:22-29
- April 1st(Palm Sunday) “On the Road to the Cross” Luke 18: 31-34
- April 6th (Good Friday-7:00p.m.) “The End of the Road” Luke 22: 47-23:56
- April 8th (“On the Road Again”) Luke 24; 13-35

United Marriage Encounter: March 9-11 in Bettendorf, IA We will have a table with information about this exciting marriage ministry weekend. Receive tools and learn concepts to strengthen your marriage. *Grow closer to God and each other.* Please see Harry & Mary Weigandt TODAY!

BABY BOTTLES: If you took a baby bottle, please return it to Tammy’s desk whether it is filled or empty so that we can return them to the Crisis Pregnancy Center in Clinton ASAP. Thank you so much for helping out this worth cause!

A penny saved, is a penny earned! ~Benjamin Franklin



- **TONIGHT:**
~ 6:30-8:30pm JV Group
~ 6:30-8:30pm PLUNGE Group
- Feb 21 (Tues) Women’s Bible Study on Exodus. Contact Susan Keegan (659-9271) for more info.
- Feb 22 (Wed) 6:10-8:00PM AWANA
- Feb 22 (Wed) 6:10-8:00PM Digging Deeper @ the Steffens (110 12th Ave., DeWitt)
- Feb 23 (Thurs) 5:30-6:30PM Dodgeball for grades 7th and up
- Feb 23 (Thurs) 6:00pm Truth Singers @ DEFC Celebrate February Birthdays! Bring a snack to share!

• Feb 23 (Thurs) This is a national “pray for our college campuses” night. We will have a prayer time following “Truth Singers”. Let’s come together to pray for colleges and students. Invite anyone who would be interested in praying for our colleges and ministries.

Please e-mail Paula @: tpsteffens@mediacombb.net w/ prayer chain & info line requests or to be added to 1 or both of these lists.

A staffed Nursery is provided for ages birth to 3 during Sunday School and the 9:00AM worship service.

• Pray for our Shut Ins: Al & Ann Pries @ Maggie’s House, Mary Mehus

Friendship Pads: You will notice that there are black pads at the end of each row today. There are pads inside. Please open and sign, even if you are a regular attender and especially if you are visiting. We will use these pads for keeping our information updated and knowing who was here each Sunday. Also after the pad has gone down your row send it back and if there is someone in your row that you do not know their name, take a look! This pad will replace the connection cards in the bulletin.

This morning we are distributing “prayer cards” on behalf of the Pastoral Search Team. There is a picture as well as a few ideas of things we can pray for this team. Please take a card and use in your prayer times. If you did not receive one when you came in please pick one up at the welcome desk.

•Feb 25 (Sat) 7:00AM Saturday Morning Men’s Bible Study & breakfast

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
NURSERY: 9:00AM Julie Walker Josye Kaczinski	NURSERY: 9:00AM Mindy Wriedt Dale Wriedt
10:45AM Karma Hinkle Doug Hinkle	10:15AM Tina Smith Stan Smith
USHERS: George Dixon, Scott Stocker, Austin Spain, Andy Anderson Jr.	USHERS: Andy Anderson, Jon Cornelius, Peter Keegan, Craig Jepsen
GREETERS: Brian & Jane Schmidt	GREETERS: Roger & Pam Hill

FINDING MEANING IN THE MOMENTARY

Today we continue our study of I Corinthians 7 “Finding the meaning in Christ” as we look at I Cor. 7: 17-24. Last week we learned that marriage is provided from God as a “Gate” and as a “Gift”.

Within the gates of marriage is safety and security and freedom. As a gift marriage provides a way to deal with our passions and to glorify Christ.

This morning we will turn to looking at the meaning that we can find in our calling to Christ no matter what our circumstances.

The question that Paul is answering is “Should we change the position that we are in at the time we are saved?”

I continue to rely on the book “This Momentary Marriage” by John Piper, and “The Meaning of Marriage” by Tim Keller.

Some Thoughts on 7: 17-24

“The rules of Christianity reach every condition. And in every state a man may live so as to be a credit to it. It is the duty of every Christian to suit his behavior to his condition and the rules of religion, to be content with his lot, and to conduct himself in his rank and place as becomes a Christian.”

Matthew Henry

“But Christians can be Christians in a dictatorship, a democracy, or even under anarchy. We can be Christians whether we are a man, woman, child, married, single, divorced, Jew, Gentile, slave or free. We can be Christians in Russia or the United States, in Cuba, or China, in France or Japan. Whatever we are, wherever we are, we can be Christians.”

John McCarthur