

## LCC NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2014

### Lindsay Christian Church

#### THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW for MARCH:

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Polly Hembree and Brenda Anderson

MARCH DONUTS: Women's Christian Fellowship

GOLDEN ACHIEVERS: Thursday, March 6 at 12:00 noon in Memory Hall

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, March 9 at 8:30 A.M. at Church

CHURCH BOARD MEETING: Sunday March 16 following Worship Service

The GOLDEN ACHIEVERS will meet Thursday, March 6 at noon for Pot-luck and Fellowship. All those 55 years old or older are invited to attend our fun fellowship and wonderful food. This is a good way to get to know our friends and fellow Christians. Our February meeting was fun and we sang the birthday song to Walter South and acknowledged the Wedding Anniversary of 60 years for Ed and Roberta Sizemore! Congratulations! Hazel read some jokes and we had some very good discussions. The gift drawings were won by: Ed, Dorothy J., Janice, Guy, Kathy, and Walter. The winners received bags of chocolate Valentine candies!

THANK YOU from mother Carrie Holtermann for her son Eric Holtermann in the Army: "I know Eric got some boxes. We didn't get to talk to him very much during Christmas time. One thing he did mention was that someone sent him a nativity set that he really liked having set up in the tent, but he couldn't remember who sent it. Thanks for sending him the boxes. I really appreciate it! Whenever I talked to him they (his troop) very much appreciated everything that people sent. They are saying they will land back in Texas on March 3. I hope they don't change their minds. Thanks again for sending Eric and his troop those 4 boxes at Christmas time!"

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING! Please pray for our military young people like Eric Holtermann and Sandy Hawley's grandson, Matthew Blair and all others. Continue to pray for Don and Mary Ann Hensley, Sam and Doris Hurtado, Polly Hembree, Wade Roberts and others with health issues. Doris Hurtado now has a pace maker and we pray that will help with her health!

Another THANK YOU to the entire congregation for helping with the Memorial and reception luncheon for former Lindsay City Manager, Bill Drennen. You all came through with wonderful food, moving chairs, organizing and serving, clean up, providing music, and sound technology, etc.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE: Jennifer Landers is in Nicaragua with Project360 and we look forward to hearing highlights of her experience! Continue praying for her safety!

On Sunday, February 24, young Isaac Farias flawlessly read the Bible scripture Mark 10:13-16 before Pastor Paul's sermon about Jesus showing that all people groups are important to him, even little children! Isaac proved how important children are to God's Kingdom because he brought several of his friends and family to hear him read the scripture!

March MISSION REPORT submitted by Marilyn Snyder

**API** – The eruption of Mt. Kelud in Eastern Java destroyed the home of church planter Dodi and his family. It also destroyed the roof of the church. Pray for the family and others who have been displaced, and that funds will be available to repair the church. Church planters near Jakarta are repairing their homes after heavy flooding last month. One of the church planters in West Sulawesi is serving with an unreached tribe. Earlier

this year he baptized five people. The parents of one of them is a member of Parliament. As he shared with them about Jesus they introduced him to a government official who was impressed by the Smart Point program. Through this connection the church planter was given land for the church building.

Peter, a **MTS** student, struggled with a lack of confidence and a stutter. God changed and healed him during an event at the MTS school. He is continuing to develop his talents, which include painting.

Pak Gi, founder of **API**, is officially “retired”, but is busy with many speaking engagements. He will be preaching this month at two large Chinese churches in Bandung and Jakarta.

The **SMART POINT** team is preparing for the annual training conference in spring, which I hope to attend.

**YOSTS** – Jim is partnering with a group in North Sulawesi. They have been doing relief work in Manado, which was heavily damaged by flooding earlier this year. Pray for Jim, Joan and the family as they serve Christ in many different ministries in Papua, other areas of Indonesia and in the middle east.

### **Birthdays**

**March 12** - Adam Farias,

**March 15** – Sam Dragt

**March 21** – Carrie Johnson

**March 24** – Karen Roberts

**March 28** - Vanessa Soto

### **Serving in March**

COMMUNION

3/2 Paul Leavens

3/9 Sam Hurtado

3/16 Bill Dragt

3/23 Mike Domres

3/30 James Johnson

OFFERING

Sam Hurtado

Bill Dragt

Mike Domres

James Johnson

Paul Leavens

## ***News from Pastor Paul***

It's one of Jesus' most famous quotes, but many don't realize he is the one who first said it. It's one of the Lord's beatitudes, but it doesn't appear along with the rest of Jesus' blessings in Matthew 5. The words came from Jesus' lips, but they aren't recorded in the four Gospels; they appear in the book of Acts.

At the end of his farewell speech to the elders in Ephesus, the apostle Paul said, "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Unfortunately, if we're not careful, this beautiful beatitude becomes little more than a pious platitude. It's one thing to say, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," but do our actions demonstrate that we believe it's true?

### **Why Do We Give?**

Jesus had a lot to say about giving, and he focused on our motives. Don't give, Jesus said, "to be honored by others" (Matthew 6:2). We don't give to impress others but to express our love. Our generosity doesn't earn points with God.

We give in response to grace-- because God first gave to us.

We give because earthly treasures don't last forever.

We give because selfishness poisons the soul.

We give because the Holy Spirit moves us to "excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7).

We give because we are stewards trusted by God to oversee his property. Our belongings don't really belong to us; they belong to God and we take care of them on his behalf.

We give so we can be partners in the gospel with Christian brothers and sisters who are doing God's work all around the world.

We give .because it's a practical way to demonstrate compassion for those in need. "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love

of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3:17).

### **What Do We Receive?**

Jesus' words are often ironic and paradoxical. Deny yourself, and you will find yourself. Lose your life for Christ, and you will save it. "Give, and it will be given to you" (Luke 6:38).

We don't give in order to get; but when we give, we get.

### **Givers receive many blessings.**

Sharing in God's work produces a unique sense of satisfaction. Delighting others brings the giver incomparable delight, just as parents experience great joy by giving gifts to their children. Givers are blessed by breaking free from the grip of greed and the smothering smog of self-centeredness.

Jesus' followers are blessed because we don't just give our money away; we give it up! Through our tithes and offerings, we lift up our gifts to the Creator who blessed us in the first place. We offer them up as a sacrifice of praise to the one who gave his all for us on the cross. We give up our money willingly because we can't hang onto it forever anyway. We use earthly wealth for heavenly good. We don't clutch it for ourselves; we unleash it for the kingdom. And in the process we experience immeasurable blessings from the gracious hand of God.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME MARCH 9, 2014

**Finding God in Daylight Savings Time** may sound like a strange idea. But the biannual ritual of changing our clocks can serve as a powerful reminder of why Jesus said, "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." (John 9:4 NIV)

In 1916, Germany and the United Kingdom put Daylight Saving Time (DST) into practice during World War I. The U. S. instituted DST in 1918 in order to conserve fuel needed to produce electricity. Most areas reverted to standard time after the war. In 1942, the United States reinstated DST for the duration of World War II.

The Uniform Time Act of 1966 established a system of uniform DST throughout the country, except for states that voted to stay on standard time. Proponents of DST point out the reduction in energy consumption. Opponents claim that the benefit doesn't justify the adjustment of clocks twice a year and note that the disruption of sleep patterns in the spring corresponds to a spike in the number of serious auto accidents.

In the spiritual realm, this biannual changing of the clocks can serve as a reminder that we have a limited time on this earth. Jesus was keenly aware that he had only three years to carry out his earthly ministry. He wanted his followers to have that same awareness and dedication to their God-given assignments. Jesus made the most of his "daylight" and accomplished his mission before he died.

We live in the day of salvation when God's grace shines like the sun. We need to be about the business of bringing others into his Kingdom. But time is short. God has fixed the date, since the foundation of the world, when this present age will end. We don't know how brief our life will be. While we're changing our clocks, we can be **finding God in Daylight Savings Time** if we renew our commitment to make the most of our days by serving Him. (*Dianne Neal Matthews*)

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