Bible Biz

News & Notes

Altar Flowers
Today's altar flowers are given by Alan & Lynn Waldhour in honor of Carlyn and Jake's birthdays.

Annual Congregational Meeting
As you should be aware, we did not have a quorum at the annual meeting held January 17, 2021. Section 12.04 of the constitution states that in the absence of 53% of the voting members, those members present may fix the date for the adjourned meeting for which at least twenty (20) days written notice must be given. The members present at such a meeting shall constitute a quorum. I stated at this meeting that this date would be January 31, 2021, this will not allow for the twenty (20) days as mandated by the constitution. Therefore the meeting will be held February 7, 2021 immediately after church. At this meeting we will elect three (3) council positions, as well as the President, Vice-President, and Secretary of the congregation. President, Vice-President and Secretary must be chosen from the membership of the congregational council. In addition, members will vote on delegates to the LCMC convention and the 2021 budget. Those names who have been presented to the congregation for Council are: Michelle Batchelor, Jimmy Helmly and Harold Wheeler. Additional nominations for these council positions may be accepted up to the February 7 meeting and from the floor at this meeting with the nominee's consent. If you have any questions, regarding this meeting, please see me. Beth Helmly, President.

GRITS News
Many thanks to all who prepared food, bought snacks, helped put together and delivered meals for Loaves and Fishes this past Monday, January 25. GRITS members put together meals for thirty-two (32) households with each person receiving four (4) meals. In addition to the meals, each household received a large snack bag. Snack bags were also made for those in assisted living and nursing homes. Again - many thanks to all who contributed to this ministry.

—ALSO—

Would you like to help others while decluttering your home of old cards? St. Jude's Ranch for Children is a charity which cares for abused, abandoned and neglected children. These children have a recycled card program where they take used cards and make them into new ones to sell. BLC Grits group will be continuously collecting cards (Christmas, Birthday, etc) to ship to the children so they can learn to be productive wage-earning citizens in their community. Look for the container near the office area.

Offering Envelopes & End of Year Statements
If you have not already picked up your box of offering envelopes, please do so today as you leave the church. Boxes are located on the table in the hallway. Also, End-of -Year tax statements were mailed this week. If you do not receive your statement in the next 2 weeks, please call the church office to let us know: 826-2711.

Youth Director Hiring
Those of you who are Facebook savvy, please feel free to share our Hiring post found on our Facebook page with your friends and groups! We are trying to get the word out locally as soon and wide as we can….

Poinsettias
Last call for grabbing a poinsettia. They can be found in the hallway near the back entrance.

Weekly In the Word Opportunities
Sunday: Sunday School 8:45 AM All ages
Worship Service 10 AM
Bible Youth Group (BYG) 6:00 PM

Wednesday: Zoom Lectionary Bible Study 11 AM
Call Pastor Dave 912-661-8735 to be added.

Small Group Bible Study: Ebenezer Study Group—1st & 3rd Tues. 6 PM Contact Connie Bazemore (912)659-2188

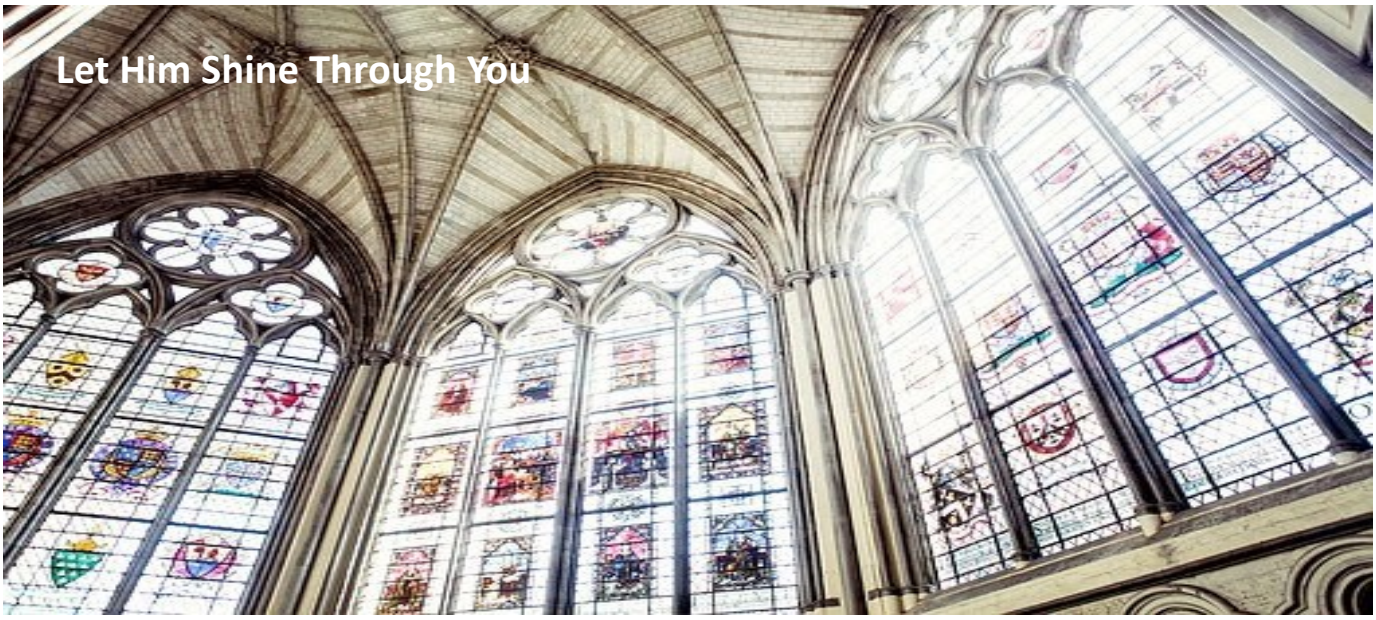
Servants	This Week (Jan. 31th)	Next Week (Feb. 7th)
Acolyte/Crucifer	Jake Waldhour Carlyn Waldhour	Gavin Parker Conrad Vorel
Altar Care	Julie Thompson	Andy Dasher
Announcer	Travis Bazemore	Katie Whitten
Children's Moment	Dawn Vorel	Katie Whitten
Council Servant	Carl Muthersbaugh Ben Williams	
Communion Asst.	Connie Bazemore	Rod Stephenson
Flowers	Alan & Lynn Waldhour	Melissa & David Osteen
Head Usher	Ken Thompson	Travis Bazemore
Lesson Reader	Rod Stephenson	Connie Bazemore
Livestream	Worship & Music	Worship & Music
Musician	Kimberly Bazemore	Karen Hall
Musician-Service	Kimberly Bazemore	Karen Hall
Nursery Assistants	Ramona Kessler Dawn Vorel	Katie Whitten Beth Helmly
Presiding Minister	Pastor Dave Hansen	Pastor Dave Hansen
Yellow Ribbon Host	Evangelism	Evangelism
Last Sunday Attn.	SS: 36 Worship: 66 LvStm: 14	New Life, 826-4261 Joanne's, 754-9116
If you are unable to fulfill your assignment, please inform the church office: 912-826-2711		

Plan Ahead:

2/1 Social Hall reserved 8:30-3:30
2/1 AFPAG Foster Parents Meeting 6:00 PM
2/4 W&M Committee Meeting 6:00 PM
2/7 Annual Congregational Meeting
2/7 Finance & Stewardship Mtg. after worship
2/7 Confirmation Class, after Worship
2/8 Social Hall reserved 8:30-3:30
2/9 Evangelism Committee Meeting 7:00 PM
2/14 MASKED Service 4:00 PM
2/17 Ash Wednesday
2/20 GRITS using Social Hall
2/21 Confirmation Class, after Worship
2/28 MASKED Service 4:00 PM

Study Ahead:

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Mark 1:29-39



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Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany – January 31, 2021

"Be silent, and come out of him." – Mark 1:25

Anytime a group of people live together, it's only a matter of time before there are debates about who's in charge. Whether in families or societies, on a playground, or at an office – the struggle for power is a real. And what kind of power it is makes all the difference.

The toddler yells, "You're not the boss of me," and Mom replies firmly "Oh yes I am." Who's in charge here? Husbands and wives, if you've ever wondered why you clash over the smallest, most insignificant things, it might be because you're still trying to settle the question of who is really in charge! Who's in charge then? Of your morality? Your decisions? Your life? Who's in charge of our life together as church?

Jesus went home to Capernaum, and taught the people gathered there on the Sabbath. His message was astonishing, for he taught as one with authority. So far, so good. But, "Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit." Have you ever met someone with a dirty spirit? These are folks who are mean and contrary for no apparent reason. Suddenly, when all seems to be going along smoothly, Jesus encounters opposition. We shouldn't be surprised, really. The one anointed with the Holy Spirit of God inevitably encounters the unholy spirit which is opposed to God. Who's in charge here? That's the question. This unclean spirit seeks to overthrow Jesus and dominate him on his own home turf.

And Jesus' answer is, "Be silent, and come out of him." Immediately, the demon leaves, and the crowd who had been astounded at Jesus' teaching is even more amazed at his authority. But I am confused about the guy with the unclean spirit. Where did he come from? He seems to appear from within the gathering of believers. That this evil spirit manifests itself through one of the congregation's members, during worship, is just… creepy.

But look what Jesus does for him. He doesn't condemn or punish. He simply casts out that which is unclean, so that the man can be truly free. The Bible says all authority in heaven and on earth flows from One Source. It's as simple and as complicated as that. The unclean spirits have not gone away. They are as vocal and violent and life-destroying as ever. But the One who is in charge says, 'Be silent! Come out!' And he entrusts us here in this place with a different Spirit by which to live. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Spreading Fame

*Find the 31 **bold** words from Mark 1:21-28 (ESV)*

G	I	S	E	D	D	C	T	O	E	T	A	R	W	T
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F	D	A	S	C	A	H	T	B	E	G	H	U	J	L
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N	V	O	E	P	E	O	C	O	R	E	Y	T	I	B
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C	A	P	E	R	N	A	U	M	O	U	T	B	S	G
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And they went into **Capernaum**, and immediately on the **Sabbath** he entered the **synagogue** and was **teaching**. And they were **astonished** at his teaching, for he **taught** them as one who had **authority**, and not as the **scribes**. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an **unclean spirit**. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the **Holy One** of **God**." But Jesus **rebuked** him, saying, "Be **silent**, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, **convulsing** him and crying out with a **loud voice**, came out of him. And they were all **amazed**, so that they **questioned** among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He **commands** even the unclean spirits, and they **obey** him." And at once his **fame spread everywhere** throughout all the surrounding region of **Galilee**.

Take Care

*Find the 30 **bold** words from 1 Corinthians 8:4–9 (ESV)*

C	B	C	S	L	W	G	L	C	S	K	E	G	R	D
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D	S	M	E	A	R	T	H	N	R	S	T	X	T	O
G	O	I	M	K	A	E	W	S	B	D	I	D	T	F
R	N	G	R	E	A	L	X	C	L	S	N	E	E	X
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M	D	O	A	L	E	U	W	E	S	O	O	O	T	C
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N	S	C	J	N	T	S	E	S	Q	R	E	Q	E	C
R	U	I	S	D	O	B	S	F	C	E	E	C	R	Y
N	S	E	Y	P	D	E	F	I	L	E	D	R	V	Y

Therefore, as to the **eating** of **food offered** to **idols**, we **know** that "an idol has no **real existence**," and that "there is no God but **one**." For although there may be so-called gods in **heaven** or on **earth**—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— yet for us there is one God, the **Father**, from whom are all things and for whom we **exist**, and one **Lord**, **Jesus Christ**, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all **possess** this **knowledge**. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their **conscience**, being weak, is **defiled**. Food will not **commend** us to **God**. We are no **worse off** if we do not eat, and no **better** off if we do. But **take care** that this **right** of yours does not somehow become a **stumbling block** to the **weak**.