

Madison Avenue Church of Christ

Welcome Visitors!

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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur 9:00 - 3:00

Weekly Services

Sunday

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

No evening worship on the Fourth Sunday of each month.

Weekday Radio Program

"Thinkaboutit" with Charlie Wharton AM 1240 at 6:55 a.m.
thinkaboutit.pierrechurchofchrist.org

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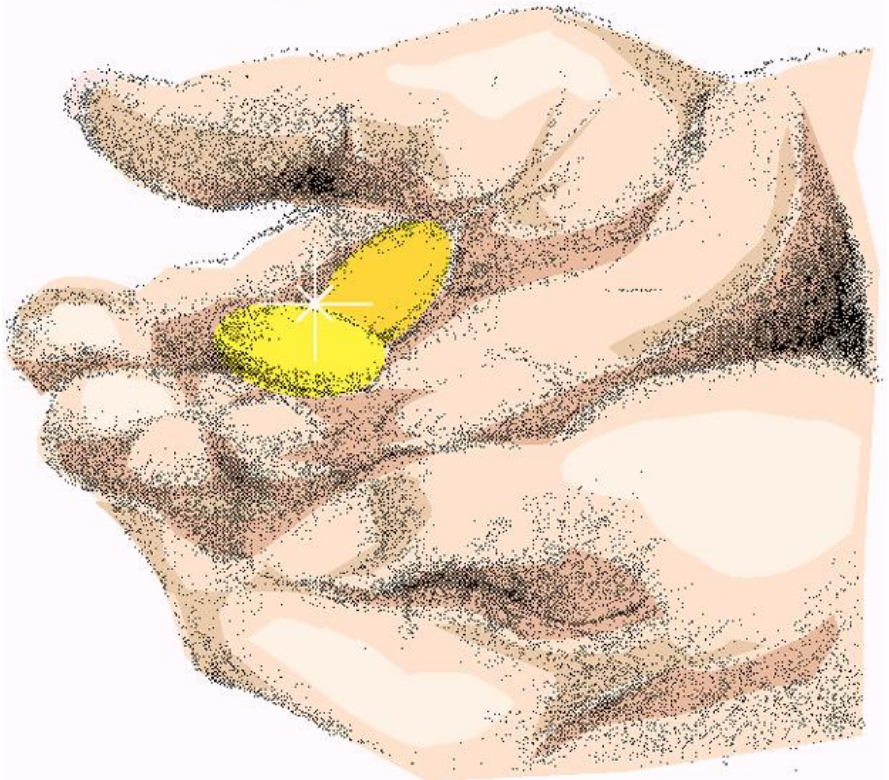
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"...she ... put in
everything -
all she had..."

Mark 12:44





We are so glad that you decided to come and worship with our family today. We hope that you will join in with us as we praise God together in our worship. Whatever your situation in life, we pray that you will find what you need to bring you closer to God. Please take a minute and fill out one of the red visitor cards in the back of the pews and drop it in the collection plate when it comes around — we would greatly appreciate it. Please come back and worship with us again!

A Moment With Mark

Our adversary, the devil, is a master of deceit. He has found some very creative ways to persuade us to move toward him rather than toward God. He knows that what we want is joy, and he shrewdly tempts us to seek it on his terms. His argument runs something like this: “I’m not asking you to desire anything different; I’m just showing you a better way to get what you desire.” But that is a lie. He knows it, and we know it, too, as soon as we take the bait. The path he offers is not simply a better path to the same destination; it is a different destination altogether. The devil is asking us, in the most ultimate sense, to switch goals.

How many people would do what the devil suggests if they knew what he was up to? If we knew that death, not joy, would be the result of going his way, we would not go there, would we? But many of us do know what the devil is up to. Why do we let ourselves be seduced into changing the direction of our lives?

For most of us, the answer is not hard to find. When we switch goals, we think of ourselves as doing it only *temporarily!* After we have indulged ourselves, we will get back on the path to God. We naively suppose that since God will see our sin as nothing more than an insignificant “lapse,” nothing very radical or traumatic will be required of us in the way of repentance. But what we fail to see is how *insulting* to God’s love our sin is. When we turn away from a God who has loved us to follow His archenemy, we take our place in the ranks of those who are in *rebellion* against God.

We need to see sin for what it is: a worshipping of the wrong god. Sin — any sin — is a denial of God. Samuel summed it up starkly when he said to Saul, “Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry” (1 Samuel 15:23). Not many of us would want to be known as idolaters, but that is what it comes down to when, at the devil’s suggestion, we exchange God, our hearts’ true desire, for anything else at all.

*The whole effort -- the object -- of temptation is to induce us
to substitute something else for God. To obscure God.*

—R. H. Stewart

Grace and Peace ~ Mark

PRAYER LIST

Sharon, a friend of Peggy Cruse, will be having breast surgery in the near future.

Jennifer Newton had thyroid surgery in Sioux Falls on Friday.

Shirley Osbourn, Brandon's sister-in-law, is home, but their premature baby boy is still in the hospital.

Michael Richter, Jane Davis's grand-nephew, will be undergoing radiation therapy for brain cancer soon.

Justin Newton during his mission trip to Moldova.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Located in the foyer are some new directory printouts. If you would like a new one, please stop by and get one. If we run out, please let the office know and we will be happy to print off one for you. If you do not have a folder for your directory, there are some extras in the foyer as well. Some of the directory updates include the following: Updated e-mail addresses, minor corrections, mailing address for Michelle Monroe, and the addition of John & Claudia Rheinbolt. You can also access the directory in a PDF file from the membership area of our web site. If there are any other updates/corrections that need to be made, please contact the office.

SUPPLIES FOR MOLDOVA

Today is the last day that you can contribute medicines for Justin to take to Moldova. He's looking to take some over-the-counter pain relievers and cold medication which the brethren in Moldova have a very hard time obtaining.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TODAY** Fourth Sunday Fellowship
Feb 24 Justin leaves for Moldova on a mission trip.
Mar 8 Daylight Saving Time begins
Mar 11 Justin Returns from Moldova
Mar 18 Wednesday Soup and Sandwich dinner here at 5:30 p.m.

BODY BUILDERS

The Body Builders group will not meet today.

FOURTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Today is our Fourth Sunday Fellowship. We will have a potluck dinner immediately following our morning service. If you are visiting with us today, please stay and have dinner with us. We will have a congregational meeting at 1:30, then dismiss for the afternoon. There will be no 6:00 p.m. service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday this week to Tanner Schaefer (Monday) and Kevery Thompson (Tuesday). We also wish a belated Happy Birthday to John Rheinbolt (February 10th).



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome
 Song Leader
 First Prayer
 Communion Leader
 Communion Servers

Scripture Reading
 Announcements & Closing
 Greeters

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader
 Communion/Closing

WEDNESDAY

Songs
 Scriptures
 Closing

TODAY

Buford Storrs
Herb Davis
Justin Newton
Charlie Wharton
Max Cruse
Brandon Osbourn
Ed Nill
Mack Wyly
Corey Huxoll
Brad Curtis
Jeff French
Sharon French

TODAY

No Services
No Services

FEBRUARY 18

Alan Hyde
Kris Monroe
Taylor Hyde

MARCH 1

Brad Curtis
Bob Duncan
Buford Storrs
Ed Nill
John Rheinbolt
Kyle Wyly
Taylor Hyde
Brandon Osbourn
Taylor Newton
Charlie Wharton
Margaret Nickels
June Cruse

MARCH 1

Bob Duncan
Charlie Wharton

MARCH 4

Bob Duncan
Taylor Newton
Alan Hyde



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