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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.

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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

Difficulties are not hard to find. The average person's life presents a thorny thicket of problems that have to be dealt with. Indeed, on some days it seems that we do little more than run from one problem to the next. We can hardly get one fire put out before another breaks out somewhere else.

But out of all the things that need fixing, which one needs fixing the most? Which issue in life is the main issue? One measure of our spiritual maturity (and even our earthly maturity) is the way in which we prioritize our problems. The immature give most of their attention to problems that are of no more than secondary importance, while the more mature see the things that matter most and give their primary attention to those things. So if the way we spend our time and the problems we choose to work on are any indication, how mature can we say that we are, really and truly?

Anyone who has read the New Testament will know that it takes a definite position on the question of what's important and what's not. Jesus put it in the form of a question: "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his soul?" *Our main problem is our broken relationship with God.* As long as that problem goes unfixed, we are pathetic and profitless creatures, even if we are able to fix every other problem in the world.

Millions of people would say *Amen!* to the importance of God -- but these same people spend most of their time working on issues other than their relationship to Him. Our schedule books simply do not support our claim that spiritual concerns are No. 1 in our lives. We rush through our days, accomplishing little more than the rearrangement of deck chairs on a ship that is sinking.

The daily challenge that confronts us is not only to *see* what most needs to be worked on, but to *keep* that concern in the cross hairs of our attention. In the end, it will be evident that most of the "urgent" matters that tried to claim our attention were simply inconsequential. Before it's too late, we need to stop our frantic fixing of things "out there" and start working on things "in here."

*It is not a world out of joint that makes our problem
but the shipwrecked soul in it.*

—P. T. Forsyth

Grace and Peace ~ Mark

PRAYER LIST

Jennifer Newton is still recovering from surgery. She is waiting on news as to when she will begin her radiation treatment.

Mike Richter, Jane Davis's nephew, has begun his radiation treatments.

Corey Huxoll had gall bladder surgery this last week and is recovering at home.

Linda McBrayer's nephew is back in school following his brain surgery.

Wyly Family — please continue to keep them in your prayers with the loss of James Wyly.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

We have taken on the responsibility of delivering meals for one route for Meals-On-Wheels on Tuesdays of each week. The route consists of 12 stops in the northeast section of Pierre. We have someone for this week, but need more volunteers after that. If you can participate in delivering these much needed meals, please sign up for a specific Tuesday on the list in the foyer.

THANK YOU!

Last week we had a food drive for the Pierre Area Referral Service School Backpack Food Program. Friday, Mark and Jennifer were able to take six large boxes food to PARS for them to use. They were extremely grateful. Because of this program, children are able to take food home over the weekend who might not have any. Thanks to all who participated in the food drive.

MISSION REPORT

This afternoon, in our congregational meeting, Justin Newton will be giving a report on his mission trip to Bendery and Tiraspol, Moldova.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY Fourth Sunday Fellowship

Mar 29 Teacher's Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Mar 29 Singing Night

Apr 1 April Fool's Day

FOURTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Today is our Fourth Sunday Fellowship. We'll have our potluck dinner following morning services, followed by a congregational meeting at 1:30 p.m. There will be no evening services.

TEACHER'S MEETING

All current teachers and all those interested in the educational department are requested to meet next Sunday at 5:00.

RELAY FOR LIFE

If you are interested in participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, please sign up on the list in the foyer. There will be a meeting April 5th at 5:30 p.m. for all those interested. You don't have to walk the entire 12 hours! You can walk as little or as much as you would like.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday this week to Ed Nill (today), Lyndsay Monroe (Tuesday) and Jason Monroe (Thursday).



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome.....
 Song Leader.....
 First Prayer.....
 Communion Leader.....
 Communion Servers.....

TODAY

Buford Storrs.....
Herb Davis.....
Craig Hyde.....
Bob Duncan.....
Brad Cruse.....
Max Cruse.....
Cole Cruse.....
Raury Cruse.....
Brandon Osbourn.....
Brandon Osbourn.....
Charlie Wharton.....
Herb Davis.....
Jane Davis.....

MARCH 29

Brad Curtis.....
Justin Newton.....
Charlie Wharton.....
Herb Davis.....
Mack Wyly.....
Taylor Newton.....
Ed Nill.....
Brandon Osbourn.....
John Rheinbolt.....
Bob Duncan.....
Buford Storrs.....
Diann Storrs.....

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader.....
 Communion/Closing.....

TODAY

No Evening Service.....
No Evening Service.....

MARCH 29

Singing Night.....
Bob Duncan.....

WEDNESDAY

Songs.....
 Scriptures.....
 Closing.....

MARCH 25

Mark Newton.....
Alan Hyde.....
Taylor Newton.....

APRIL 1

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