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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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Welcome Visitors!

*“Those who eat my flesh
and drink my blood
have eternal life.”*

John 6:54





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

Just as there are special challenges for those who are young in the faith, there are also some for the older. One of these is the pride that comes from comparing ourselves to those who are our juniors, spiritually speaking. “May God help us to avoid thoughts such as these: *But I have been here the longest. I have worked harder. Someone else is being favored*” (Teresa of Avila).

Pride is especially dangerous because of its subtlety. It can take many different forms, some of which are extremely hard to see when we are the ones who are guilty. If we think only of blatant egotism and arrogance, we may judge ourselves to be free of pride, but we need to think twice. It may be that some of the attitudes we classify as “spiritual maturity” are actually forms of pride, nicely disguised as the virtues of strength and wisdom.

For example, it’s hard for experienced Christians to keep satisfaction with their experience from sliding off into the swamp of *smugness*. Perhaps we would never say so, and perhaps we’re clever enough to keep others from knowing we think this way, but inwardly we may feel a warm, condescending glow of ever-so-subtle superiority when we think how little others have suffered. “When they’ve been around as long as we have, they’ll see things differently,” we sigh, congratulating ourselves for being older.

If you think you’re not troubled by this particular malady, ask yourself this question: how willing am I to be *corrected* by someone with far less experience than I? The patronizing, “mature” smile with which you listen to criticism from your juniors is probably a sign of pride, and you may need to listen to Solomon: “Better a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king who will be admonished no more.” Hasn’t pride closed many an older ear?

Whether we’re young or old in the faith, it’s a good idea to minimize the amount of time we spend making comparisons. It really doesn’t matter whether we are ahead of or behind someone else in life’s experience. We won’t have been in heaven for five seconds before we realize how absolutely silly such comparisons are. The only gap that matters is the gap between us and God!

Beware of thinking about your seniority.

—Teresa of Avila

Grace and Peace ~ Mark

PRAYER LIST

Jennifer Newton is going to Sioux Falls this afternoon and will have radiation treatment for Thyroid Cancer tomorrow.

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.

Hunter is out of town this weekend saying good by to his brother who is being deployed to Iraq.

Expecting mothers: Holly Thompson

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 13 stops in the northeast section of Pierre. If you can participate in delivering these much needed meals, please sign up for a specific Tuesday on the list in the foyer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Reiger's officially placed membership with us last Sunday. We welcome Elmer, Judy, and Kristina to the family here in Pierre. An updated directory will be available online this afternoon with their information. We will also have some printed copies next week.

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 19th 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY Singing Night

Apr 1 April Fool's Day

Apr 5 Teacher's Meeting 5:00 p.m.

Apr 8 Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30

Apr 12 Easter Sunday

Apr 15 Income Tax Day

Apr 19 Relay for Life Meeting

WEDNESDAY DINNER

Wednesday, April 8th, we will be having dinner at 5:30. Bring ham sandwiches, deviled eggs, and any other Easter type favorites you like.

TEACHER'S MEETING

Today's Teacher's Meeting has been postponed until next Sunday, April 5th, at 5:00 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday this week to Corey Huxoll (Today).

ATTENTION TEACHERS

The Teacher's Work Room has been remodeled and is now ready for your use. Special thanks to Elmer Reiger for installing the carpet for us, to Meghan, Emily, and Taylor for helping paint, and to Jennifer for helping organize and restock supplies. If you have any supplies that you are in need of, please make a list and pin it to the bulletin board in the work room, or write down what you need on the white board there. Also, there are several items stacked in Room 7 that we would like for the teachers to go through today and let us know what should be kept and what can be gotten rid of. Thanks for your help!

Worship Assistants

SUNDAY MORNING

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

TODAY

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

APRIL 5

Buford Storrs
Ed Nill
John Rheinbolt
Charlie Wharton
Elmer Reiger
Kyle Wyly
Taylor Hyde
Jeff French
Kris Monroe
Brad Curtis
Karen Wyly
June Cruse

Scripture Reading.....
Announcements & Closing.....
Greeters.....

SUNDAY EVENING

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

TODAY

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

APRIL 5

Ed Nill
Brad Curtis

WEDNESDAY

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

APRIL 1

Charlie Wharton.....
Taylor Newton.....
Taylor Hyde.....

APRIL 8

Ed Nill
Kris Monroe
Alan Hyde



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