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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

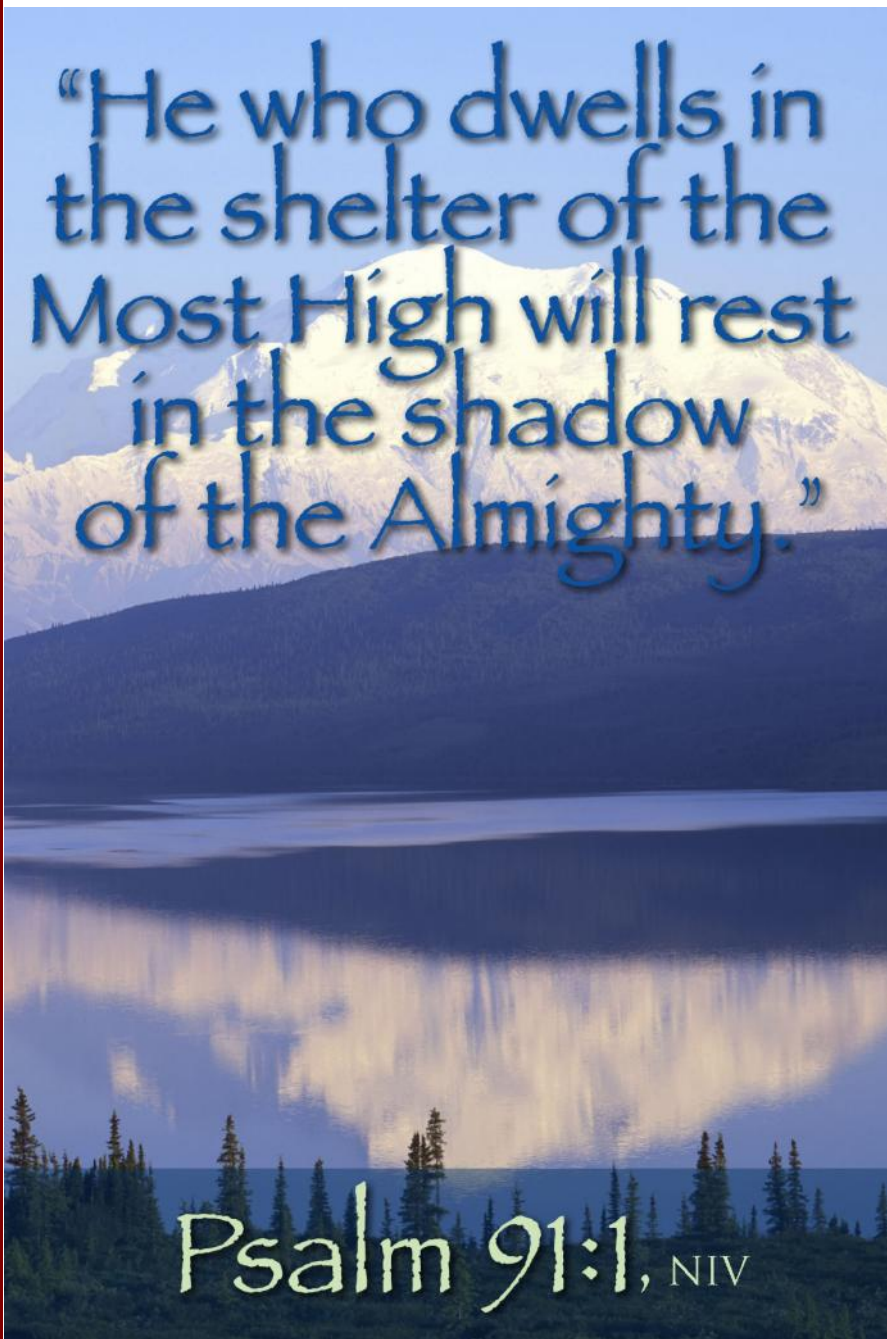
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“He who dwells in
the shelter of the
Most High will rest
in the shadow
of the Almighty.”

Psalm 91:1, NIV



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

It is a foolish thing to do, but we sometimes turn away from God to satisfy ourselves with things that are far less satisfying. To the amazement of all who love us, we trade the better for the worse, going down the scale of values rather than up. Paul, for example, expressed surprise that his Galatian brethren were turning away from the gospel to things that, by comparison, were nothing more than “weak and beggarly elements.” What sense does it make to do this, he said, “after you have known God?”

Any time we turn back to worldly satisfactions after having known godly contentment, we go backwards from freedom to bondage. There is no allurements the devil has ever offered anyone that does not result in some kind of enslavement. He always promises greater freedom, but what he always delivers is slavery. “Do you desire again to be in bondage?” Paul asked the Galatians.

It is hard to imagine how “frustrating” our faithless decisions must be to our Heavenly Father. Having offered us, at the price of His Son’s blood, the only thing that deserves the name “contentment,” He sees us act like we are still looking for something more fulfilling. Unwilling to strip us of our free will and force us to remain at His side, He waits, in love, for us to make good, wise decisions. Too often, we do nothing in return but break His heart.

Rejecting what we have come to know of God’s will is so foolish, none of us would ever do it if we were not deceived. But therein lies the power of sin. The devil is shrewd enough to make slavery seem, for the moment, like it is better than what we have.

It would help us if we paid more attention to the grace God has shown us. We need to be more *consciously grateful* to Him, meditating on the deep, genuine peace that can be found only within the boundaries of the gospel. Do these boundaries limit us? Yes, they do, but let us not lose touch with reality: *what God is "holding back" from us is death!* If we forget that fact, we are apt to find ourselves dissatisfied with what He has graciously provided.

*If we are not nourished by the Bread from heaven,
we will satiate ourselves with crumbs from the world.*

—Erwin W. Lutzer

Grace and Peace ~ Mark

PRAYER LIST

Jennifer Newton had her radiation treatment last week. She will be back to Sioux Falls tomorrow for a cancer scan.

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

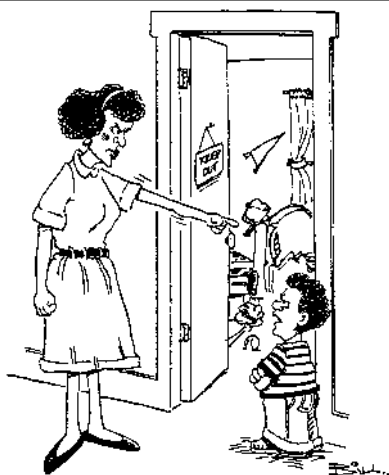
Linda McBrayer's nephew is still having some difficulties following surgery.

Linda McBrayer's niece's husband and daughter, Marty and Kayleigh, were injured in a car crash last week.

Expecting mothers: Holly Thompson

MEALS-ON-WHEELS

We still need some people to sign up to help with the Meals-On-Wheels project we have undertaken. This is really a great thing to do, and it only takes an hour out of your day. If you can help, please sign up on the board in the foyer. If you have any questions, please see Mark.



"God gave Noah 100 years
to build the ark. Can't I have
at least a month to clean my room?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY 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

There will be a meeting of all teachers and those interested in the educational department at 5:00 p.m. today.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday this week to Nancy Huxoll (Today), Jesse Monroe (Tuesday), Dylan Fulton (Tuesday) and Jennifer Newton (Thursday).

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary today to Jeff and Sharon French.

FOR OUR VISITORS

We have developed a new Welcome Visitor packet that we will be handing out to all of our first time visitors. It has a variety of information about the church and what we are about in it. If you would like, take a moment and look through one of the folders to see what we have put in there. We believe that this will be a benefit to our visitors and help make them more comfortable when they come to worship with us.

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.....
Ed Nill.....
John Rheinbolt.....
Craig Hyde.....
Elmer Reiger.....
Kyle Wily.....
Taylor Hyde.....
Jeff French.....
Kris Monroe.....
Brad Curtis.....
Karen Wily.....
June Cruse.....

TODAY

Ed Nill.....
Brad Curtis.....

APRIL 8

Ed Nill.....
Kris Monroe.....
Alan Hyde.....

APRIL 12

Brad Curtis.....
Bob Duncan.....
Justin Newton.....
Charlie Wharton.....
Mack Wily.....
Ed Nill.....
Brandon Osbourn.....
Alan Hyde.....
John Rheinbolt.....
Charlie Wharton.....
Buford Storrs.....
Diann Storrs.....

APRIL 12

Bob Duncan.....
Charlie Wharton.....

APRIL 15

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Taylor Hyde.....
Kris Monroe.....



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