



THE SEBRING CHRISTIAN FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)

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It has been said that the church is the only organization that does not exist for itself and its members. In a way that is not quite correct. The congregation exists to foster, encourage, support, grow, network, and fellowship as a community for itself. But the emphasis of the statement is very much correct. Even though we need money, we do not exist to make money. Even though we hope to grow, it is not to become bigger but to do better in our tasks. Even though we need to advertise who we are, we don't

do that only for ourselves. The church exists for four verbs; go, make, baptize, teach. Those four verbs are the mission of the church.



We find companies with models like "let's build something together", "we bring good things to life", "Quality is job one", "Where do you want to go today?". Microsoft is not really interested in going anywhere as long as you buy their product. All these businesses, in fact all businesses must make a profit. The church was commissioned to go, make, baptize, teach. Once the church loses that ministry and mission to others, it's more like an organization. Understand, that issues like how we survive, how we budget, and how we organize are all necessary questions to keep up with our mission, but they are not our primary mission.

Of course that is over simplistic. Once we execute our primary mission, we become the people of God. We are now on the cross with Jesus looking up to love God and looking parallel to love our neighbor as our self. We may meditate and study and worship and pray to love but it is only for ourselves to be faithful to our mission to others.

As we come into 2020 and are attempting to seek the will of God through His body and by His blood, let us remember why we exist. Even more than that, let us remember who we are! It's so important that we reject the trappings of the world. Remember who we are. In a world filled with destruction and dissension and deceit, let us remember that we are the people of God and that we exist for others in maybe a large way, but maybe in a small way or many small ways by what we do and say and who we are.

Pastor's projected February mornings in office: 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26



Deacons & Servers

Preparing

2nd Roger Sands & Linda Lussier
9th Johnny & Helen Kelly
16th Ross Fadely & Elaine Milward
23rd Roger Sands & CJ Wiggin

Serving

Bill & Carolyn Hinline
Ron & Peggy Davis
Rich Neff &
Johnny & Helen Kelly

Acolyte

Linda Lussier
Peggy Davis
Ross Fadely
Roger Sands

Elders

Communion

2nd Linda Ellis
9th Gordon Walkington
16th Sandra Laufer
23rd Ron Colwell

Offering

Diane Beidler
Jane Walkington
Rich Campton
Wanda Gordon

Greeter

Bill & Carolyn Hinline
Helen Kelly



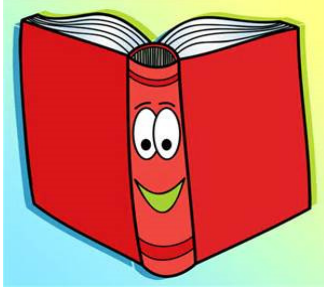
BIRTHDAYS

<u>1st</u> Jerry Duball	<u>21st</u> Bill Hinline
<u>2nd</u> David McCord	<u>22nd</u> Mary Ann Thomas
<u>7th</u> Rich Campton	<u>24th</u> Phil Lucas
<u>11th</u> Ann Holly	<u>28th</u> Don Tiemens

ANNIVERSARIES

13th Roger & Jaquae Sands

Do you need a ride to the doctor, grocery store, or some other errand? Peggy Cousins has offered local transportation as needed. You can contact Peggy at 863-385-3149 for information.



BOOK CLUB

We are reading "Wings Of the Wind: by Connilyn Cossette. We begin the story with Allanah, a Canaanite who was raised alongside her brothers. Her mother left when she was 3 years old. Her father taught her how to shoot a bow and she knew the basics of fighting. When her father and brothers are all killed in a battle with the Hebrews, she disguises herself as a man and sneaks onto the battlefield to avenge her family, never expecting to survive.

Tobiah, a Hebrew warrior, finds an unconscious woman on the battlefield among the casualties. What was a woman doing in the battle? He felt compelled to bring her back to his Hebrew camp and get a healer to help her. But he is unprepared for the consequences of what he thought was an act of compassion. Both of their lives change in an instant as they both fight to survive. Can vengeance give way to forgiveness?

Please read as follows:

Feb. 4: Chap. 16 through 30, p. 116 to p. 227

Feb 18: Chap. 31 through 46, p. 228 to p. 339 (to finish the book)

Please join us!! There will be a copy in the library for you to read. We meet at 4:30 p.m. in the church library the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Submitted by Jaquae L. Sands, 382-3428

CHOIR NEWS



This is a lovely month to be in the choir!!! We are bringing you a couple of new numbers we've been working on as well as some old favorites. Lots of variety in the choir music! We'd love to have you join our musical family! See you in church! Keep in Tune,
Jaquae

A JOYFUL NOISE

Please keep Sue Colwell in your prayers as she is not able to play chimes at this time because of healing from a fall. We miss you Sue!!!! We are limping along the best we can and will do our best to play for you at the end of this month. Want to join us? Please give me a ring!!!

For Whom The Bell Tolls,

Jaquae



From Wanda Gordon

First of all I want to say a BIG "Thank You" to everyone who helped in any way in preparing the 36 Childrens Christmas Shoeboxes that we contributed. For our first year that was GREAT. Hopefully we can double that for next year.

I am going to be putting empty shoeboxes on the table in our room. Please stop by, pick one up and start filling it. Or as you see something on sale that would be good to put in a box, buy as many as you can afford and put them on the tables in that room. Let's work hard toward 72 next Christmas!



DOC MEN

Many, many thanks to everyone who supported our recent Chili Supper project. Special thanks to our head chef, Richard Neff and his helpers. Final total of the proceeds was \$815.00 which will be used for future church improvements.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, February 8th at 8:00 am in the church kitchen. All men of the church are invited to join us for good food, fellowship and prayer.

* Plans for a Taco Haystack dinner are in the works for February 21st, so ladies, don't put your cake pans away yet! The cost will be \$8.00 and Rich Campton has tickets.

Kudos to Gordon Walkington and his nephew, Larry Cole who repaired the roof over the Sanctuary doors. Gordon, Larry, Ron Davis and Rich Neff also pressure washed the stone overhang. The next project will be to seal and paint the stones to prevent them from dropping into the parking lot.

NEW FLOWER CHART ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

The new flower chart for 2020 has been posted on the bulletin board across from the library. Stop by and pick a Sunday that you would like to remember a special person or a special date (anniversary, birthday, etc.) Also contributions "to the Glory of God" would be appreciated. Cost of the bouquets is \$35.00. Call Rich Campton at 863-385-7423 or the church office at 863-385-0352 to reserve your flowers.



Our annual **Rummage Sale** will be on March 14 from 8:00 am til 1:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help organize our donations before the sale and to help the day of the sale. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board or you can call the church office to sign up at 863-385-0352. We will accept good condition items for the sale until March 8th.