



March 2019 COMMUNIQUE

GOD'S HEART, MY HEART, ONE BEAT



LENTEN DINNERS, WEDNESDAYS AT 5 P.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL, \$5 PER PERSON. Our first one is today, March 13, serving lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. The rest will be March 20, fajitas, salad dessert, March 27, and April 3 and 10. Upcoming weeks will feature, Judy Ragsdale's chicken spaghetti, and more!! Come and prepare for Easter.

Membership Information Dinner: Sunday, March 17 at 5 p.m. If you've been thinking about joining, come and learn about April Sound Church and meet the staff. Downen will talk about the history of the church. Please call the office if you would like to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday March 19 at 6:00 PM everyone is welcome.



Board Meeting



Saturday, March 23, coffee at 7:30, breakfast at 8 a.m. The speaker will be Frank Todor who will speak on Peter. You will be out by 9 a.m.

FUSE: Student Ministry: Regular meetings are on **Wednesdays** at 6:30 and for Food, Fellowship and Bible Study. Stefanee O'Hagan and the Youth are busy with Bible study, and planning for camp.



"Kids Church". Traditional Sunday School at 10:20 AM, Kid's Church at 11:00 AM.

SANCTUARY CHOIR: Meets Wednesdays in the Sanctuary at 5:30 to 6:15 for Easter music and 6:15 to 7 for regular Sunday practice. We would love to have you!

IT IS NO SECRET Billy Graham's ministry was launched in the Rose Bowl in 1949 with a marvelous response. He returned with another crusade in November 2004 on the 55th anniversary of that historic event. Before the event in 1949, Billy was a guest on a radio show hosted by songwriter/performer Stuart Hamblen. The radio host urged his listeners to attend the meetings at the Rose Bowl. Before leaving the studio, Billy asked Hamblen to go to the service too. Stuart was not a Christian (his wife was), but he consented anyway. On the night he attended, Hamblen did not go forward with others to claim Christ as Lord and Savior. His spirit was restless, so later that night he went to Graham's hotel. He told the evangelist of his churning spirit and with Billy's witness and prayers, he gave his heart to the Lord. Shortly afterward, the actor John Wayne saw Stuart and said, "Stuart, what's this about you hitting the sawdust trail?" Stuart responded, "That's no secret, John, what God has done for me. He can do it for you or anyone else." John Wayne said, "That sounds like a song, Stuart. Why don't you write one?" And that's how Stuart came to write "It Is No Secret (What God Can Do)."

“WinGS” Women’s Ministry Happenings for March: MONDAY, MARCH 25 Party of Five: Sign up to get involved in a “Girl’s Night Out.” Ladies in groups of 4-5 will be going out to eat at the restaurant of their choice. A time to make new friendships and share in a fun night together! Sign up at our next WinGS meeting or allenmuller53@gmail.com. For more information, contact Janet Allen(936-522-8800)

Holy Makeover Weekend Retreat: Make sure to register for our “Holy Makeover Weekend Retreat” April 26 & 27 here at our church. This is going to be an experience not an event! Come spend time with old friends, make new ones, & take time to truly “Be still & know that He is God.” Come join us Friday night 6:00-8:30pm and Saturday 8:00am-5:00pm. \$45 Early Bird registration will end Friday, March 15. Invite your friends & don’t miss this weekend!

WinGS Study of Colossians will be Monday, April 8

We have two groups meeting in the Fellowship Hall each month.

You can join a group at 10:00am or 6:00pm.

Morning group shares breakfast snacks and evening group serves dinner.

Childcare provided for 6:00pm study: Contact Heather - aprilssoundkids@gmail.com

Bring your Bible & a friend, and join us this month!

4 LOVE and Cookies Ministry contact: Karen Boggus #936-588-4707

Thursday, Jan. 17 @ 10:45 in Fellowship Hall. March 4LOVE and Cookies date is Thursday, March 14 @ 10:45 in Fellowship Hall. Bring 2-3 dozen cookies in bags of 6.

Prayer Circle Ministry contact: Janet Allen / #936-522-8800

LENT OFFERS TIME FOR GROWTH

Many of us know our IQ (intelligence quotient), but what about our SQ (spiritual quotient)? Lent is a good time to think about the quality of your spiritual life. Do you think about God often ... or rarely? Do you pray often ... or occasionally? How well do you know the Bible? The Commandments? The Beatitudes? The lives of biblical heroes and heroines?

During Lent, commit to spending more time in prayer. Also consider selecting a book of the Bible or a particular Bible character to study in-depth during this period. Some people give up particular items or habits during Lent. If used wisely, this discipline can help you abandon things that have been interfering with your relationship with God.

Seek out devotions and books that can help strengthen your spiritual life. Examples include: Show Me the Way by Henri Nouwen, A Season for the Spirit by Martin Smith, Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado, and Lent and Easter Wisdom From Thomas Merton edited by Jonathan Montaldo.

THE USUAL STUFF!

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: All donations of non perishable foods are welcome. Focus for March is soups and canned beans.



GOOD SAMARITAN COMMITTEE: Please call the church for little handyman jobs if you need a helping hand. If we cannot fix it we will help find someone who can.

ALTAR FLOWERS: if you have a special date in mind be sure and let us know. The cost is \$85 for one arrangement.

MEMORIAL BOOK:

March 17 Bill & Marie Adams

March 24 Dottie Bambeck

March 31 Raleigh and Jackie Barker

April 7 Jean Bazard

GOD ISN'T DEAF

Little Sonia was praying loudly to God and asking for a new doll for her birthday. Her mother interrupted her and said, "There's no need to shout. God isn't deaf." Sonia responded, "No, but Grandpa is and he's in the family room watching TV."



EASTER LILIES: Time to sign up for lilies, forms will be available in the foyer. As always they are \$10 each and we will publish the list of those who they are in honor of or in memory of on the 21st. You may take home your lily after service that day.

EASTER AT APRIL SOUND CHURCH:

April 14th - Palm Sunday, with a palm processional

April 18th - Maundy Thursday program at 7 p.m. remembering the

Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Communion is served.

Resurrection Sunday, April 21, 7 a.m. sunrise service at the Lake

10 a.m. service at the Church with Choir Easter music

Easter Egg Hunt following the 10 a.m. service



SUNDAY SCHOOL Meeting Sunday at 9:00 A.M.

Fellowship Class (Annex Fellowship Hall)

Students of Scripture Class (Annex Classroom B)

Choir Devotional Time (Library)

Fellowship Class at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall

TEXT BY CHOICE: We now have a way of registering attendance at church with your cell phone.

HOW IT'S DONE:

Send a text to this number 936 280 0062, in the message line put **thesound** (all lower case, all together) and then your name, first and last.

The next time you sign in you only need to text your name to 9362800062, you don't need to use **thesound** again.

We still have the books for signing in at the 10 a.m. service.

