

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

MORNING SERVICES • 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM ORCHESTRA / CHOIR • WORSHIP CENTER
 • 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM – WORSHIP BAND • LIVE & LOUD

NORTHWEST KIDS • ALL SERVICE TIMES • KID'S CHECK-IN

SPECIAL NEEDS AVAILABLE • 9:30 AM & 11AM • ROOM 108

HIGH SCHOOL & JR. HIGH • 9:30 AM • STUDENT MINISTRY BUILDING

THE WORD CLASS • 9:30 AM • ROOM 109

COLLEGE (AGES 18-28) • 6:00 PM • STUDENT MINISTRY BUILDING

MONDAY

DIVORCE CARE • 6:30 PM • ROOM 206

GRIEF SHARE • 6:30 PM • ROOM 115

PRAYER TEAM • 12:00 PM • PRAYER ROOM • WORSHIP CENTER

TUESDAY

GLORYLAND BAND (REHEARSAL) • 6:00 PM • LIVE & LOUD (G101)

SPIRIT CHOIR (REHEARSAL) • 7:00 PM • LIVE & LOUD (G101)

WEDNESDAY

JR. HIGH SCHOOL • 6:30 PM • STUDENT MINISTRY BUILDING

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KID VENTURE (PRE-K - 3RD) • 6:30 PM • KID'S CHECK-IN

ACTIVATE (4TH - 6TH) • 6:30 PM • KID'S CHECK-IN

THURSDAY

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY • 6:00 AM • LIVE & LOUD

EARLY BIRDS (WOMEN) • 7:00 AM • LIVE & LOUD (G101)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY • 10:00 AM • LIVE & LOUD (G101)

CELEBRATE RECOVERY (FOR ALL WHO HAVE HURTS, HANG-UPS & HABITS)
 • 5:30 PM DINNER • 6:30 PM WORSHIP • 7:30 PM SHARE
 GROUPS • 8:30 PM DESSERT • LIVE & LOUD

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (SERMON BASED) • 6:48 PM • RM 203C

UPCOMING EVENTS

PRAY FIRST • SATURDAYS • 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM • WORSHIP CENTER

COMEDY NIGHT • 03/01/19 • 6:00 PM • LIVE & LOUD

Giving Summary from 02/11/19 - 02/17/19

| | Last Week | Year to Date* |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|
| Budget Needs | \$ 37,000 | \$ 1,554,000 |
| Tithes & Offerings | \$ 29,000 | \$ 1,564,000 |
| Difference** | - \$ 8,000 | + \$ 10,000 |

*Fiscal Year begins May 1 **Includes miscellaneous gifts



02.24.19 | PASTOR WILL STOLL

THE BROKE ELEPHANT (GEN. 4:1-4; EX. 13:1-2 & 11-13)

HOW GOD SEES " **FIRST THINGS** "

1. THE **ROOT** GOVERNS THE REST. (ROM. 11:16)

2. THE FIRST REPRESENTS THE **FULLNESS**. (LK. 17:3)

THE FIRST THINGS PRINCIPLE IS CONSISTENT IN SCRIPTURE

• THE 10TH **PLAGUE**

• ABRAHAM AND HIS SON **ISAAC**

• THE FIRST CITY OF CONQUEST: **JERICHO** (JOS. 6:17)

• **GOD'S** ONLY SON (JN. 3:16, & 1:29)

WHAT DOES ALL THIS HAVE TO DO WITH YOUR FINANCIAL PRESSURES? (HG. 1:2-3 & 5-6)

LIFE GROUP NOTES

FOR STARTERS:

WHEN DID YOU DISCOVER WHAT IT MEANT TO BE ON GOD'S SIDE AND TAKE DIRECTION FROM HIM?

QUICK REVIEW:

EARLY IN GOD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH MAN HE ESTABLISHED "THE LAW OF FIRST THINGS." YOU WILL ALSO SEE IT REFERRED TO AS "THE LAW OF THE DEVOTED THINGS." THE DEFINITION OF DEVOTED THINGS IS THE IRREVOCABLE GIVING OVER TO THE LORD. GOD WANTS US TO GIVE TO HIM FIRST OUT OF WHAT WE RECEIVE AND DEVOTE OURSELVES WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO HIM. WHAT IS AT THE ROOT OF OUR LIVES DICTATES THE DIRECTION WE WILL GO. REMEMBER: THE ROOT GOVERNS THE REST.

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. READ EXODUS 13:14-16
 - A. WHY DO YOU THINK GOD WANTED THE ISRAELITES TO SACRIFICE THE FIRSTBORN MALES OF THEIR LIVESTOCK?

 - B. WHAT WAS A FATHER TO TELL HIS SON CONCERNING GOD'S DELIVERANCE?

 - C. WHY DO YOU THINK GOD WANTED THE ISRAELITES TO REMEMBER HOW HE DELIVERED THEM?

2. READ JOSHUA 6:17-21.
 - A. WHAT IS MEANT BY, "DEVOTED THINGS" AND THEIR PROHIBITION?

 - B. WHY DID JOSHUA INSTRUCT THE ISRAELITES AWAY FROM DEVOTED THINGS IN JERICHO?

 - C. WHY WAS IT IMPORTANT FOR THE ISRAELITES TO DEVOTE JERICHO AND ALL OF ITS WEALTH TO THE LORD?

 - D. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU TO BE DEVOTED TO THE LORD?

3. GOD MODELED GIVING BY GIVING HIS SON FIRST. READ JOHN 3:16 AS A GROUP.

- A. HOW DID GOD DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVE FOR THE WORLD ACCORDING TO THIS VERSE?

- B. HOW DOES GOD'S GIFT OF HIS SON AFFECT YOUR LIFE?

- C. HOW CAN YOU CHANGE YOUR DAILY ROUTINE TO BETTER APPRECIATE AND ENJOY GOD'S GIFT OF HIS SON?

FOR PRAYER:

PRAY ABOUT WAYS THAT YOU CAN BE MORE GENEROUS WITH YOUR TIME, TALENT OR TREASURE THIS WEEK.

ARE YOU HAVING A MAJOR LIFE EVENT?

- **HAVING A BABY**
- **ILLNESS**
- **INJURY**
- **JOB LOSS**
- **DEATH**
- **GETTING MARRIED**

We want to encourage you, pray for you, care for you, and reach out in support.

**CONTACT OUR CARE PASTOR TODAY:
(559) 931-1963**

FOR COUNSELING

- **MARRIAGE PROBLEMS**
- **FAMILY ISSUES**

Marriage & Family Therapists, Pastoral Counselors, Clinical Social Workers.

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