

March 08, 2015B

WELCOME



If you are a first time visitor please fill out one of our **Information Cards** available at the Information Center or in the Sanctuary. We want to thank you for joining us today as we celebrate God's grace and goodness together. Please be sure to introduce yourself to us and thanks again for coming.

TODAY:

This morning we will continue with answering the question "What Attracts the evident presence of the Holy Spirit into our midst?" If we can grieve the Holy Spirit we can also attract Him. So far we have established that attracting the Holy Spirit's glory requires a **genuine hunger** for His presence and we also must never forget that being called **the "Bride of Christ"** signifies intimacy, devotion, loyalty, and love. Our topic today is **"Gratitude"**

Missionary Offering on Feb. 22 was \$1,122.95 for El Salvador (Truck).

"Wed. Night Worship, Prayer, and Bible Study – March 11, at 7:00 PM. We are examining the truths in the book of James. According to James the most fundamental expression of faith is joy. Our Christian joy expands as we endeavor to walk in righteousness, integrity, and spiritual wisdom. This Wed. we are studying James 5: 1-11.

ROCC Youth Gathering—Friday, March 13, @ 7:00 PM, Games, Snacks, Worship, Teaching "Who Is God?"

ROCC Young Adults—Saturday, March 14, "Stewardship" Coffee & Snacks.

Alpha for Youth, video series, middle two Sundays of each month, starting today, March 8, at 10:50 AM, in the foyer room. (See Pastor Marco)



JUST FOR KIDS

Our children join us for worship in the main Sanctuary until they are called to the altar area for prayer. They will then attend Sunday School and will be supervised by our capable workers. Their special Bible lesson will conclude at the same time as the adult service.

On the first Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday) our children will stay with their parents in the main sanctuary for the entire service. Nursery will function as usual and be available every Sunday.

Nursery is supervised and available when the children are dismissed from the sanctuary.

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The visit and speech of Israel's Prime Minister, Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu at the United States of America, joint Congressional meeting this past week in Washington D.C. was historic. It is historic because it's the highest political stage in the world. Also significant because the only democratic leader in the Middle East had to come to the most powerful democratic leader in the world, President Obama, in an effort to plead his case against Iran's, Anti- Israeli and Nuclear agenda. One would assume that two democratic leaders would be united in their efforts to restrain a nation like Iran.

The event is equally notable in regards to Biblical Prophecy. Here we are in 2015, advanced in so many ways with technology and knowledge etc. and yet the headline news is centered on a little nation called Israel and the Middle East, once again. It is difficult to explain the consistent attention that the world has with this relatively small region except through the lens of Holy Scripture. This noteworthy meeting with the U.S. Congress could be another building-block leading to what the Bible refers to as a **false peace treaty**; one that Israel eventually accepts but ends in deception and war.

Along with many current situations that are very troubling there appears to be a growing Anti-Semitism in the world once again. Similarly there is a mounting intolerance towards Christian Values and Scriptural Truth. The Bible declares that we should be aware of the **'signs of the times'**. I am not much for making predictions about the future but I am very aware that we are living at a significant hour in relation to human history. The signs of the times are obvious. Jesus said: **"So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near-at the doors!...But as the days of Noah were, so also will be the coming of the Son of Man be...Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."** (Matt. 24)

F.Y.I.



Mother's Day, Ladies' Tea, Sat. May 2, @ ROCC

Summer Explosion Day Camp (2015) will begin again this year, starting June 29-Aug. 21. If you are a student and interested in working at the camp this summer, please see Patricia. **Camper registration will begin in the early spring.**