

March 22, 2015

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

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. Furthermore a "**Heart of Gratitude**" may be the most attractive quality to the Holy Spirit. The church must be a "**Fellowship of Love**"; loving Christ, each other, and the community. Today we examine a "**Teachable Spirit**".

Alpha for Youth, video series, continues on Sunday, April, 12 & 19, at 10:50 AM, in the foyer room. (See Pastor Marco)

Wed. Worship, Bible Study, & Prayer – March 25, 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: 13-20. (Righteous Prayer is Powerful) ROCC Youth Gathering—Friday, March 27, @ 7:00 PM, Games, Snacks, Worship, "Taco Night"

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.

This morning I am looking at what it means to have a teachable spirit. The Body of Christ must be committed to a life of learning. The work of the Holy Spirit was described by Christ as "...the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (Jon. 14: 26). There is no expiry date on this promise. There is a continuum of knowledge and revelation transmitted by the Holy Spirit to Christ's Body that will only cease upon physical death or the end of this age. I realize that this promise is tied dynamically to the Apostles' inspired account of Christ's life and work but it also applies to us. The learning I am referring to here is not limited to just a head knowledge. It is transformational in nature. "*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God...Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*"(Rom. 12) The Spirit is the Holy Counselor. Holy means unique, set apart, pure, and righteous. He is teaching us in the name of Jesus. Our learning from the Spirit is about the Holy Character of Christ. Our spiritual transformation is a call to emulate the life and attitude of Christ. We are in a spiritual process of being transitioned from the patterns and philosophies of this world to principles of His divine kingdom. "*Let this mind (Attitude) be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...*"(Phil. 2:5) God has so much more for us as we remain pliable and teachable before Him.

F.Y.I.

- Good Friday Worship Service: April 3, 10:00 AM (Communion)**
- Outside WORK-BEE, Sat. April 25, 8:00 AM, (weather permitting)**
- Pot Blessing Lunch, Sunday, April 26, after the morning worship service**
- Mother's Day, Ladies' Tea, Sat. May 2, 2:00 PM @ ROCC**
- Men's Ministry Breakfast & Speaker, June/Date TBA soon**
- 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.
- We are prayerfully hoping to replace the carpet and chairs in the church, if you can begin to give extra finances to help, it would be greatly appreciated!**