

March 29, 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 coming.

**This morning we will continue with answering the question "What Attracts the evident presence of the Holy Spirit into our midst?"** 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. The Body of Christ must nurture a "**Teachable Spirit**" and be committed to a life of transformation. Our sixth and final sermon in this series is "**Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing**" **Alpha for Youth**, video series, continues on Sunday, **April, 12 & 19**, at 10:50 AM, in the foyer room. (See Pastor Marco)

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**Wed. Worship, Bible Study, & Prayer – April 1, at 7:00 PM.**  
**(No Youth Meeting on Good Friday)**  
**ROCC Youth Gathering—Friday, April, 10 @ 7:00 PM, Games, Snacks,**  
**Worship, Teaching, "What is a disciple?"(part 1)**  
**\*Congratulations to Pastor Marco on receiving PAOC Ministry Credentials\***

## 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.

Today marks the beginning of what has become known as the "**Passion Week**". It began with Christ's exceptional entry into Jerusalem for the Passover celebration and ends with His Crucifixion. It is difficult to comprehend both the spiritual and physical agony that Christ bore for our redemption. Before he was nailed to and crucified on a cross he endured six different trials—three before Jewish rulers and three before Roman rulers. After suffering an inhumane beating with the infamous "cat o' nine tails" (a whip with 9 strands, 3 feet long, with bone fragments attached to the ends) they mocked him with a crown of thorns pressed into his scalp and skull. Bloody and beaten he was too weak to carry the cross the entire distance to the hill called Golgotha (place of the skull). He died, suspended between heaven and earth. For the first time in eternity, he was totally separated from the God-Head because the sin of the world was placed on Him. This was the "**Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.**" The prophet Isaiah wrote some 700 years before Christ "**...his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any man and his form marred beyond human likeness...he was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering, like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows...but he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.**" Christ fulfills these words!

## 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, Sat. June 13, 8:00-10:00 AM (\$5.00 each)**
- 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!**