

# 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.

## **Gathering to Worship Christ!**

Pastor Mills will be sharing from the Sacred Scriptures today.

**\*\* Wednesday Prayer, Fellowship, and Bible Study, resumes Wed. Jan. 25, @7:00 pm. \*\***

**Youth Series (Christian Values) Sundays in the Foyer Room**

**Youth Bake Sale, Sunday, Jan. 29, in the Foyer after the service. Proceeds for Youth Ministry.**

**"New Gathering Time" for praise, worship, prayer, testimonies, and fellowship. Once a month on Communion Sundays, 6:00-7:00 PM. (Next gathering Feb. 1, 2017)**

## **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.

The feeding of the 4,000 plus, people found in Mark chapter 8 is the second miracle of multiplication Jesus performed. The story reveals many things about the heart of God. One major thing that must never be overlooked or taken for granted is God's compassion towards Creation. Mark wrote that Jesus called the disciples to himself and told them that His heart was filled with compassion towards the people for they had been with him three days and were about to depart for home. He was concerned that they would faint on the way before they could secure sustenance. They probably brought enough food to sustain themselves for about three days but not for the journey home; which would be on foot, on rugged terrain, and a long distance. It is notable that the disciples had a lack of compassion and therefore found an excuse to do nothing. It should also be noted that Christ's compassion sprung from his real sense of responsibility for the people who had been with him. Also, it is important to underline the fact that compassion fueled the way for this wonderful miracle to transpire. Let's pray for godly compassion that observes the practical needs of others around us. As we do we will be encouraged as God intervenes and does what only He can do.

## **CARPET CAMPAIGNE UPDATE**

The carpet will be installed in early 2017. Thanks!