

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, an Bible Study, Wed. Feb. 1, @7:00 pm.

Youth Bake Sale, TODAY, in the Foyer after the service. Proceeds for Youth Activities and Ministry.

"New Gathering Time" for praise, worship, prayer, testimonies, and fellowship. Once a month on Communion Sundays, 6:00-7:00 PM. (Next gathering Sunday, Feb. 5, 2017)

FYI: Our Church Mortgage is now less than \$142,000. Thank you for your faithful tithes and offerings.

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.



Mark chapter 8: 27-38 is the account where Peter makes the incredible confession that Jesus of Nazareth is in fact the promised "Christ". The confession was made in an area of north Israel called Caesarea Philippi, near the south base of Mt. Hermon and about 30 miles north of the Sea of Galilee. I have visited the area several times and it is a very beautiful and grand location. It has had several names over the centuries, one being Paneas; named after the Greek god Pan. There is a cave there that according to Josephus contained a limitless source of water. It was promoted as the Grotto (cave) of Pan. In fact the Greeks believed that all the gods dwelled there because the area was so majestic and was the source for the Jordan River. The cave is still there today but all the huge temples that were built lay in ruins. It definitely had a celestial reputation to people of that day and I believe Jesus the Son of the Living God strategically took his disciples to this very setting and asked the question of questions: **"Who do people say that I am?"**

It is spiritually healthy for us to remember that Christianity was birthed in a culture of multi-gods. Christ was making a statement to the seen and unseen world then and now; He is "the Christ" the source of life, salvation, hope, love, forgiveness, truth, and abundant grace.

CARPET CAMPAIGNE UPDATE

We are anticipating that the new carpet will be installed before Easter. Thanks for your faithful giving!