

# 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 is the Day the Lord has made!**

Pastor Mills will be sharing from the Sacred Scriptures today.

**\*Wednesday Prayer, Fellowship, and Bible Study, Wed. March 1, @7:00 pm\***

**YA gathering Wed. March 1, @ 8:30 PM**

**"New Gathering Time" for praise, worship, prayer, testimonies, and fellowship. Once a month on Communion Sundays, 6:00-7:00 PM. (next meeting Sunday, March, 5)**

**Please pray for the Pastors and Deacons as they withdraw for a time of concentrated prayer and planning for ROCC, March 3 & 4.**

## **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.



***"Everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other."***  
**(Mark 9: 49&50) NIV**

As we continue our journey in the gospel of Mark we come to the record where Jesus teaches about **"salt"**. He actually makes three statements about salt in these two verses. He relates the affects that salt has on the earth to the Holy Spirit's affect in our lives as believers. **Believers are to be the salt of the earth but what does that mean exactly?** The righteous behavior of a true believer flavors and preserves existence around them. We should be salt shakers, so to speak, to the culture we live in. **Salt purifies, preserves, and flavors.**

Notice that Jesus talks about the goodness of salt as he concludes a teaching in Mark 9 about the dangers of sin and unrighteousness. The comments about salt cannot be separated from the overall teaching in this section of Mark.

**I love the fact that the Scriptures' liken the Holy Spirit to the composites found in physical salt. Because I need to be purified, I need to be healed, and I can only experience true everlasting preservation through His Work.**

## **CARPET CAMPAIGNE UPDATE**

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