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We've been thinking a lot about the Law lately. On Sunday mornings our study of Romans has focused on the role the Law played in bringing us to grace. On Wednesday nights James has pointed out the connection between faith and works, and how breaking one point of law makes us guilty of all. On Sunday nights we've explored the difference between ceremonial law, civil law, and moral law. And in our daily reading we've been reading, or skimming, through laws of all kinds that were given to Israel. Last week I discovered a connection between a couple of laws I had never noticed before.

In the 15th chapter of Numbers we read about a man who was caught gathering firewood on the Sabbath. The people weren't sure what to do with him, so they kept him in custody until Moses could get word from God on what his penalty should be. They were no doubt shocked by what God told them to do. The people were ordered to stone him to death.

When I read that I assumed God had discerned an unrepentant spirit of rebellion in the man, and thus the harsh judgment. But in the very next paragraph He tells Moses to tell an obviously forgetful people to put tassels of blue on the corners of their garments to remind them of the commandments, and the need to be holy.

Tying tassels on a shirt might seem like a silly law, if that's what it was. And maybe the people simply regarded it as good advice, or a helpful suggestion. But however it may have been viewed, God's intent was clear. He didn't want His people doing things that would require Him to take drastic action. He therefore ordained a helpful reminder to keep them from forgetting they had been set apart as holy.

We no longer wear tassels as a reminder, but Christ did ordain something for us to do on a regular basis. I don't know if we ought to think of "This do in remembrance of Me" as a command or not, but if we call Him Lord, it is something we must do.

I'll see you Sunday, around His table.
God Bless, Rick



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*Jr. High Beauty Pageant
Overnight at the Huber's House
Drop off: 6:00pm March 25th at CCC
Pick up: 11:00am at the Huber's*

STATISTICS

Worship 131
Offering \$4,287.68

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-3/24/19

Greeters	Duane Carrell
Visitors' Stand	Chris & Rhonda Luzio
Communion Meditation	Chris Luzio
Ushers	Otto Huber
	Will Bartels
	Rick Polley
	Bob Williamson
	Duane Carrell
	Chuck McLaughlin
	Chad Formea
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers.....	Shannon Higgins
	Grace Hunley
Infants.....	Kristin Polley
	Jamella Reese
	Jake Divjak
Sunday School	
Toddlers.....	Rhonda Luzio
Infants.....	Vicki Small
	Kristin Polley

The Hidden Word

1 KINGS 10:9

"Blessed be the Lord your God who delighted in you to set you on the throne of Israel; because the Lord loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king, to do justice and righteousness."



We have been blessed with so many babies and toddlers in our church, we are once again in need of volunteers for the nurseries! If you love babies, (and who doesn't?) let Rhonda Luzio know this week if you'd like to help out. We are especially in need of help during the Sunday School hour. Our "Littles" are anxious to play with you.

ASIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION



Jesse Yangmi is not able to travel as much as he once was, but his wife Ati was recently able to go to northern Burma where she was responsible for purchasing and distributing rice and relief supplies for flood victims in fourteen different Rawang and Lisu villages. She spent several days purchasing most of the supplies with funds provided by IDES, and then hired trucks to haul them to the villages. While waiting for the supplies to arrive, she and her team canvased each of the villages, took a census of the families impacted by the flooding, and documented their loss. They then distributed 900 70 pound bags of rice, 42 50 pound bags of lentils, 405 2 liter bottles of cooking oil, 700 1 pound bags of salt, 210 boxes of instant noodles, 200 35 pound bags of rice seed for planting, and water pipes to replace those that been swept away in the flooding.

The Yangmis are now raising funds to be able to send relief to 220 Jerwang families who had their crops completely destroyed by a plague of rats. Because the rains have started they will not be able to get food supplies to them until October. Until then the people are surviving by foraging in the forests and trying to get by.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to help so many through the ministry of Jesse and Ati.

Let Us Pray For...

--Emily Evans on an eye health mission in Guatemala.

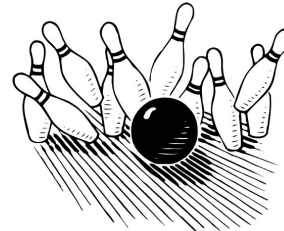
--Jamie Blakley recovering from a heart attack.

Prek - 12th Grades YOUTH GROUPS

We had a great time at FUSE last Sunday evening! The younger kids talked about the necessity to do the right thing, even when nobody is watching. Our conduct should always honor God. All the activities and examples revolved around donuts! Not only did they get a great lesson, but plenty of donuts were consumed by this always hungry group of kids.

For the older kids, we started a series titled Jesus Loves. After a group game in which Jake and Justin won an awesome prize, we looked at some examples of how Jesus loved children. The kids saw their value in the eyes of the Lord and discovered ways they could be an example to us all. 1 Timothy 4:12 was examined in our breakout groups and it challenged us all to be examples in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity.

Be sure to come out this Sunday evening for some more fun activities and lessons. If you happen to be hanging out with a friend over Spring Break, bring them too!



K-5th Grade Students

It's time for our annual trip to Showplace Lanes in Virden for an afternoon of bowling and pizza. This year, we might shake it up a bit and play a game or two of Lasertag while we are there! We will be leaving right after Sunday School on Sunday, March 31st. The cost for the afternoon will be \$15 and we plan to return to CCC at 3:15 for pick up. A sign up sheet is on the wall so be sure to sign up Sunday!



Junior High Girls

As you are inviting your friends to the pageant, remember, this is not an external beauty pageant where a crown will be awarded based on beauty as the world has defined it. This is a time to have fun with friends, try on fancy gowns, do your hair in a new way and focus on the fact that you are beautifully made in God's image.

Throughout the evening, you will be paired up with a High School girl who will be your personal assistant to boss around, get your water when needed, etc. Not really, but they will be your constant companion to give you feedback on your gown, make up, and talent to share. Please bring any overnight supplies you will need as the study portion of the evening will conclude on Tuesday morning. Pick up will be at our house on Tuesday at 11:00am.



Junior High/High School Boys

What shall we do? While the girls are pageanting on the 25th, the suggestion was made to go to the Wacky Fun Time Center at the mall but they are closed on Mondays. So, take a moment to browse for something you would like to try in Springfield or any of our surrounding cities within an hour drive. We will discuss all the options on Sunday and then make a group decision on something we will all enjoy. I am already looking forward to some guy time!