

The Channel

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God's Desire . . . to see Heaven on Earth!

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God is calling us back to Him. Calling us back to God's original plan for humanity. Yes, Adam and Eve made a mistake; and it was a costly mistake for them and, also, for us. We had no say in the matter; however, we do have a say **NOW!** God created us with a free-will. We have the ability (given by God) to have a say in our future. What are you choosing **right now** for **your** future?

Yes, just like Adam and Eve we make mistakes. **But** we do not have to **stay** in our mistake. We have an advocate, Jesus Christ, who is **on our side** when we mess up. He is just waiting for us to **confess** and **turn from** our sin, so we can get back into right standing with our Father God. Once in right standing we can continue our journey and help fulfill God's original plan.

Oh....., the **love** ♥ God has for us! **Oh...** the things He has planned for us! I Corinthians 2:9-10 confirms this: *"...Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."*

God has decided – **NOW** is the time! **NOW** it is high time to awake out of sleep (Romans 13:11). **NOW** is the day of salvation (II Corinthians 6:2). **NOW** is the time to worship our Father in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

God **loves** ♥ us so much that He gave us a warning: *"Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak"* – Mark 14:38.

Our flesh never wants to give up! If we just try in the flesh, we will fail. Remember Romans 8:6-8 tells us, *"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."*

Yes, it is in this spirit realm that God desires for us to live. Acts 17:28 tells us, *"For in him we live, and move, and have our being."* Yes, God wants us to **live in Him!** God wants us to **move in Him!** God wants us to realize our **total identity in Him!** It is when we take our rightful residence in Him that we will find that *"... joy unspeakable and full of glory"* as stated in I Peter 1:8.

The trials that we face every day will become mere 'bumps in the road' on our journey to where God is taking us. God created us for a purpose. We each have an assignment from Him.

Again, I implore you, **NOW** is the time make the choice of **complete surrender** to Him and His Will for your life. His assignment for each one of us is different; therefore, do not measure your success by looking at someone else's life. You are accountable to God for what He told **you** to do. You will not be able to shift the blame to someone else or to circumstances you were brought up in. God gave you a free-will! **You do have control** over how your future will be in God. Choose wisely! He is standing at **"ready"** to help you become what He has designed you to be.

NOTICE:

- All announcements for the **March Channel** need to be given to Rev. Julia Schwert by **Feb. 21**.
- **Winter Weather Advisory** – If it is deemed necessary to cancel church, please watch Channels **CBS 11, ABC 13, and NBC 24**. An attempt will be made to contact you if we have your correct phone number.

Wednesday Bible Study

- Our youth will have Bible Contests as they study about the Holy Spirit.
- Adults are studying from the book, Supernatural, by Michael S. Heiser. WOW, what a difference reading God's Word and singing His praise as our spiritual eyes are being enlightened!



REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

9:15 to 10 a.m. Godfather Fellowship Hall Hospitality
9:30 to 10:10 a.m. – Intercessory Prayer
10:15 a.m. – Morning Worship

Wednesday

11 a.m. – Breaking Point
6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation
6:30 p.m. – Youth Services

Thursday

6 to 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker. Need help to overcome an addiction? Come to these sessions. Our desire is to help you achieve and experience an abundant life in God.



Feed your Soul
every week.



Youth Fundraisers

River Revelation & Divine Mist – our YOUTH have stepped up to the plate and will be having a **Bake Sale** at **Rural King** on **Sat., Feb. 24**. We would like you to bring all baked goods to Rural King by **9:30 a.m.** so that we can begin promptly at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Looking Ahead . . . March 23 (Friday) our YOUTH are planning to have a \$5 Meal Deal with Chicken or Sloppy Joe Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Chips, Juice Box, and Cake. There will be a donation sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help reduce expenses of this fund-raiser. If you would like an order sheet for your business (we can deliver), please let Rev. Betty Jones know.

Our Kids' Korner

- **Easter Practice** is beginning in February. Anyone (including adults & teens) who would like to be part of our Easter Program this year, please see Rev. Betty Jones. We would like to see more dances, singing, instrumentals, etc. Share your God-given talent with our family.
- A **March Reward** is being planned for attendance, participation, and good behavior. Those receiving the reward will go on a Sunday outing after church.
- **\$1 Drive** – Our Youth are having a \$1 Drive for their 2018 Youth Outings. Donations for this can be made in the Godfather Fellowship Hall after church.



BROTHERS IN CHRIST

The Brothers in Christ will be meeting on **Saturday, Feb. 17, at 9:30 a.m.** at the church. Come and be a part of fellowshiping with us.

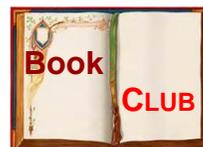


MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

for **Sunday, Feb. 25**

Rev. Pat Wallen – Opening
Rev. Shirley Thanasiu – Ministering
Rev. Gary Thanasiu – Closing

✓ **Reminder:** Check your ministerial card. When does it expire? See Rev. Julia Schwert for the amount of your renewal fee.



Sunday, February 25
4:30 p.m.
at the church

We will be continuing in the book, **The Battle Plan for Prayer**. Come and join us as we continue this adventure. I am sure a new, clearer meaning will now enlighten our reading.

