## "Salt \& Light"


${ }^{13}$ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ${ }^{14}$ You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ${ }^{15}$ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ${ }^{16}$ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" Matthew 5:13-16 (NIV)

Salt and light. It almost sounds like a type of potato chip: salt \& vinegar, sea salt, light salt. While salt and light may bring to my mind the varieties of potato chips available to us today it also reminds us of the responsibility we have of preserving and sharing the truth of the scriptures.
I do not know if you have noticed or not but there is a deliberate movement that is trying to suppress the God given right of Christians to share the gospel of Christ and shine His light in the world. Take Tim Tebow for example. Tebow is not an "in your face type of person" but did share his belief in Jesus in quiet but deliberate ways such as "Tebowing." I find it interesting that what his actions came to be called really is descriptive of what Tim Tebow was doing: Te - bowing (bowing) before Christ and giving Jesus glory and honor. Tebow was mocked on the field by some of his colleagues and in the media but that did not deter him from Te - bowing before his Lord and Savior. But it did cost him his career. Now I do not purport to know all the circumstances behind why he is no longer playing professional football. However, I cannot help but believe that his open display of his faith had at least a part in it. Some today seem to believe that a person's faith is purely a private matter and therefore, should be kept to him/herself and not displayed publicly. They sometimes use intimidation and/or ridicule to silence Christians but this clearly contradicts what Jesus is teaching us in the above text. We are to be keepers and preservers of the truth. We are called by Jesus to shine the Light of His truth and love to all people in all places - both public and private.

No one likes to be ridiculed. Intimidation tactics are often quite effective in achieving their intent to silence Christians. But I want to encourage you to stand firm in your constitutional right and call from Jesus to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. I encourage you to stand with those who are facing ridicule, intimidation and even loss of opportunity or employment because they are willing to be an open and public witness for Jesus Christ. Our faith is not a private matter that we should keep to ourselves - instead Jesus is calling us to share with the world our faith. Some people of the "world" do not want to hear that they accountable to God. They want to be accountable to no one but themselves so they seek to silence Christian witness both in word and action.

While I was still working in a hospital laboratory, as department managers we were told by the human resources department that we could not have a bible openly displayed in our offices or on our desks. If department managers wanted to keep a bible at work it must be kept in a drawer. Why? Simply having a bible openly displayed on our desks was considered a form of religious harassment! My point is this - there are people who are actively working to silence Christians and our message which deters our ability to fulfill the call of Jesus to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. If we do not protect our right to express our faith we will lose it. Stand firm - Be the Salt, Be the Light!

Blessings and Peace in Christ Jesus,

## "What's Happening" Jimmy's Corner

I $7^{\text {th }} \& 8^{\text {th }}$ grade only meant twice in January due to the weather and we talked about Nehemiah and Jonah!
I. $9^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}$ grade only meant twice as well in January and we touched on honoring our parents and wisdom!
I The Young Adult Sunday School went over scriptures dealing with the Holy Spirit and desires!
Stay Classy Liberty Chapel, Jimmy

## The Rock will be open <br> Tuesday - Thursday 3:00-5:30 PM.

Come out and Cheer for the Liberty Chapel Men's Basketball Team @ Archbold Middle School.


# ***Note Change of Date*** 

## UMM Meeting

February 17, 2014 @6:00 pm Chapel men come join the fellowship and meal.
***Note Change of Date***

Wednesday, February 19

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6-7: 00 \mathrm{pm}
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Beefo Noodles
Let us do the cooking for you! Join us for food and fellowship on the $1^{s t}$ e $3^{\text {rd }}$ Wednesdays!


## UMCOR Sager-Brown

 Mission Trip@ Baldwin, LA

February 8-15, 2014
Going on this Mission trip are Dan \& Rita Bare, Kevin \& Vondra Oberhaus, Max \& Pat Fetterman, Lowynn Atkinson \& Mark Jones. Please pray for these volunteers as they travel, work, and fellowship.

## Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry

The Jantry will only be open Monday, F'eb. 17, 6~7:30 pm. \&Friday Feb. 21, 9 - 11:00 am.

Days and hours for our new food pantry have been set: $3^{\text {rd }}$ Monday of every month 6:00-7:30 pm and the $4^{\text {th }}$ Friday of every month 9:0011:00 am. Six to eight volunteers are needed to help each time to meet and greet, set-up and takedown, help carry out food and to help people in other ways. The Clothing Ministries is open at the same times as Bountiful Blessings. This is another much-needed outreach. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please see Pastor Barry.

The Clothing Ministry is

in need of ONLY Ladies' and Men's Jeans and winter coats/outerwear (gloves, scarves, hats etc.)


## Liberty Chapel Cooking "Friendzy"

Want to learn to cook or to use what you have on hand to make a meal;
sign up today for our monthly cooking "friendzy" class. You can either cook along with the instructions or just watch and take notes. Classes are free unless you want to cook along. That cost is listed with the take home menu.
The cost for February Delicious Meal is $\$ 8.00$.

## February dish: Cheesy Chicken

## Enchiladas

## with Homemade Tortillas

Laura Case will lead this "Friendzy". This is open to the public. Please call Vondra Oberhaus at 419-966-6181 to register or sign-up in the Welcome Center.


Trustees' Snow
Removal Schedule


Feb. 3-9 Randy, Jim, Tim
Feb. 10-16
Feb. 17-23
Feb. 23 - March 2 Randy, Jim, Tim
March 3-9 Lee, Neal, Terry
March 10-16 Brad, Russ, Mark
March 17-23 Randy, Jim, Tim
March 24-30 Lee, Neal, Terry


Early Notice for Sunday, March 9

Shiloh Men's Conference March $7^{\text {th }} \& 8^{\text {th }}$

## Choices That Define

March 7 @7:00 PM March 8 @8:15 AM - 1:00 PM

Main Topics
The Battle - The Victory - The Commission
"Choose for yourself this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15


I Scott Sharpe Family - Home was lost to a fire on Feb. 2. I Family and Friends of Jack Slagle - Jack passed away Jan. 23 I Seth Oberhaus - recovery from hand surgery for a crushed thumb he received during military maneuvers.
I Winnie Leatherman - Receiving rehab. services at Fairlawn Haven.
I Billy Sharpe - Staying at County View Haven.
I Gene Giesige - (friend of Colliers) Heart attack
T Carrie Murdock - Recovering from January $13^{\text {th }}$ back surgery.
I Rick Spiess - (Ellie Davidson's son) He had hip surgery on Jan. 2.
I Steve Goldsmith - UPDATE: (brother-in-law of Arita Silveus) diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer, Surgery was
Thursday Jan. 23. Cancer has spread and Steve will start receiving Chemo.
T Judy Parker - (Collier's Family) is receiving Hospice Care.
I April Mozingo - April recovering from foot surgery.
I Leo "Bud" Zenz - health concerns
I Darrell Wishon - (Vondra \& Kevin Oberhaus’ brother-in-law) Update: Darrell has returned home - Praise God. Continued prayer for surgery recovery.

Please keep the following long term needs in your prayers:
Nancy Funkhouser; Ruth Gramling; Eric Gutierrez; Winnie Leatherman; Ruth Whitman; Leo "Bud" Zenz; Kent Spiess
Members of the Military and their Families Our Missionary Families
[Names remain on the prayer list 4 weeks. For continued prayer listing, please resubmit.]

## FEBRUARY SERVANTS COMMUNIONClASS - CELEBRATION

|  | Traditional Service Nursery | Sunday School Nursery |
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| $\mathbf{2}$ | Witte Family | Gutierrez Family |
| 9 | Overmier Family | Nash Family |
| 16 | C. Carter Family | Zenz Family |
| 23 | L. Mack \& C. Bowers | Casey Bright |
|  | Contemporary Service Nursery | Greeters |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | Oelkrug Family | Krugh Family |
| $\mathbf{1 2}$ | Spangler Family | Todd Shafer Family |
| 19 | O'Neil Family | Silveus Family |
| 26 | Graber Family | Bill Sharpe Family |

## Little Lambs - Volunteer Needed

Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 10:00am-3:00 pm

## FEBRUARY

## CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDHYS<br>MONTH

1 - Patty McIntosh
2 - Callan Williams Judy Strayer Lois Ward
3 - Alex Tedrow
4 - Emily Leatherman Andy Spiess Karen Dietrich
5 - Evan Hogrefe
6 - Wyatt Leatherman Toby Ernsberger Jim Jones David Kessler, Sr. Sharon Sharpe
8-Tim Mack
9 - Brad Howe
11 - Simon Hartford Viki Mack
12 - Johnny Danford
14 - Todd Mohler Deb Leuthold
15 - Jessica Trapp Ross McLaughlin Matt Vollmar
17 - Jeanette Saneholtz
18 - Matthew Orr
19 - Scott Overmier Josh Wiechers
20 - Hannah Brooks Hannah Gyurasics Lucas Bare
23 - Lydia Murrey
24 - Lillian Case Zane Krall
25 - Mike Carpenter
26 - Lowynn Atkinson
27 - Jake Sharpe Beth Thobe John Sharpe
28 - Matt Dietrich


1 - Bob \& Arlene Griteman
4 - Dan \& Brenda Hogrefe
7 - Gary \& Lori Graber
[Please let the office know if you have an addition or correction to this page. ©)]

## January Averages

Average Total Atten. : 130
Average Sunday School : 107
Avg. to Budget: $\$ 4,555.44$
Avg. Total Offering: $\$ 4,721.42$

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## "A body knowing and growing in Christ so deeply that $\mathcal{H e}$ is overflowing to others."

Returned Service Requested



