

HOW TO LIVE A NEW LIFE

Life is a journey...live it trustingly. "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou are with me." (Psalm 23:4)

Life is a task...live it obediently. "And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments." (1John 2:3)

Life is a mission...live it helpfully. "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32)

Life is a contest...live it earnestly. "Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." (1 Corinthians 16:13)

Life is a battle...live it courageously. "Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

Adapted from Larry Patterson's article that appeared in **Pulpit Helps**.



VBS

Possible dates July 18, 19, 20 or July 25, 26, 27

Please check which dates are best for your family and let Charles know by the end of April. Date will be set May 1st to accommodate the greatest number of people.



DAILY BIBLE READING

APRIL 2016

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| 1. Luke 6:27-49 | Judges 13, 14, 15 | O |
| 2. Luke 7:1-30 | Judges 16, 17, 18 | O |
| 3. Luke 7:31-50 | Judges 19, 20, 21 | O |
| 4. Luke 8:1-25 | Ruth 1, 2, 3, 4 | O |
| 5. Luke 8:26-56 | 1 Samuel 1, 2, 3 | O |
| 6. Luke 9:1-17 | 1 Samuel 4, 5, 6 | O |
| 7. Luke 9:18-36 | 1 Samuel 7, 8, 9 | O |
| 8. Luke 9:37-62 | 1 Samuel 10, 11, 12 | O |
| 9. Luke 10:1-24 | 1 Samuel 13, 14 | O |
| 10. Luke 10:25-42 | 1 Samuel 15, 16 | O |
| 11. Luke 11:1-28 | 1 Samuel 17, 18 | O |
| 12. Luke 11:29-54 | 1 Samuel 19, 20, 21 | O |
| 13. Luke 12:1-31 | 1 Samuel 22, 23, 24 | O |
| 14. Luke 12:32-59 | 1 Samuel 25, 26 | O |
| 15. Luke 13:1-22 | 1 Samuel 27, 28, 29 | O |
| 16. Luke 13:23-35 | 1 Samuel 30, 31 | O |
| 17. Luke 14:1-24 | 2 Samuel 1, 2 | O |

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND POTLUCK LUNCH

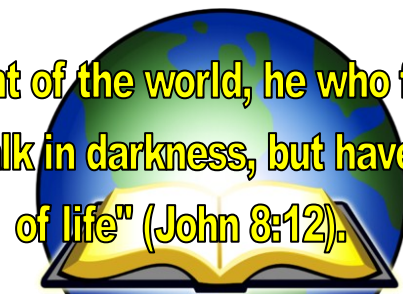
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| 18. Luke 14:25-35 | 2 Samuel 3, 4, 5 | O |
| 19. Luke 15:1-10 | 2 Samuel 6, 7, 8 | O |
| 20. Luke 15:11-32 | 2 Samuel 9, 10, 11 | O |
| 21. Luke 16 | 2 Samuel 12, 13 | O |
| 22. Luke 17:1-19 | 2 Samuel 14, 15 | O |
| 23. Luke 17:20-37 | 2 Samuel 16, 17, 18 | O |
| 24. Luke 18:1-23 | 2 Samuel 19, 20 | O |
| 25. Luke 18:24-43 | 2 Samuel 21, 22 | O |
| 26. Luke 19:1-27 | 2 Samuel 23, 24 | O |
| 27. Luke 19:28-48 | 1 Kings 1, 2 | O |
| 28. Luke 20:1-26 | 1 Kings 3, 4, 5 | O |
| 29. Luke 20:27-47 | 1 Kings 6, 7 | O |
| 30. Luke 21:1-19 | 1 Kings 8, 9 | O |

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| Jimmy Coggins | 3 rd |
| Orlena Carr..... | 8 th |
| Doug Rose..... | 9 th |
| Erma Bradley..... | 27 th |
| Gary Butcher..... | 28 th |

The Lincoln Light

"I am the light of the world, he who follows me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life" (John 8:12).



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SERVICE TIMES SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:30 am, Worship 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

RADIO PROGRAM

KAYQ 97.1 FM Sunday 9:30 am

SUNDAY TV PROGRAMS, Channel 10, Springfield, MO

"In SEARCH of The Lord's Way" 7:00 am

"The Living Word" 7:30 am

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The Lord's Invitation

Charles R. Rose

"Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). It matters not how prominent one may be in society, how rich in this world's goods or how poor, the educated or the ignorant, every human being is included in the Lord's invitation. One can never get so low that he cannot come to Christ if he is willing to change and follow the Master.

When Jesus looked at the people who were far away from accepting Him for who He was, the Christ, the Son of God, He cried, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem,...How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing" (Matthew 23:37) We can exchange the name of Jerusalem for our own town or city today and have the same heart rending message applied to our twenty-first century society.

Jesus still pleads "Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden." Of all the loads one carries in this life, the heaviest is the load of sin. But there is a place where even that great burden can be laid down and blessed rest may be found. Jesus has the power to save us and give us rest, but that awesome power is useless to the one who will not come. His rest comes only after we come to Him.

What must a sinner do in order to come to Jesus? First he must hear the gospel message preached (Romans 10:14, 17), producing faith in Jesus. But notice Romans 10:10 says, "with the heart man believes unto righteousness." The word "unto" is in the direction of. It is leading in the right direction, but there is more. Again, Romans 10:10 says, "with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." So our confession of faith is also "unto," or pointing towards salvation. Now we come to that which places one "into Christ" (Romans 6:3). "Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death" Notice the sequence: "repent unto," "confess unto," "baptized into." Jesus says, "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest." One comes through obedience to these commands.

Prayer list: **Charles Rose** is still recovering from his recent shoulder surgery and he will see the surgeon April 12 for his six weeks check-up.

Connie Sue Williams, (Sandra & Kenny's daughter) had surgery recently.

Jack Dickey had surgery last week. **Bailey Chew**, 15 year old great niece of Carol Brewster was in a bad wreck on Friday night. Another 15 yr. old, a boy was killed. Bailey is in Columbia in surgery Sunday morning. **Donna Boney** is still in need of prayers. Cancer keeps showing up in additional places. Starting radiation on Monday, 5 days a week. **Kathe Dalki** is doing much better. She is the niece of Bev & Jim Leatherman and Jim Tadlock.

Cory Orr — our speaker at the Tuesday session of Gospel meeting has suffered a kidney stone attack and has been very ill.

Please keep all those on the Prayer list in your prayers. (List on board in lobby)

REMINDER: Next Sunday will be Celebration Potluck Lunch

TO OUR VISITORS

We are so glad that you are with us today, and hope your visit will be such that you are blessed by it. We hope you will come again soon. Our service times are on the front of this bulletin. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop in in the collection plate.

*****NEWS & ACTIVITIES*****

There is an ongoing prayer list posted in the lobby. Please make note of those listed and keep them in your prayers. A list will be included with the bulletins on the first Sunday of each month. If you know of any who need to be added, please let us know.



****GOSPEL MEETINGS****

LINCOLN CHURCH OF CHRIST MEETING

APRIL 17-20

WHY DO THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST WORSHIP AS THEY DO?

- April 17 — 9:30 am WHAT IS WORSHIP? **Chuck Northrop**
10:30 am WORSHIP THROUGH COMMUNION **Trey Sullins**
POTLUCK LUNCH AT NOON
6:00 pm WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING **Thadd Valieka**
April 18 — 7:30 pm WORSHIP THROUGH SONG **Brandon Hall**
April 19 — 7:30 pm WORSHIP THROUGH TEACHING/PREACHING **David Blades**
8:00 pm WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER **Cory Orr**
April 20 — 7:30 pm AUTONOMY: GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE CHURCH **Ray Sullins**

Speakers will be students and faculty from Bible Institute of Missouri in Springfield, Missouri

Minutes of the Men's Business Meeting and the Financial Statement for the Congregation is posted on the office bulletin board for members of the Lincoln congregation to check at any time.

April 24, 2016

Steve Rook will present a report of his trip to Columbia, South America at the Bible Study Hour and then deliver the Sermon in the Worship Hour.

BOLIVAR CHURCH OF CHRIST SPRING LECTURESHIP

April 18, 19, 20, 21 & 22, 2016

7:00 pm

Flyer is on board in lobby.

4/3/2016 Attendance: Sunday AM 50 Contribution: \$944