

News from Creighton First Baptist Church



IT has been one year since the first person in the United States died from COVID-19. I remember hearing about it and how the virus was spreading around the world.

Also, at the time Janet and I were preparing to go on vacation to Florida. We visited her cousins and then went to the Keys and enjoyed some warm weather. Before we left one of our members said to have a good time and they hoped we would not get trapped in Florida because of COVID-19. My response was, "I don't think it is going to be that big of a deal." I will admit, I was wrong.

As I reflect on the past year of uncertainty, I would like to share some lessons I have learned. First, I am not a prophetic prophet. In scripture there are two kinds of prophets, foretellers and forth tellers. I obviously am not able to foretell the future. You would think that I would learn to not make predictions, there are others from this last year I could tell you about but will not, at least we are starting 2021 with a baptism.

Another lesson is to not fight technology. I am not a tech guy and probably never will be, but I have learned some and we are embracing it and using it in ways I never thought we would. We were able to use it during the shutdown and now we have a Wednesday night fireside chat and Janet is doing an online children's Sunday school lesson every week. We have streamed our Sunday morning worship services for some time. We are thinking about and working on ways to improve our streaming, thank you for bearing with us.

Finally, this is a great time to share the Gospel. These are unprecedented times; we are fighting an unseen enemy and people are trying to figure out what is happening. There have been several false teachings about this being the last days and other things that we covered last summer, go back in the archives to hear those sermons.

As we have completed one pandemic year, be smart and be careful, wash your hands, wear a mask and whatever else it takes to be safe. Also do not be silent, tell people about Jesus and most of all trust in the Lord. Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding."

I don't mind being wrong, because I know the Lord is in control. Pray for our nation, maybe a year from now we can talk about COVID-19 in the past tense.

Have a blessed month.

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Coming Soon!

Creighton First Baptist Church



Valentines Banquet
Sunday, February 14
at 4:00 p.m.

Featuring
The Sons of the Silver Dollar



February 15

The Danger of Doubt

One thing we find the human race
Is very vain about:
Man boasts he's open-minded
But he's open just to doubt!

Behold the present plight that man
Has brought upon himself
By placing his religion
And his God upon a shelf.

This lack of faith and confidence
Has brought earth's haunting fear.
Each nation views its neighbor
With suspicious eye and ear.

So do not wonder why the dove
Of peace so far has flown;
How could he stay when he was fed
Not bread but only stone?

With faith and hope and love all gone,
No tender plants could bloom;
Bereft of these three virtues,
Man's doubts become his tomb!

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The Only Key

Another day with unwrought deeds,
A morning fraught with unfilled needs.
O Lord, Thou hast the only key
To open up this day for me.

Another hour to read Thy Word.
The church neglects it—how absurd!
Yet, Lord, Thou has the only key
To open up the Book to me.

Whatever questions come to mind,
Whatever problems I may find,
O Lord, thou hast the only key
To solve each human mystery.

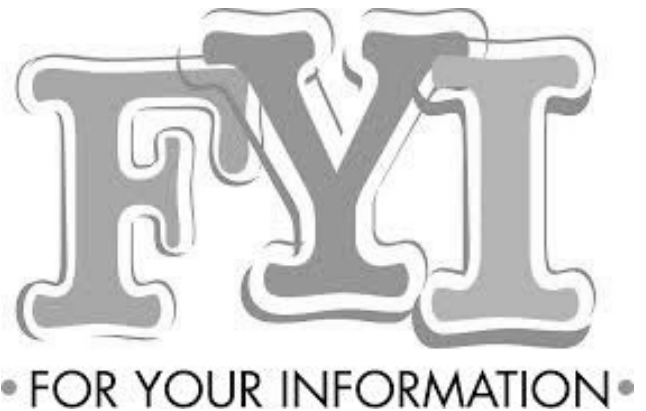
Throughout the worldwide mission field
Soon every nation's doors must yield.
But, Lord, Thou has the only key
To open my closed doors for me.

Another life—the world to come.
Eternal city—perfect home.
O, Lord, Thou hast the only key
To open heaven's gate to me.

Community of Care

The Creighton Community of Care will be the hands and feet of Christ and respond to needs in the Creighton area, guided by Matthew 25:35-40.

Our next scheduled meeting will be March 21, 2021, and will be accomplished by email only. If you know of any needs that we need to be looking at, or wish to volunteer, please contact any of the churches in Creighton.



Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Wednesday evening fireside chat
on Facebook® 7:00 p.m.

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(leave a message, we check the machine regularly)

Check out our website: www.fbccreighton.org





Adult Bible Studies for Life Spiritual Disciplines: Becoming More Like Jesus

- February 7: Intimacy with God (John 17:1-5,21-16)
 February 14: Maintaining Focus on God (Daniel 9:1-7,17-19)
 February 21: Connecting to Christ's Body (1 Corinthians 12:12-24)
 February 28: Joining God's Work (John 15:1-8)

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 February 14: Maintaining Focus on Jesus (Daniel 9:1-7,17-19)
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Children Bible Studies for Life What Does the Church Do?

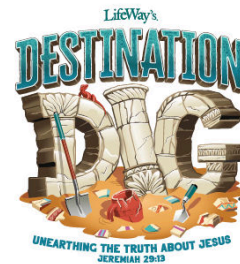
- February 7: Solomon Build the Temple (1 Kings 6; 8)
 February 14: The Early Church Chose Helpers (Acts 6:1-7)
 February 21: An Ethiopian Was Baptized (Acts 8:26-40)
 February 28: Paul Wrote About the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:17-30; 1 Corinthians 11:17-29)

Preschool Bible Studies for Life What Does the Church Do?

- February 7: Solomon Build the Temple (1 Kings 6; 8)
 February 14: The Early Church Chose Helpers (Acts 6:1-7)
 February 21: An Ethiopian Heard About Jesus (Acts 8:26-40)
 February 28: Jesus' Special Supper (Matthew 26:17-19,26-30; 1 Corinthians 11:17-29)



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NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Next summer, kids will roll up their sleeves and grab excavation gear as they head to archaeological sites of present-day Israel with “Destination Dig,” the 2021 Vacation Bible School theme from Lifeway Christian Resources.

In “Destination Dig,” kids will take the role of junior archaeologists as they embark on an adventure to study pieces of the past to learn the truth about who Jesus is and why He came. Along the way, they’ll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to people when they seek and search for Him with all their hearts.



Italian Stuffed Peppers

4 sweet bell peppers
 1½ cups cooked rice (white or brown)
 6 ounces feta cheese crumbles
 ½ pound ground sausage or turkey sausage,
 cooked and drained of fat
 salt and pepper

Cut tops off bell peppers; take out seeds and veins. Spray a slow cooker with nonstick cooking spray, or grease the bottom with olive oil. Place peppers, sitting upright, inside. In a bowl, combine cooked rice, feta, sausage, salt, pepper, and ½ cup pizza sauce. Spoon gently into peppers until they are full. Spoon remaining pizza sauce over tops of the peppers. Cook on high 3 hours or until peppers are soft. (Test with a paring knife.) Serves 4.

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Golden Glow Pork Chops

5 to 6 thick cut pork chops
 salt and pepper
 15-ounce can peach halves, drained, juice reserved
 ¼ cup brown sugar
 ½ teaspoon cinnamon
 ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
 8 ounces tomato sauce
 ¼ cup white vinegar

Lightly brown pork chops in a skillet. Place in slow cooker, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place peach halves on top. Combine remaining ingredients with ¼ cup reserved peach juice. Pour into slow cooker. Cover, and cook on low 6-8 hours. Serves 5-6.

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