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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Youth 5:30 p.m.



Westview Manor 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
KidZone/JAM Time 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday nights
7:30 p.m. in the worship
center. Everyone is
welcome to come
and sing.



The January and
February financial
information will be
included in the
April newsletter.

"Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Matthew 9:17

I've been pondering Matthew 9 a lot this year, and it punches me in the face pretty much every time. The chapter begins with the story of the friends who bring their paralytic friend to Jesus to be healed. Jesus seeing their faith, says, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven." The religious leaders nearby scoff at Jesus' ability to forgive sins, and accuse him internally of blasphemy. Jesus knew what was in their hearts, so he went another step further and healed the paralytic right there in front of them, calling them out for their false righteousness.

In verses 9-13 we read of Matthew being called from the tax collector's booth to follow the footsteps of Jesus as a disciple. While Jesus was eating at Matthew's house, Matthew's friends, "many tax collectors and sinners" also came to the party. That would have been a shocking scene for a so-called religious leader. When the Pharisees heard and saw this, they got upset and wanted to know why he would do such a despicable thing. Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick."

And then in verses 14-17, John's disciples (John the Baptist had disciples, too) came and asked Jesus why he and his disciples didn't observe the traditional fasting rituals. Jesus answers them with a mini-parable about not sewing unshrunk cloth onto an old garment, and not pouring new wine into old wineskins. It's a fascinating little scene which undergirds much of what had already happened earlier in the chapter.

What I have found is that too many times, I find myself acting like the religious leaders, the Pharisees, and even John's disciples. I find myself stuck in my own preconceived notions and traditions that have no kingdom origin or lasting significance. This season as we journey to the cross, the question I am asking myself is, "What needs to die in me in order for the Spirit to begin something new and fresh?" When I begin to love my preconceived notions and traditions more than I love Jesus, something has to go.

And it won't be Jesus.

Blessings,

Pastor Terry

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Join us online

March 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	5	6	7
ANNIE ARMSTRONG WEEK OF PRAYER						
8 Daylight Saving Time begins	9	10 Fellowship Breakfast 	11 Westview MINISTRY Midweek activities	12	13	14
SPRING BREAK						
15 Noisy Sunday 	16 LIFE group 	17	18 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	19 First day of Spring	20	21
22 Food on the Fourth 	23	24	25 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	26	27	28
29 LORD'S Supper 	30	31				

Connecting...Building...Transforming

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Westview Manor

Joy Erlanson

PRAYERS NEEDED:

Please continue to pray for all those on on our church's prayer list.

Daylight-Saving Time Begins



As Spring approaches, it's time, once again, to change our clocks. On Saturday, March 7, be sure to move your clocks forward one hour before going to bed as Daylight Saving Time begins on March 8. "Spring

forward, fall back." If you forget to change the time, you'll be late for church, and you sure don't want that!



March 10
8:30 a.m.
Coffee Shop Cafe

March 16
Noon
Fellowship Hall



James Cox-----	3/5
Johnny Tucker-----	3/7
Suzi Etheredge-----	3/10
Kevin Huffman-----	3/10
Lucy Nelson-----	3/11
Kamron Meyers-----	3/13
Dustin Shaeffer-----	3/18
Terry Johnston-----	3/20
Cashlynn Hobday-----	3/30
Cheryl Tucker-----	3/30

...the man on his knees has a leverage underneath the mountain which can cast it into the sea, if necessary, and can force all earth and heaven to recognize the power there is in His name.

M.E. Andross

Pastor's New Series



In March (through Lent) we will be walking through most of the Sermon on the Mount, looking at how Jesus gives us a fresh take on living life in the Kingdom of God. The title is “Letting Go.” Jesus plainly illustrates all the ways we let our lives get taken over by false motivations and narratives, and instead he offers us a true path to finding our way in this world.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 1-8, 2020

The Week of Prayer is annually observed by SBC churches to specifically pray for missionaries on the field, the needs of their ministries and the needs of their families. Prayer is the fuel enabling God to spiritually and emotionally sustain missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed, but often opposed.

Through your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® and the Cooperative Program, NAMB supports more than 5,000 missionaries and more than 3,800 chaplains who serve in difficult places where the gospel is often not welcome.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are such a vital part of the operation of our church. What would we do without all the wonderful hours of service that are put in to make our church what it is! Following is a list of volunteer opportunities for men, women, and youth. Please consider signing up for any of these areas where more volunteers are needed. Further below is the volunteer schedule for October, therefore you can see how your time to serve is on a rotational basis. Please call or email the church if you'd like to serve in any of these areas. Thanks!

- **Usher/Greeter**- both men, women, and juniors (4th-12th grade) - you can form your own husband/wife team if you'd like
- **Nursery** - team member and/or substitute (**please consider forming a 2-person team**)
- **Hall Monitors** - needed only the first Sunday of the month during Sunday school, worship, or both
- **Sound Booth** - training provided

Nursery Schedule for March

March 1	Caleshe Voges, Melinda Mullens
March 8	Tom & Lola Wolff
March 15	Kim Johnston, Viola Mize
March 22	Melinda Mullens, Misti McAdams
March 29	Tom & Lola Wolff

Sound Booth Schedule for March

March 1	Mary Jean Snider
March 8	Terry Sloan
March 15	Mary Jean Snider
March 22	Terry Sloan
March 29	Mary Jean Snider

Usher Schedule for March

March 1	Justin McAdams, Viola Mize Hall Monitors Caleb Glaser, Luke McAdams
March 8	Dianne Hunter, Viola Mize
March 15	Jeff Squyres, Mitch Bennett
March 22	Harold Hunter, Justin McAdams
March 29	Zane Dunnam, Sid Allen

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Greetings Church,

I hope y'all are staying warm and well in this crazy Texas weather! I, for one, cannot keep up – my feet and hands are always freezing. However, with our youth and children's programming, we have some warmer events to look forward to, starting with our first camp fundraiser. Remember to come hungry for our chili luncheon this Sunday following worship! I want to thank those in advance who plan to whip up your best chili and/or dessert to help with our fundraiser luncheon. I am looking forward to a time of food and fellowship with y'all.

Here is a quick update on our upcoming youth and children's programming:



- Camp Fundraiser - Chili Luncheon; this Sunday: Adults \$8, Kids \$2
- We will begin collecting candy (no eggs needed this year) for this year's Easter egg hunt! If you would like to snag a bag for us, it goes a long way for our kiddos. The hunt will be on Sunday, April 12th
- The youth and I will be joining FBC Oglesby and College Ave for a Disciple Now weekend the weekend of April 3-5th
- This year's theme for VBS will be Rocky Railway – a Train/mining themed VBS adventure!
- Children's Preteen Camp will be at Mt. Lebanon in Cedar Hill, TX – July 27th – 30th
- Youth Camp will be at Highland Lakes: Journey Camp on Lake Travis in Austin, TX – June 28th - July 2nd

We will be getting together registration/information packets for the summer programs and they will be made available within the next couple of weeks. If you would like any information on any of these programs in the mean time, please reach out to me at William_Molnar@baylor.edu or feel free to text/call me at 832-477-6901.

I'm really looking forward to seeing all that God has in store for our youth and children over the next few months. Please be praying over these events as they draw closer on the calendar in that, through them, our youth/kids have safe and fun opportunities to find their bearings and identity in Christ.

Austin Molnar



Patty Melts

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3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 medium onions, thinly sliced
10 ounces button mushrooms, sliced
Salt and freshly ground pepper
2 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
10 ounces 93% lean ground turkey
6 ounces lean ground beef sirloin
8 slices multigrain bread
8 thin slices Monterey jack or Swiss cheese (2 to 3 ounces)

Heat 1 teaspoon olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onions and cook, stirring, until soft, 2 to 3 minutes. Push to one side of the skillet; add the mushrooms and cook until browned, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, then mix the mushrooms and onions together and cook until the onions are golden, about 10 more minutes. Add the vinegar and 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce. Transfer the mixture to a bowl and keep warm.

Meanwhile, mix the turkey, beef and the remaining 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce in a bowl. Shape into 4 equal-size oval patties.

Wipe out the skillet, add 1 tablespoon olive oil and place over medium-high heat. Season the patties with salt and pepper and cook until browned on the bottom, about 4 minutes. Flip and cook through, 1 to 2 more minutes.

Divide the onions and mushrooms among 4 bread slices; top with a slice of cheese, a patty, another slice of cheese and another bread slice. Wipe out the skillet; add 1 tablespoon olive oil and place over medium heat. Cook the sandwiches in two batches until the bread is toasted and the cheese melts, 1 to 2 minutes per side, adding the remaining 2 teaspoons oil as needed.

“Oreo” Cookies

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For the Dough:

1 1/3 cups Dutch-process cocoa powder
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 sticks unsalted butter, softened
2 cups granulated sugar
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

For the Filling:

1 stick unsalted butter, softened
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
3 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Prepare the dough: Sift together the cocoa powder, flour and salt in a large bowl.

Using a mixer, cream the butter and sugar. Add the eggs one at a time, then the vanilla, incorporating each ingredient before adding the next. Add the dry ingredients and mix just until incorporated, scraping the bottom of the bowl with a rubber spatula.

Divide the dough into 2 pieces; place one piece between 2 lightly floured sheets of parchment paper and roll into a 1/4-inch-thick rectangle. Repeat with the other piece of dough. Refrigerate both rectangles, covered with the parchment sheets, until firm, at least 1 hour or up to several days.

Using a 2-inch round cutter, cut the dough into 64 circles. (You can reroll the scraps once.) Place the cookies about 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets and chill for 20 minutes. Preheat the oven to 325°.

Bake the cookies until they are set and slightly darker around the edges, about 20 minutes. Cool completely on wire racks.

Meanwhile, prepare the filling: Using a mixer, cream the butter and shortening until fluffy. Beat in the confectioners' sugar and vanilla.

Flip half of the cookies upside down and top each with 1 level tablespoon of filling. Press the remaining cookies on top to make sandwiches.

Oh so good!!