

March 2018



March Memory Verse:

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

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Birthdays March 2018



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This month **Golden Heirs** will meet **Friday, March 9th, at 6:30 pm** for their monthly fellowship meal. Larry White will be a guest speaker this month. There will be lots of good food and fellowship so bring your favorite “potluck” dish!

If you need a ride, please call the office by Thursday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 4th @ 3pm — Rachel Ball Wedding Shower

March 8th @ 6 pm — Ladies Night Out (Fellowship Hall)

March 10th-11th — Youth Trip — Winter Jam (Bossier City)

March 17th-25th — El Dorado Schools Spring Break

March 31st @ 11am— MHC Easter Party @ Fellowship Hall

What's Happening in Youth?

By Natalie Butcher

I, like many parents, was very involved in the various community or church activities that my daughter participated in: AWANAs, Marrable Hill Chapel (MHC) Youth Group, soccer, South Arkansas Art Center plays, barrel racing, home school group, etc. I, like many parents, quit my involvement in those activities once she moved on to something else or graduated from high school. Do you know what I realized? I missed working with the youth at church.

Working with 7th—12th graders is not for everyone, but I love it. These pre-teens and teenagers are at the age that they are questioning everything. What do I believe? Why do I believe it? How do I apply what I am learning? Why do I need to know this? How do I fit in? You never know what they are going to say or ask next. They are full of energy and the love of life.

Towards the end of last school year and all of this school year I went back to helping on Wednesday nights with the youth program. Each week Janett Luker, Leigh Ann McGoogan, and other leaders prepare delicious meals for the youth. Parents and leaders regularly donate drinks and snacks to supplement the meals and keep the cost down. Thank you parents and leaders for loving our kids in this way! After eating, there is plenty of music and games before and after the lessons that Jason Luker, youth pastor, presents.

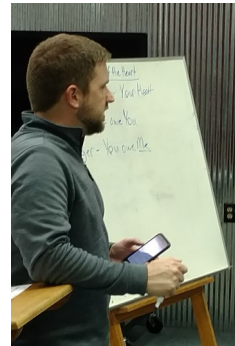


While I love all of the different interactions that we have with the youth, what I enjoy the most is lesson time. I love watching “light bulb” moments when the students understand what is being taught and how to apply it. I love how the students enthusiastically respond to the questions that are being asked. Sometimes Jason will start the

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lesson with some kind of game or activity. Everyone knows that the game or activity will apply to the lesson somehow.



For the last month, the youth have been studying a devotional by Andy Stanley called “Enemies of the Heart”. This study didn’t have flashy videos or props. It was Jason talking from God’s Word, the Bible, and presenting some information from Andy Stanley’s devotional. It was amazing to watch the interaction between the students and Jason as he discussed with them that they need to monitor their hearts by paying attention to what they say and how they say it. As we all know and Jesus taught

(Matt 15:11, 16), what comes out of our mouth in speech reveals what is in our heart.

Over the weeks, we learned about four enemies of the heart that need monitoring: Guilt (“I owe you”), Anger (“You owe me”), Greed (“I owe myself”), and Jealousy (“God owes me”). We also learned how to combat these enemies with God’s help by repenting/asking for forgiveness from God and those we sinned against, forgiving those that wrong us, being generous with our time and money by helping others, and taking our desires to God.



One of the fun things that Jason does in order to engage students in a technological world is group text messaging. On the day that we learned about “anger”, he text messaged the students and leaders to “Get their Elsa on”. Everyone tried to figure out what that meant.



Those who have kids or are around kids know that Elsa is a character in the movie “Frozen”. She is famous for the song “Let It Go!” so it was a great tie-in to the lesson on anger and forgiveness — let it go! The

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MHC Valentine Fish Fry

On February 13th, we had a church-wide fish fry for Valentine's Day. Over 110 people attended this event! Several fishermen donated their treasures and fried them for our eating pleasure! There were also delicious side dishes and desserts that many people brought!



After the meal, a goofy man talked to us about love. One of the things he told us was a story about "Rindercella". It's a story that Archie Campbell and Roy Clark told on the TV sitcom "Hee Haw" years ago. It was hilarious! How he was able to tell this story from memory still amazes me! I don't think that I could have READ it out loud! If you missed it or want to read all of the words, check out <https://matthewgoldman.com/the-story-of-rindercella-2/> on the internet. You can also find YouTube videos of Archie and Roy telling it.



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Golden Heirs By Eula Cottrell

Golden Heirs is a group of old friends who still like to cook our favorite dishes and serve them to new friends. We also love to spend a time of fellowship and remember each other's birthdays. We have door prizes and sing old hymns. Often we have someone share their talents with us or give a devotion.

Valentine's was special this year as we gathered together for a great time at the Buffet Palace. Over 50 people showed up in the back room of the restaurant. We had so much fun eating and visiting that we didn't have time for anything else.



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College Boxes

On February 27th, five ladies of Marrable Hill Chapel gathered in the Fellowship Hall to pack care packages for college students. These care packages included Daily Bread, homemade cookies, snacks, gift cards to Sonic, gift cards to Walmart, plastic storage boxes, and other items. In total, 9 boxes were sent to students in Fayetteville, Monticello, and El Dorado. We appreciate those that packed and those that baked cookies and donated money for the gift cards and other items! I know that the students will appreciate this show of love!



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day of another lesson, Jason texted us “George, George of the Jungle”. He wanted us to “watch out for that greed” instead of “trees”.

Another part of Wednesday night that I enjoy is the time after lectures when the youth group breaks down into small groups separated by gender in order to go deeper into the subject of the night. For this series, adults and students shared about their personal experiences with “enemies of the heart” and how to battle them. In the girls’ group, Stephanie Luker, Jason’s wife, did an incredible job of getting the girls to stop giving shallow answers and share more personal struggles with their enemies of the heart. By her sharing something personal that related to what was discussed, it helped free the girls to open up their hearts and share.

Last Wednesday, we started a video series on people that encountered Jesus and how they were changed by the encounter. The first person in the series was Simon from Cerene, the person that the Roman soldiers forced to carry Jesus’ cross to His crucifixion. After Jason read scriptures and discussed with the students about who Simon was and what he did, we watched a video. It was interesting how Simon was portrayed in modern clothing and speech. You could have heard a pin drop as he talked about having to carry the cross, the brutality of the cross, and his regret as he realized that it was HIS sins (and ours) that caused Jesus to be nailed to the cross. There were tears in many eyes during and after the video. I think that modernizing Simon helped everyone to make the connection that Jesus, Who knew no sin, suffered willingly and brutally for each of our sins.

I love being back in the middle of youth. If you ever get an inkling or you are curious as to what is going on, please come and see! It’s a lot of fun and there is a lot to learn!



We would love for you to come share the food and fun too!



Geocaching with Phoebe & Kay By Kay Johnston

Many of you have heard us, Phoebe Sellers and Kay Johnston, talking about our adventures and just riding along. You might have wondered what we were doing or whether we were wasting time, but geocaching (the recreational activity of hunting for and finding a hidden object by means of GPS coordinates posted on a website) is a good hobby that takes us to so many places! We can't help but appreciate the beauty of creation; how many different trees, clouds, hills & flatlands, and waterways there are so close around.

Recently, we came by an awesome “man-made structure” erected to glorify the Lord called “Footprints in the Sand”. It was created to



illustrate the famous poem of the same name that was written by Mary Stevenson in 1936. The path at the monument begins with footprints of 2 people walking along. Then around a bend only 1 set of footprints can be seen. As you closely follow the path, you notice that there are 2 sets of prints, but once again only one is walking along carrying the other. I walked around to look up close to see a statue of Jesus holding a person. It made me realize how much

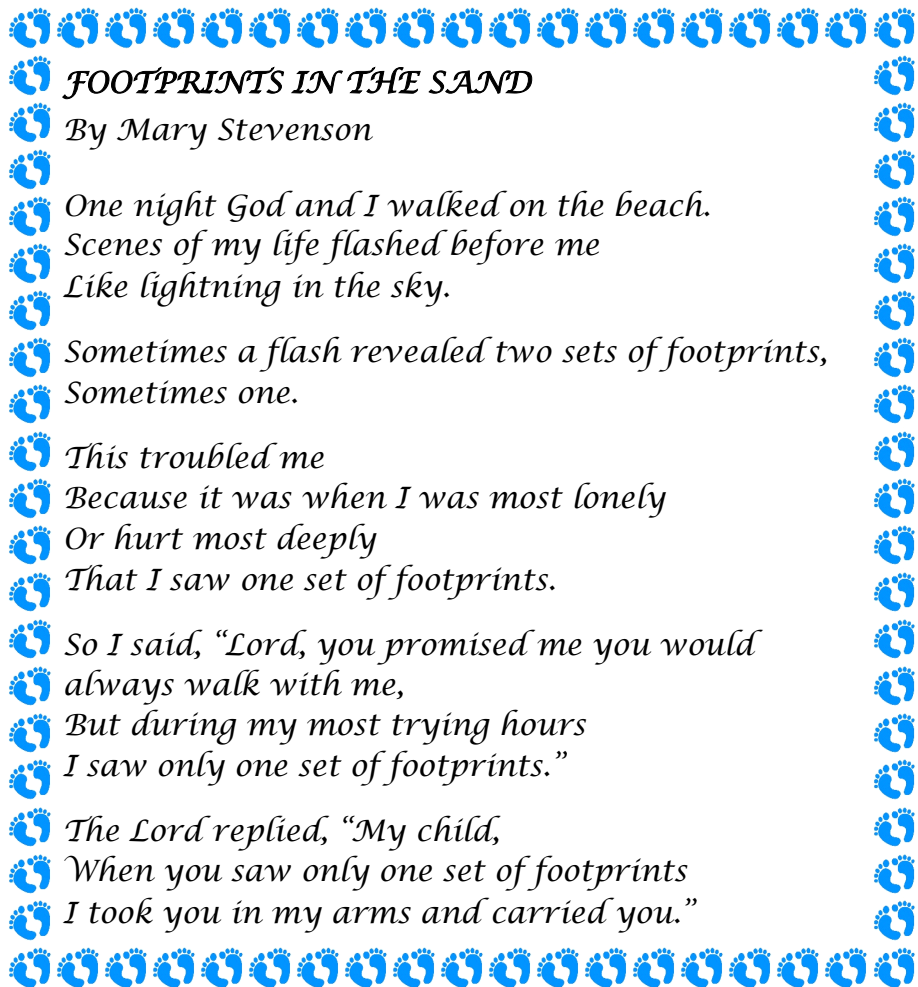
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we are loved and often carried through hard places in life.

This beautiful poem is laid out in concrete and bronze. Along the path, there are light poles that list different “fruits of the Spirit” and scriptures on the plaques at their bases.

For anyone that would like to see this, it is only a couple hours away on a bypass around Carthage, Texas. For more information, visit <http://footprintsmonument.com/> on the web or “Footprints Monument” (@footprintsmonument) on Facebook.



FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

By Mary Stevenson

*One night God and I walked on the beach.
Scenes of my life flashed before me
Like lightning in the sky.*

*Sometimes a flash revealed two sets of footprints,
Sometimes one.*

*This troubled me
Because it was when I was most lonely
Or hurt most deeply
That I saw one set of footprints.*

*So I said, “Lord, you promised me you would
always walk with me,
But during my most trying hours
I saw only one set of footprints.”*

*The Lord replied, “My child,
When you saw only one set of footprints
I took you in my arms and carried you.”*

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The food, fellowship, and entertainment was enjoyed by all! To everyone that planned, provided food, fried fish, or helped in any way, thank you!



Communique Articles

I, along with others, would love to hear what is going on in your life! Do you have a funny story that you would like to share? Has God shown you something? Has He put something on your heart that you would like to share? E-mail or talk to me, Natalie, about what He is doing in your life so we can share in the Communique.