

The Drumbeat

Relaying the Message of God's
Love Through Our Lives

May 2018



FROM OUR PASTOR...

Be Careful Following the Crowd

A missionary recruit goes to Columbia for the first time. He is still struggling to learn Spanish when he visits one of the local churches and sits in the front row.

So as not to make a fool of himself, he decides to pick someone out of the crowd to imitate. He decides to follow the man sitting next to him in the front pew. As they sing, the man claps his hands, so the missionary recruit claps, too. When the man stands up to pray, the missionary recruit stands up, too. When the man sits down, the missionary sits down.

Later in the service, the man next to him stands up again, so the missionary stands up, too. Suddenly a hush falls over the entire congregation. A few people gasp. The missionary looks around and sees that no one else is standing. So, he sits down.

After the service ends, the missionary recruit greets the preacher. "I take it you don't speak Spanish," the preacher says.

The missionary replies, "No, I don't. It's that obvious?"

"Well yes," the preacher says. "I announced that the Acosta family had a new-born baby boy, and I asked the proud father to please stand up."

Who are you following? Is it the world or Jesus?

Changing Lives Through God's Love

Pastor Joe

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Church of God**

Celebrate Mom



We will celebrate our mothers on May 13th with a brunch at 9:45 during our Sunday School Hour. Join us as we celebrate with these lovely ladies we call "Mom"

LAUGH AWHILE!

Funny Newspaper Headlines

- Something Went Wrong in Plane Crash, Expert Says
- Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
- Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds of Dead
- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
- War Dims Hope for Peace

SILLY BOOK TITLES:

- The Dogs' Dinner by Nora Bone
- The Cliff Tragedy by Eileen Dover
- French Windows by Pattie O'Dors
- Forestry by Teresa Green
- Olympic Games by Arthur Letics
- How to Make Honey by B. Keeper
- Easy Money by Robyn Banks
- Gunfire by R. Tillery
- Long Walk by Miss D. Buss



May Sermons

Series: Following the Call

May 6 th		The Commencing
May 13 th	(Mother's Day)	Lessons from Mom
May 20 th		The Convincing
May 27 th		The Concern

Celebrate Life



Thank you to everyone who gave items for our Celebrate Life event at Easter. These items will go into care packages that will be given to children who are placed in the foster care system, often with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

Security Measures

In order to keep those who attend our services safe, all church entry doors will be locked during service times except for the main doors which will be monitored. Unfortunately in today's world we must take these measures to keep our congregants safe. All doors will be locked at all times during the week. If you need access to the church please call before hand or knock on the door by the pastors office. We will be installing a doorbell type system which you can use shortly.

MISSIONS...

Your support of missions helps God's work go around the world.

GOAL

October 2017 to September 2018	\$5000
Amount received	\$2140

Your Dollars go to support

The Torgeson's - Living Link Missionaries
 The Langford's - Living Link Missionaries
 Tim and Joy Coppess - Living Link Missionaries
 Mid-America Christian University
 Meals on Wheels Help Inc.
 Work Camps Scholarships
 Children of Promise Local Missions Projects
 See a letter from Zach and Audrey Langford on the back of this month's calendar.

Wednesday Bible Study

Introducing Jesus (Study on Mark)

Mark was probably the first Gospel written. In this study we will see how Mark presents Jesus to his readers. Come join us on Wednesdays at 7p.m.



This fall the church will celebrate its 100th Anniversary. Our next planning meeting will be May 3rd at 3p.m.

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