

WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS

THE ROAD!

What a joy to get back into our series in the book of James as we dealt with chapter 2:14-26, addressing the issue of "Is there such a thing as faith without works?" My goal was to distinguish between the requirement for true salvation and the result of true salvation! We highlighted faith without fruit is a false faith in verses 14-17. James 2:17 "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." (ESV) Faith without fruit is a futile and fatal faith. James uses Abraham and Rahab as examples that their works gave evidence of their faith. He concluded in James 2:26 "For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead." This is a very challenging passage as we examine ourselves and look at what ministries we are involved in outside of Brookwood. Surely a lot more ministry should occur outside of these walls rather than only within these walls, amen?

We had an enjoyable and challenging time this last Sunday night discussing the #12 topic of our 20 beliefs, "Election". My conclusion on this subject for years has been that we believe in human responsibility and divine Sovereignty and if we can't fully understand exactly how they work together, it is okay to acknowledge there is a mystery about it. We must be careful describing the mind of God and the ways of God in our finite state. This next week Brother Robert will teach my Sunday evening class, "What does it Mean to Become a Christian?" as I participate in the ordination service of my son-in-law, Nate Crawford, in Bristow.

Brag on Jesus this week. Tell your story, your testimony to someone. Show that radiant, smiling face this week to all of those around you and invite someone to Brookwood. In our series, "Where the Rubber Meets the Road" we will deal with "Controlling Our Tongue" in James 3:1-5. Looking forward to it. Remember that we have started back our Wednesday night meal; let the office know you're coming! Great food, great fellowship, great Bible study; come join us!

See you this Lord's day!
Love you and striving to fill your bucket!

Bryan



Senior Adult Luncheon

Sunday, April 22

in the Youth Center

Come enjoy lunch with your
deacon family!

APRIL

- 13 - Senior Adult Game Night, 6:00pm
- 16 - Peck/Slater Wedding Shower, 7:00pm
- 19 - Senior Adult Breakfast at McDonalds, 8:00am
- 20 - Secret Church Simulcast, 6:00pm
- 22 - Senior Adult/Deacon Luncheon, 12:00pm; Finance Committee, 4:30pm; Business Meeting, 5:00pm
- 28 - Golf Tournament, 12:00pm
- 29 - Missions Committee & Ministry Committee Meeting, 4:00pm
- 30 - Sigmon/Small Wedding Shower, 7:00pm

The Missions Committee and the Ministry Committee will have a combined meeting on Sunday, April 22 at 4:00PM followed by a church business meeting at 5:00PM.

Peck/Slater Wedding Shower
Monday, April 16 @ 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Jennifer & Garrett are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and William Sonoma.

Sigmon/Small Wedding Shower
A shower for Joanna Sigmon and Luke Small will take place on Monday, April 30 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Jo and Luke are registered at Walmart, Bed, Bath and Beyond and Zola.com.

Golf Tournament...April 28
Tee time: 12pm @ Broadmoore
\$24 +\$5 prize fund - SIGN UP at the kiosk. See Dennis Grothe for details.

Together with their families
Natalie Goudeau &
Tyler Beaulac

Request your presence at their wedding on Saturday, May 19 at 2:00pm at Brookwood.
RSVP to 405.682.1894
Or text 405.410.1567

Note of Thanks...

*Dear Church Family,
I want to thank you all for your prayers, calls and cards. You all mean so much to me and I love my church family. —Betty Osburn*

SECRET CHURCH

Secret Church Simulcast with David Platt
Friday, April 20 6:00PM-12:00AM

The apostle Paul was astonished that some followers of Christ in his day were “turning to a different gospel,” and he pleaded with them not to be deceived by those who wanted to “distort the gospel of Christ.” These warnings given to the church in the first century are just as relevant today for the church in the twenty-first century.

For the good of our souls and for the sake of the church’s mission, followers of Christ need to ask, “What false gospels are being taught today?” and “How can I recognize the true gospel among so many counterfeits?” Answering these questions will be the aim of Secret Church 18, “Cults and Counterfeit Gospels.”

We will consider the claims of Jehovah’s Witnesses, Mormons, and other groups that claim to teach the truth. We will also explore more subtle distortions of the gospel, including prosperity teaching that is rampant across the church. In the end, our goal is to walk away from this Secret Church not only enabled to discern false gospels, but also equipped to share the true gospel with people around us and with peoples around the world.

Join us at Secret Church....



Join us: Branson Trip 2018
Thursday-Saturday May 17-19
SAMSON at Sight & Sound Theater
Lodging at Branson’s Best
Enjoy some fine dining!
Cost: \$275 - Deadline: Sunday April 22
Space is limited...sign up in the senior adult hall.