## **WELCOME!**

If this is your first Sunday with us, welcome! We're so glad you're here!

We have connection cards at the table in the back if you would like to fill one of those out! Also on the back of this bulletin is all our contact information and a QR code for our app Check it out!

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pot luck today!

Easter Picnic April 12<sup>th</sup>. Flyers for this are on the back table. Invite your family and friends! Easter Basketball match/tournament sign up sheet also on the back table

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

#### **Sunday**

Prayer at 9:00am Sunday School at 9:30 - 10:15am \*Snack & Drink Intermission Worship at 10:30am Children's Church at 11:15am Sermon at 11:15am - 12:00pm Prayer Meeting at 5:00 - 6:00pm Youth Group at 5:00 - 6:00pm

### **Wednesday**

Men's Meeting: 6:30am Prayer at 6:30pm Bible study at 7:00 - 8:00pm

#### Friday

Lady's Meeting at 9:30 - 11:30am

#### Weekly Prayer

\*Prayer meeting held every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evening 4:30 - 5:30pm\*

#### Mark your Calendars!

OCC Shoe Box: March-April
TOYS that will fit in a small shoe box,
postage money, clearance items
March 27 - 29 : Men's Retreat
April 3 - 5 : Women's Retreat
April 12 : Easter Picnic
June 16 - 20 : Church Camp
July 7 - 11 : Vacation Bible School

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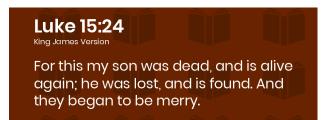
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#### ALL IS FORGIVEN



In one of his short stories, Ernest Hemingway tells a tale about a Spanish father who longs to reunite with his estranged son. He places an advertisement in a local newspaper: Paco, meet me at Hotel Montana at noon Tuesday. All is forgiven. When the father arrives, he finds a crowd waiting. Eight hundred Pacos had responded to his advertisement, longing to be forgiven by their fathers.

It's a touching story that speaks to our own deep desire for forgiveness, and it reminds me of a story Jesus told. There, a young man leaves his father on a hunt for "wild living" but soon finds himself in trouble (Luke 15:13-14). When he "[comes] to his senses" and returns home (v. 17), his estranged father rushes to embrace him before he's even had a chance to apologize (v. 20). "This son of mine was dead and is alive again," the father cries in joy; "he was lost and is found" (v. 24). In this story, the father represents God, the son represents us, and heaven's joy is glimpsed when we too return to our heavenly Father.

Forgiveness lifts a weight off a guilty soul. But like a gift, what's offered to us must be received. Hemingway never tells us if the father in this story finds his own Paco. Will the Father in Jesus' story have His sons and daughters return? His arms are outstretched, awaiting our response.

Reflect & Pray

How would you feel if you were Paco's father? What can hold you back from receiving divine forgiveness?



Eggs are dyed to represent the blood of Jesus Christ.

Well, at least that might be one of the reasons, which stems from early Christians in Mesopotamia. There isn't a concrete reason behind the tradition, but that's one of the theories.

## **SERMON NOTES**


### WE BELIEVE

In one God eternally existing in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (John 14:10,16,18,26)

Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. (John 3:16, Matt. 1:20)

Jesus was crucified, buried and raised from the dead: He ascended into heaven, lives today at the right hand of the Father as our intercessor, and is coming again to receive unto Himself those who are looking for him. (Acts 4:10, Heb. 1:3; 7:25; 9:28)

All men are sinners by nature and practice. (Romans 3:23, 5:19)

All who believe Jesus died on the cross for their sins and was resurrected from the dead, when they repent and confess with their mouth Jesus as Savior, are born into God's family as sons of God.

(Acts 3:19; Romans 10:9-10)

In being filled with the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. (Acts 2:4; 10:45-46)

In the exercise of the gifts of the spirit that all may be edified.
(1 Corinthians 12:7-11; 14:12)

In observing the ordinances of water baptism by immersion, the Lord's supper, and men having their heads uncovered and women having their heads covered when praying or prophesying.

(Acts 16:33; Matthew 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:1-26)

In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the believer, and eternal punishment for the unbeliever.

(John 5:28)