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

Potluck next week!

Teachers meeting today, 4:00 PM in the little Chapel

We want to thank everyone that helped with VBS. We hope you enjoyed the appreciation dinner last night thank you all to who attended.

CHURCH SERVICES

<u>Sunday</u>

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

<u>Wednesday</u>

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: August/September
Playing cards, uno, regular, go fish, etc.
Games: checkers, jenga, etc.
Picture books, color books, journals, stickers,
gem stickers, puzzles, craft kits,
school supplies, clearance items,
money for postage

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In his book From the Pit to the Pulpit, John Stroup shares about powerful, unfriendly forces of life that battered and bruised him physically, sexually, and emotionally. He notes, "I started using drugs before I could drive a car. . . . I quit school and began to get farther and farther into the criminal lifestyle." Eventually John's crimes landed him behind bars. While serving a five-year sentence, the Bible became real to him, and he was humbled before God. By God's grace, he was liberated from habits that were previously stronger than he was.

Ancient Israel's experience often included oppression and sometimes captivity "from the hand of those stronger than they" (Jeremiah 31:11). Even when their predicaments were because of their own folly, God Himself exercised His mercy and might on behalf of His wayward people. Renewal—including joyful singing, abundant harvests, and celebration (vv. 12-14)—was to be expected when God exercised His superior strength for their good.

John Stroup's life is a testimony to God's might on behalf of those who place their faith in God's Son, Jesus. The Gospels witness to Christ's power to counter the ugly forces of evil in human life. And the strength and power of Jesus can be accessed today through sincere, faith-filled prayer, and heartfelt surrender for "everyone who calls" on Him (Acts 2:21).

Reflect & Pray

What life forces are you facing that are too strong for you? What's keeping you from calling on Jesus for help?

FOR THE LORD HATH REDEEMED JACOB, AND RANSOMED HIM FROM THE HAND OF HIM THAT WAS STRONGER THAN HE.

-JEREMIAH 31:11 KJV

SERMON NOTES

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God is stronger than whatever you are facing in your life.

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)