



“THE STARTER”

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With Sincere Sympathy
Graham Ferris went home to the Lord on February 17, 2023. We share our deepest prayers and sympathies.



Spring is in the air!! Daylight Savings time begins March 12th. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour.



*“The wisest decision we can
Make each day is this:
I will walk with God today.”
Dr. Ronnie Floyd*



The Passion of Christ Movie will be shown in two parts at 9:00AM on Sunday mornings March 12th and 19th.



*We love because He first
Loved us.*



*Don't worry about anything; instead
pray about everything. Tell God what
you need, and thank Him for all He
has done.*

Philippians 4:6



*A grandfather was walking through
his yard when he heard his
granddaughter repeating the alphabet
in a tone of voice that sounded like
prayer. He asked her what she was
doing. The little girl explained, “I’m
praying, but can’t think of the exact
right words, so I’m just saying all the
letters, and God will put them together
for me because He knows what I’m
thinking.”*



The first meeting of the Session group was held on Monday, February 13, 2023. Committee’s made, with assignments made. Meetings will be third Monday of the month.



*How cool is it that the same God that
created oceans and mountains and
galaxies looked at you and thought the
world needed one of you, too!*





Baseball season will soon be here!! Time for peanuts and cracker jacks, rooting on the Chiefs! Sign-up please to get group ticket pricing. We've been invited to Faith and Family night, Saturday, June 10th and Wednesday July 26th. Fireworks after each game.



LOVE IS

Slow to suspect-----Quick to trust.
 Slow to offend-----Quick to defend.
 Slow to reprimand---Quick to forbear.
 Slow to belittle-----Quick to appreciate
 Slow to demand-----Quick to give.
 Slow to provoke-----Quick to conciliate.
 Slow to hinder-----Quick to help.
 Slow to resent-----Quick to forgive.



Vendor Fair

The vendor fair is Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9 – 2pm in Morgan Hall. There is a sign-up on the welcome table if you're interested and available to help on Saturday. We are also looking for all bakers. Sign-up is also up for baking donations.



Sufficiency in Jesus Christ

Jesus is my Savior – that's what he did for me.
 Jesus is my Sanctification – that's what He does for me.
 Jesus is my Service – that's what He does through me.
 Jesus is my Shepherd – that's what he does with me.



**THE ANSWER TO EVERYTHING
 JESUS CHRIST
 OBVIOUSLY PRESENT
 AND ACTIVELY IN CHARGE**

Cranberry White Chocolate Cookies

16 oz. White Cake Mix
 2 Large eggs
 1/2 Cup melted butter (or Vegetable Oil)
 1-1/4 Cups dried cranberries
 1-1/4 Cups white chocolate chips
 Combine cake mix, eggs, and oil in large mixing bowl and beat well.
 Stir in cranberries and white chocolate chips, stir well with spoon.
 Chill dough in refrigerator for one hour.
 Drop onto ungreased non-stick cookie sheet (or parchment paper) in round balls.
 Bake approximately 8-10 minutes at 350 degrees, or until done.



Five Purposes of Prayer

1. Praise and adoration: responding to the glory and grandeur of God.
2. Thanksgiving: acknowledging the Giver of all good gifts.
3. Confession: admitting our failures and asking for pardon.
4. Petition: asking God to take care of us.
5. Intercession: asking God to help others.



Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Rita Tieman, Rick and Deb Taylor, Rob and Cyndee Dickson,

**Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:
 Carol Edgcomb Don Walker
 Jane McClintock Lin Stuhr
 Lillian Mini

** Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows

** Pray for Jews for Jesus

** Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply

** Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic

** Pray for Cup of Cold Water Ministries

** Pray for Transport for Christ

** Pray for PADS providing shelter to the Homeless



The Paradox of Time

The paradox of time in history is that we:

Have taller buildings, but shorter tempers

Wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints

We spend more, but have less

We buy more, but enjoy it less

We have bigger houses and smaller families

Bigger churches and smaller congregations

A multitude of prayers, but very little faith

A blessed life, but lack of gratitude

A loving God for our blemished hearts

We have more conveniences, but less time

We have more degrees, but less sense

More knowledge, but less judgement

More experts, but more problems

More medicine, but less wellness

We have multiplied our possessions,

But reduced our values

We talk too much, love too seldom,

And hate too often

We've learned how to make a living,

But not a life

We've added years to life, not life to years

We've been all the way to the moon and back

*But we have trouble crossing the street to meet a
new neighbor*

We've conquered outer space, but not inner space

We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul

We've split the atom, but not our prejudice

We have higher incomes, but lower morals

*We've become long on quantity, but short on
quality*

These are the Times of tall men, and short character

Steep profits, and shallow relationships

More leisure, but less fun

More kinds of food, but less nutrition

*These are the days of two incomes, but more
divorce*

Of fancier houses, but broken homes

It is a time when there is much in the show window

And nothing in the stock room

*A time when technology can bring this letter to
you*

And a time when you can choose to make a difference

Hang It On The Cross



*If you have a secret sorrow,
a burden or a loss,
an aching need for healing...*

HANG IT ON THE CROSS

*If worry steals your sleep
And makes you toss and turn,
If your heart is feeling heavy...*

HANG IT ON THE CROSS

Every obstacle to faith

Or doubt you come across,

Every prayer unanswered...

HANG IT ON THE CROSS

For Christ has born our brokenness

And dearly paid the cost

To turn our trials to triumph..

HANGING ON THE CROSS



Please Join Us!!

Sunday, March 12th @ 4:00pm

Movie

In

Morgan Hall



Popcorn will be available!!

*Investigative filmmaker Timothy Mahoney has
been searching for the true location of Mount Sinai
for over 20 years. The majority of scholars continue
to favor locating Mount Sinai at the traditional site
of Jebel Musa (the mountain of Moses) in the
southern Sinai Peninsula. But in recent decades,*

more than a dozen Mount Sinai candidates have been proposed as the correct site. Mahoney uses the trusted Pattern-of-Evidence approach and the new Mount Sinai Scorecard to investigate three of the six most popular locations proposed for Mount Sinai. Can he find the mountain where Moses encountered the burning bush and where multitudes of Israelites camped for nearly a year?



Habitat to Humanity of LaSalle-Bureau Putnam Counties, Inc. is pleased to announce that applications are open for our next house build in Peru, IL in 2023. To qualify applicants must show a need for adequate housing, be willing to partner with Habitat in the building of the house, and show an ability to repay a low interest affordable mortgage loan. This is geared toward helping low and very low income applicants to become homeowners. There are maximum income levels in accordance with the number of persons to be living in the household. For questions or to obtain an application you may visit: www.localhabitat.org, call our Peru office at 815-434-2041, or visit our Peru ReStore, 1101 Shooting Park Rd., and ask for Fran Gibson. The application deadline for submission is April 14, 2023.



You are my lamp, O Lord; the Lord shall enlighten my darkness.

II Samuel 22:29

Knowledge of the Bible is essential to a rich and meaningful life, for the words of this Book have a way of filling in the missing pieces, of bridging the gaps, of turning the tarnished colors of our life to jewel-like brilliance. Learn to take your every problem to the Bible. Within its pages you will find the correct answer.

Billy Graham



Understanding is a fountain of life to one who has it.
FAITH doesn't always take you out of the problem; it takes you through the problem.
FAITH doesn't always take away the pain; it gives you the ability to handle the pain.
FAITH doesn't always take you out of the storm; it calms you in the midst of the storm.



Do not worry about tomorrow,
 For tomorrow will
 Worry about itself.
 Matthew 6:34



Worry Looks around
Sorry looks back
Faith looks up



God is right in everything he does.
Daniel 9:14

God is never wrong. He has never rendered a wrong decision, experienced the wrong attitude, taken the wrong path, said the wrong thing, or acted the wrong way. He is never too late or too early, too loud or too soft, too fast or too slow. He has always been and always will be right. He is righteous.

Max Lucado



Psalm Sunday—April 2
Maundy Thursday—April 6
Good Friday---April 7
Easter---April 9

