



WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR

“Beware the Ides of March”

This line from Shakespeare's play is famously known, as well as the story that goes along with it. The murder/assassination of Julius Caesar by Justus Brutus and other prominent Romans on the 15th of March in 44 B.C. But little is generally known about the actual Ides of March and what it signifies.

In this time period, for the Romans, the Ides of March was mostly notable as a deadline for settling debts. Their calendar featured ides on the 15th in March, May, July, and October or on the 13th in the other months. The word's Latin roots mean "divide," and the date sought to split the month, originally at the rise of the full moon. So, when the middle of the month rolled around if you had a debt to pay you were called upon to settle that debt.

Did you know that you are in debt? No, I didn't steal your identity, hack into your bank account, or get your credit checked. All of humanity is in debt against God. And no matter how much you have in your savings account, your

401k, or in your investment portfolio it will never be enough to settle the debt. What debt could be so big that we will never be able to pay it off? It is the debt of our sin, our trespasses against God, the ways in which we live contrary to Him.

There is only One who can pay this debt, and He has offered to take your place. It is Jesus Christ. He is the holy Son of God who lived a perfect life, died a criminal's death on a cross, defeated sin and death and evil by rising again, and is alive today seated at the right hand of the throne of God. And He says to us that He will take the worst parts of who we are and make them clean, that He will cancel the debt that we have against God, and that we can be put back in good standing with Him. Our debt will be settled.

Last week we read this text from Colossians 2:13-14 as part of the Sermon, "God made (us) alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross." We are made spiritually alive when we acknowledge our sin debt, when we acknowledge who Christ is and what He has done for us, and when we say that we want to follow after Him and have Him wipe the debt clean.

The truth is there will be an Ides of Life, a time that is coming when we will be called to settle the debts of our lives. The Bible says it like this from different passages...

"For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.' So then each of us will give an account of himself to God."

"Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done."

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."

For me, personally, I am ready to settle my debt because I know full well that Christ has already paid it. That when that moment comes and I am called to give an account I will receive the grace of God because of Jesus Christ. Because I have accepted His gift of love, and I have made Him the Savior of my life. Do you know what you will do when the Ides of Life come?

Jadon

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BIRTHDAYS

8th - Aurolyn Wolfe
 16th - Teren Wood
 Judy Bozarth
 19th - Milne Macy
 25th - Dusty Miller
 27th - Walt Wolfe

ANNIVERSARIES

13th - Anand & Brittany Phillips
 16th - Walt & Aurolyn Wolfe
 20th - David & Tricia Slaght
 Chuck & Janice Alexander
 22nd - Mike & Deanne Comfort
 24th - Richard & Brenda Vigil

FELLOWSHIP OPORTUNITIES


OH BABY!
 JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER
 CELEBRATING NICHOLE DINKEL 
Brunch ~ Bowties ~ Books

Please only gift Nichole with
 baby/kid books,
 bowties or diapers

10TH OF MARCH @ 10 AM
 METOLIUS FRIENDS COMMUNITY CHURCH
 RSVP TO AUDREY @ 307-922-4204



Teacher, Children's Worker or
 Youth Worker, we will have a short
 appreciation lunch after the
 service on Sunday, March 4th.

Your family is welcome to stay and enjoy the lunch as well.
 Please RSVP to Jadon so they will have plenty of food.

CONTACT information



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Digital Bulletins: faithlife.com/metoliusfriends/bulletins

Easter Events

March 26-30, at 12:00pm

Holy Week Lunches at Culver Christian Church

March 30, at 6:00pm

Good Friday Service and Communion at the Church

April 1, at 6:45am

Sunrise Service on Round Butte

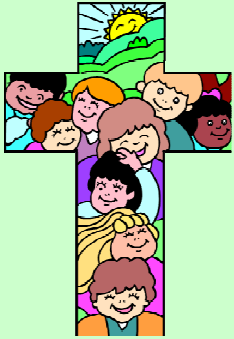
April 1, at 9:30am

Easter Brunch at the Church

April 1, at 10:45am

Worship Service

WORDS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER



Ramblings of the Minister of Children's Programming

I hope to connect our "Mission Statement to my articles over the next few months. In doing this I hope to inspire us to put in action what the Mission Statement says about who we are as a church. "Our mission is to see people transformed into fully mature followers of Jesus, and to impact our community with hope by living, loving and serving like Christ."

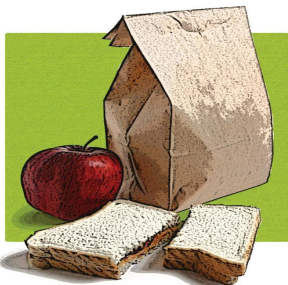
A great place to look and discover how we about seeing "people transformed into mature followers of Jesus is scripture and what Jesus had to say. I love how Jesus used extremes to make a point as is illustrated In Matthew 7:3-5 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

In this parable Jesus emphases, the importance of taking stock of our lack of maturity and short comings first to be able help others grow and remove anything that is keeping them from growing Christ. We to often stop and don't consider we are to help remove the speck, there is room to make judgments based on clear spiritual vision of who we are then we can help others. First right here in our church family and then in the world around us.

So, I say let's start "deplanking so we can set out and start "despeckting" our brothers in Christ.

Dayton Durley

SERVING OTHERS

**BROWN
BAG
FOOD
DELIVERY**

AT
Metolius Depot
Friday, March 2, 2018
Volunteers come at 3:00pm.
Registration at 4:00pm.
Food Delivery at 4:30pm.



MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	2 4:30 pm Brown Bag at The Depot 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	3
4 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 12:15 pm Teacher & Worker Appreciation Lunch 5:30 pm Youth Group	5	6 6:00 pm FIT Class 6:30 pm Bible Study at Drahn's	7 9:30 am Women's Bible Study at the Church 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study at the Church	8 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	9 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	10 10:00 am Baby Shower For Nichole Dinkel 
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18 9:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 5:30 pm Youth Group	19	20 6:00 pm FIT Class 6:30 pm Bible Study at Drahn's	21 9:30 am Women's Bible Study at the Church 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study at the Church 7:00 pm Steward Ministry Team Meeting	22 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship at the Church 6:00 pm Community Kitchen	23 5:00 pm AA Meeting In the Library	24
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