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The Good News Weekly

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Upcoming Events

- 1/27/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 1/27/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas
- 1/30 /19 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. at Christ Church
- 2/3/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Church
- 2/3/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II at 5:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas

Backpack Blessings Schedule

- Pack after church on January 27
- Driver to deliver bags January 31– Ben Barksdale
- Shopper for January 31 – Pam Critchfield
- Pack before Bible Study on Wednesday, February 6.

Christ Church Supporting the Community In Time of Need

*"Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
to bring the poor and homeless into your home,
to clothe the naked when you see him,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"*

Isaiah 58:7



This past week with night time temperatures near zero and all beds filled at the Clarksburg Mission, Christ Church received a request to open the gym for temporary shelter between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 AM for Sunday and Monday nights. Over 47 individuals were given food and a warm place to sleep. This was a cooperative effort with other groups. We provided the space and the Clarksburg Mission staff and volunteers for the Change Initiative provided the "security/supervisors."

Serving Ministries

January 27, 2019

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
Lector: Ira Richardson & Jody Morse
Ushers: Dee Trimbach & Zac Steed
Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
Altar Guild: Suzanne Wilson & Carol Johnson
- 11:00 a.m. Pack backpacks
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor
Coffee hour hostess:
- 11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
Lector: Kipp Martin
Ushers: Nancy Cotten
Altar Guild: Nancy Cotten

February 3, 2019

4th Sunday After Epiphany

- 9:30 a.m. Choir warmup
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church
Lector: Bill Saviers
Ushers: Ben Barksdale and Jody Morse
Acolyte: Nate Critchfield
Altar Guild: Jody Morse
(We will pack backpacks on Wednesday before Bible Study.)
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee hour in the parlor
Coffee hour hostesses: Sue and Pam
- 11:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal
- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at St. Barnabas
Lector: Kipp Martin
Ushers: Joe Martin
Altar Guild: Kipp Martin

... to know, live, and share The Good News
Story of Jesus Christ

The Good Book Club – Epiphany 2019

WEEK 4: JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 3, 2019

The Well, Lexington, Kentucky

READ: ROMANS 8:9-10:4

REFLECT:

There are themes throughout these chapters that Paul communicates to us. These themes are meant to aid in a mindset shift that actually makes our lives easier. When we attempt to control, worry, condemn, or facilitate, we are leaving God completely out of it. When really, the Holy Spirit is in us and interprets to God on our behalf, even when we do not know how to articulate our needs. The hope is believing and resting in the knowledge of two truths expressed in these chapters: 1) God knows us before we are born and knows our purpose and 2) there is nothing on earth nor in heaven that can separate us from God’s love, as is explained in Romans 8:31-38. We cannot even rationalize our way out of it. We cannot control our way out of it. We cannot plan or stress our way out of it. If we accept the unconditional love of God and rest in seeking God’s plan, we lift heavy burdens from ourselves, making life easier and more joyful and in turn give God the glory that was intended.

DIG DEEPER:

1. Romans 8:31 goes in depth explaining all the ways we CANNOT be separated from God’s love, that God’s love is unconditional and infinite. It is difficult, at times, to grasp that we are infinitely loveable. How can this knowledge shape our mindset toward ourselves? How can it shape forgiveness of self? Forgiveness of others?

2. Romans 9:32-33 explains that the Israelites were so focused on keeping the laws that they lacked trust in God, which resulted in stumbling over the “great rock in their path.” Where in our lives do we focus more on the “law” or “rules” rather than trust God and rest in God’s unconditional love? Looking at how you responded to the previous question, can you acknowledge that it is not about what we do, but about what God has done? -

About the Author and Grant Site: The Well of Lexington provides a holistic program of safe housing, recovery support, education, and healing for women exploited by sex trafficking to empower them to reach economic independence and live productive lives. The women who helped with this writing have faced many kinds of darkness. Our job is to be the light that helps them stand in their own power.

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THIS WEEK I AM THANKFUL FOR:
