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Dr. Brian D. Prucey, Pastor
Charles Anderson, Music/Ed Minister
Brent Martwick, Student Minister



Author and speaker Brennan Manning has an amazing story about love and sacrifice. While growing up in Brooklyn, his best friend was Ray. The two of them did everything together: bought a car together as teenagers, double-dated together, went to school together and so forth. They even enlisted in the Army together, went to boot camp together and fought on the frontlines together.

One night while sitting in a foxhole, Brennan was reminiscing about the old days in Brooklyn while Ray listened and ate a chocolate bar. Suddenly a live grenade came into the foxhole. Ray looked at Brennan, smiled, dropped his chocolate bar and threw himself on the live grenade. It exploded, killing Ray, but Brennan's life was spared.

Years later Brennan went to visit Ray's mother in Brooklyn. They sat up late one night having tea

when Brennan asked her, "Do you think Ray loved me?" Mrs. Brennan got up off the couch, shook her finger in front of Brennan's face and shouted, "What more could he have done for you?"

Brennan said that at that moment he experienced an epiphany. He imagined himself standing before the cross of Jesus wondering, *Does God really love me?* And Jesus' mother Mary pointing to her son, saying, "What more could he have done for you?"

The cross of Jesus is God's way of doing all he could do for us. And yet we often wonder, *Does God really love me? Am I important to God? Does God care about me?*

The Bible says that "God has demonstrated His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). God's love for you is forever settled at the cross.

Not only did Jesus die for us, but He rose again from the dead. His resurrection assures us that His sacrifice for human sin was accepted by God. His resurrection also assures us that those who trust Christ as Savior will experience their own resurrection unto eternal life.

Have a blessed Easter and remember:
He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Pastor Brian



Pavilion

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|-------------------|------|
| Brian Pucey | 2nd |
| Connie Grzesiek | 2nd |
| Wayne Lee | 4th |
| Cameron Lee | 8th |
| Jim Middleton | 9th |
| Andrea McAdams | 10th |
| Guy Keller | 15th |
| Michael Bond | 16th |
| Carlion Middleton | 21st |
| Dennis Spearman | 21st |
| Billie Starr | 23rd |
| Patrick Humphrey | 30th |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| Jimmie & Sherry Hudson | 28th |
| Jim & Carlion Middleton | 30th |



CHARLIE'S CHATS

Thanks to all of you who have been faithful in choir practice and singing in the choir each Sunday.

We still have a few chairs available in the Praise Choir – maybe one is just for you!! Come join us each Wednesday at 6:30 for practice.



Mugs & Muffins
Sunday, April 15th
from 9 to 9:30 a.m.

(Proceeds go towards Kid's Camp)

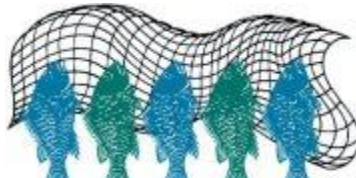
Monthly Business Meeting
Sunday, April 15th
7:00 p.m.



Fellowship

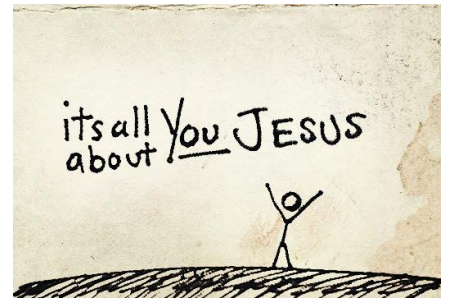
Friday, April 20th
from 5 - 8 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall



CHURCH VISITATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH
AT 9 A.M.

Fifth Sunday Lunch
April 29th
After Morning Worship
Bring your favorite
SOUP



In
Sunday School
at 9:30 a.m. each
Sunday...
There's a class
just for you!

WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

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| Sunday School | 9:30 a.m. |
| Morning Worship | 10:45 a.m. |
| Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m. |

WEDNESDAY

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| Fellowship Supper | 5:30 p.m. |
| Adult Prayer | 6:30 p.m. |
| Youth/Children | |
| Bible Studies | 6:30 p.m. |
| Praise Choir Practice | 6:30 p.m. |



Toddler Worker Schedule

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| <u>April 1st</u> |
| Kayla Fondren & Andrea McAdams |
| <u>April 8th</u> |
| Jessi Humphrey & Peggy Grice |
| <u>April 15th</u> |
| Sherry Hudson & Amye Megee |
| <u>April 22nd</u> |
| Michelle & David Lemoine |
| <u>April 29th</u> |
| Darlene Hay & Lisa Tyson |

Baby Worker Schedule

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| <u>April 1st</u> |
| Jessi Humphrey |
| <u>April 8th</u> |
| Darlene Hay |
| <u>April 15th</u> |
| Wanda Kent |
| <u>April 22nd</u> |

WELCOME

New Members

Nate Cash

Nick Cash



Children's Easter
Egg Hunt
Saturday,
April 7th

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
for Toddlers through
5th graders



Wednesday Night

At 5:30 p.m.

Great Food & Fellowship

\$5 per person

Peggy Grice
April 29th
Tina Spearman