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A pastor was invited to speak to a group of prison inmates. The event was held outdoors in the exercise yard.

As the pastor spoke, nobody was paying attention except a couple of men right up front. He was standing on the ground with no stage, just a microphone, but the microphone could be heard through the entire yard.

Wanting to get the attention of the other men, he pulled out a \$100 bill, held it up, and said, "How many of you would like this \$100 bill?" Every hand went up.

He had everybody's attention now.

Then he crumpled it in his hands, tore it a bit, and said, "How many of you would still like this \$100 bill?" Again, all hands went up. Then he spat

on the \$100 bill, threw it on the ground, stomped it into the dirt, held it up, and said, "How many of you would like it now?" Still, all hands went wildly into the air.

Then the pastor said, "Now for many of you, this is what you have experienced from life. You've been mistreated. You are abused. You are misused. You were told that you wouldn't amount to anything.

You've done a lot of dumb things too. You sinned. You've committed some crimes, and you're paying for them. You've been beaten. You've been torn. You've been dirty, but you have not lost one cent of your value to God."

What a powerful reminder of the love God has for all people, no matter how messed up their lives are. You are valuable to God.

Jesus said, "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is

forgotten before God. Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Luke 12:6-7).

Is there someone you know that needs to hear the good news that they are valued by God? Would you help them encounter the grace of God today?

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

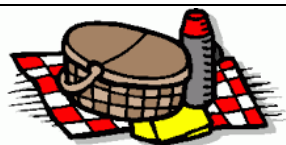


MAY BIRTHDAYS

Caroline Lee	3rd
Tonya Brown	7th
Amy Phipps	8th
Billy Phipps	8th
Faye Woods	14th
Steven Rice	16th
Courtlyn Lee	18th
Mike Todaro	20 th
Kelsey Kirby	21st
Gillian Kirby	23rd
Pat Simonelli	23rd
Josh Cheatwood	26th
Carole Prucey	27th
Susan Barnes	28th
Chanin Boudreaux	31st
Dustin Harrell	31st

ANNIVERSARIES

Sammy & Brandy Collins	15 th
Glen & Ruby Barnes	28 th



Church Picnic
 Saturday, May 16
 from
 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Fifth Sunday Potluck
 SUNDAY, MAY 31
 FUNDRAISER FOR
 YOUTH/KID'S CAMP



CHARLIE'S CHATS

Thanks to all of you who are faithful to sing in the Praise Choir each Sunday and attend choir practice on Wednesday night. We always welcome anyone who is interested in joining the Praise Choir. There's a chair just for you.



Congratulations to our Graduates

Marcus Fondren

Parkway High School

Nathan Cash

LSU-S

Nick Cash

BPCC

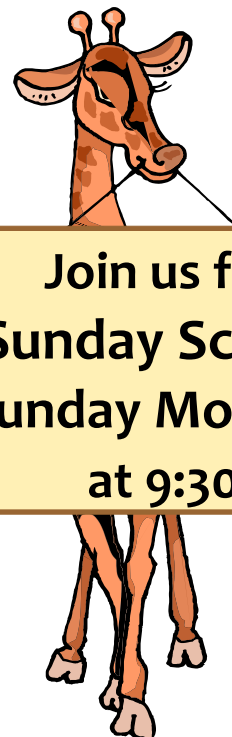
We will have a special Graduation Recognition Sunday, May 17th during Morning Worship

VBS 2015



JULY 27 TO 31

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Join us for Sunday School Sunday Morning at 9:30

Church Council Meeting
 Wednesday, May 6th
 at 5:15 p.m.

Church Business Meeting
 Sunday, May 17th
 After Morning Worship

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday
 Children's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.



SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

MEMORIAL DAY



May 25