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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	9:30 a.m.
TUESDAY: Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
THURSDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group	11:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.


## An Irish Prayer

May God give you...  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every care, a promise,  
And a blessing in each trial.  
For every problem life sends,  
A faithful friend to share,  
For every sigh, a sweet song,  
And an answer for each prayer.



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# MARCH 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	3	4
5 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship w/Communion	6	7 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	8	9 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	 <p><b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</b> SPRING FORWARD March 12, 2023</p>	
12 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship	13 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting	14 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	15	16 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	17 2:00 Lamplighters	18
19 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship	20 12:00 Noon Constitution Review Ministry Team Meeting	21 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	22	23 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	24	25
26 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship	27	28 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	29	30 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	31	

## FEBRUARY REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
2/5	39	20	\$2,375.00
2/12	42	20	\$1,780.00
2/19	38	21	\$4,781.57
2/26	36	17	\$2,369.00

2023 Year to Date received: \*\$27,817.67

2023 Budgeted Amount: \*\$24,426.36

Amount Needed Per Sunday: \*\$2,714.04

\*These figures are for General Fund and Missions only.

### USHERS FOR MARCH

Victor Solo & Al Parliament



Ladies, the book of the month for  
**MARCH** is **I & II Peter and Jude.**

# C.O.G.S.

C.O.G.S. met at the church on Saturday, February 18 with 15 present. A chicken dinner with salads and desserts was served. It was decided to have quarterly meetings instead of the monthly meetings of past years. Paulette Daggett encouraged the group to attend Nehemiah prayer group meetings and other Bible studies held at the church. Future events were discussed: Val Thompson mentioned the Cornerstone Luncheon on April 22 to be hosted by our church, and Steve Stutson spoke of the Rolling Thunder event to be held at Veteran's Park on May 28.

The next meeting will be Saturday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Details are pending. Information will be provided in future newsletters and bulletins.

Marlene Kriech & Al Parliament

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3	Taylor Anne Gardner	24	Larry Mohr
5	Dylan Gilk	25	Bridget Van't Hof
6	Jackie Williams		Breanna Van't Hof
10	Carole Mathieu	30	Val Thompson
13	Barb Horton		
17	Denny Horton		
20	Harvey Lee Brewer		
21	Chris Paul		
23	Ellen Hawes		
	Dan Van't Hof		
	Summer Hessamfar		

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

2	Marv & Becky Thorstenson
5	Dwayne & Jackie Williams
18	Duane and Doris Carlson

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

SPRING FORWARD

March 12, 2023



### LAMPLIGHTERS



## MARCH LAMPLIGHTERS MEETING

March 17 - 2:00 p.m.

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST

2425 S Western Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57105

**LOVE GIFTS:** Large 16-18 gallon totes w/lids

12 qt clear totes w/lids, 6 qt clear totes w/lids

Journals (spiral notebooks or custom-med. or large)

Kids program needs: Games, markers, coloring books

## What Should You Say?

*God's grace has now appeared. By his grace, God offers to save all people. His grace teaches us to say no to godless ways and sinful desires. We must control ourselves. We must do what is right. We must lead godly lives in today's world. That's how we should live as we wait for the blessed hope God has given us. We are waiting for Jesus Christ to appear in his glory. He is our great God and Savior. He gave himself for us. By doing that, he set us free from all evil. He wanted to make us pure. He wanted us to be his very own people. He wanted us to desire to do what is good.*

(Titus 2:11-14, NIV)

What should you say to...

- ...unlimited abortion on demand?
- ...defunding the police or overfunding the IRS?
- ...children receiving sex change treatments?
- ...squandering our nation's sovereignty on foreign owners of American land and open borders?
- ...promoting all kinds of sexual impurity?
- ...diminishing the free exercise of religion?
- ...enlarging the size of government?
- ...Denominational leaders who are accomplices to popular culture instead of confronting it?
- ...environmentalism trumping people?
- ...rewriting history to remove everything that offends political correctness?
- ...rejecting biblical authority? (Truth isn't self-defined.)
- ...organizing, funding, and inciting riots?
- ...communism, socialism, or humanism?
- ...failure to love and treat equally persons of all ethnicities and both genders?
- ...making an idol of science?
- ...censoring free speech for "political correctness?"

According to Paul (see above), you'd start with

# "NO."

Return your attention to the passage. Notice that saying "NO" to all ungodliness is the result of the teaching of GRACE. While taking this approach may feel like an exercise in negativity or aggression, it begins with a humble heart, saved by grace.

Grace is the undeserved favor of God. We don't take positions on issues for selfish reasons, we do so because the Spirit and the word compel us. Humility is admitting we don't have all the answers, only that we know where to look to for them.

Let's continue. As we are to say "NO" to GODLESS WAYS AND SINFUL DESIRES, to what are we to say "YES?" Paul commanded us to say

# "YES"

...to self-control.

...to doing what is right.

...to leading godly lives in today's world.

...to waiting for Jesus Christ's appearance in glory (His Second Coming).

Whether the issue and circumstance require us to say "no" or "yes," every response, every word and deed, must bring glory to God, for He is...

...HE IS OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOR,  
and HE GAVE HIMSELF FOR US.  
in order to free US FROM ALL EVIL.

What does God want from all of us? Paul also speaks plainly to this point. God wants us to...

...be PURE.

...be HIS VERY OWN PEOPLE.

...DESIRE TO DO GOOD.

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take  
note

The first meeting of our Constitution Review Ministry Team is scheduled for Monday, March 20, at Noon in the library. To volunteer or get more information, contact Pastor Brett.