

Community of Christ
Fairbanks Branch Happenings
March 24, 2006

The theme for this Sunday is “For God So Loved”

Seize It
Offer It

For God So Loved..... What?

John tells us that God so loved the world - So loved that He gave His only begotten Son – So loved that all would be forgiven-

Who is “the world”? I would venture to say that it means you and me and them. It is all encompassing and is not exclusive or selective. WOW. This Guy must be pretty special. I must confess that at times I have not “loved the world”. What about you?

Loving can bring great joy and also great sorrow. Can you think of such times?

Love – a noun and verb. A perfect gift – sometimes received and sometimes rejected.

Do you feel that you are “so loved?” When do you feel “so loved”? Do you feel “worthy”? You better, for you see God so loved the world that He gave His only Son for are salvation. He considers all of us loveable and worthy. So are you going to argue with an omniscient, omnipotent, omni-loving being?

God’s love – Seize it – Offer it

13"No one has ever gone up into the presence of God except the One who came down from that Presence, the Son of Man. 14In the same way that Moses lifted the serpent in the desert so people could have something to see and then believe, it is necessary for the Son of Man to be lifted up-- 15and everyone who looks up to him, trusting and expectant, will gain a real life, eternal life.

16"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. 17God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again. 18Anyone who trusts in him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to him.

19"This is the crisis we're in: God-light streamed into the world, but men and women everywhere ran for the darkness. They went for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God. 20Everyone who makes a practice of doing evil, addicted to denial and illusion, hates God-light and won't come near it, fearing a painful exposure. 21But anyone working and living in truth and reality welcomes God-light so the work can be seen for the God-work it is." John 3: 13-21 (The Message)

Announcements:

We will be collecting new men's underwear and baby receiving blankets to donate to LBJ hospital. Please bring the items to the fellowship. We will be collecting until Easter Sunday.

March 26th – Joanne Chapman will be delivering the message. Also, Joanne will be joining us during our Sunday school hour to help facilitate some "visioning" within our congregation as to where we see ourselves going and becoming in the future. Per Joanne's own description:

===== Quote =====

I would like for us to just have a first step conversation of what the people of Fairbanks would like to see happen in one year, and then in five years. Maybe help to start getting an idea for a time frame goal. I would also like to know what Fairbanks expectations are of me and the Missionary Team.

This could be a beginning...Hopefully this will give (us) some insight into the desires of the congregation. I am looking forward to being with you all. I have great faith that this can/will be an exciting year for the Fairbanks Congregation.

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March 26th – 9:30 – 9.50 - Second and fourth Sundays of each month – Coffee Talk and Continental Breakfast- Warm hearted conversation and loving each other is the purpose of the gathering. Got an idea for the future of Fairbanks? This is your opportunity to express yourself. Coffee Talk is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Give yourself a treat and be there!

April 9th- Pancake Breakfast 9:30 am- Please bring breakfast meat or fruit to share. We will invite the community.

April 16th - Easter Sunday - Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt 9:30 am

Special kudos and ovations for Joanne Chapman – I would like to take this opportunity to thank Joanne for the wonderful job she did as Mission Center Communications Co-ordinator. Joanne has “retired” from this position so that she can devote more attention to missionary and outreach endeavors. I know that I will miss her communications. Thanks again Joanne and good luck and God’s blessing lead and protect you in your ministry.

See Mission Center web page for more information

The following is a schedule of those that are currently scheduled to deliver the message for the 1st quarter. This is not the “official list” and is for informational purposes only. Please refer to the worship schedule in the fellowship hall for changes.

March 26th – Joanne Chapman

April 2nd – David Romig

April 9th – Doug White

April 12th – John Reimer

The nursery schedule cannot be posted in the family center for January through March 2006. Please contact Andrea if you are interested in volunteering in the nursery this quarter.

Nursery Schedule:

We need volunteers for the nursery. Please see Andrea Watson.

Please review the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. If you have added someone to the list please update Leo Caesar with any new information and current status of the prayer concern. Please contact Leo Caesar if you wish to add/remove someone from the list.

Calendar & Mission Center News:

The Coastal Bend Mission Center is proud to announce that the Coastal Bend web site is up and running! You can visit the site at www.coastalbendmc.org

The Coastal Bend Mission Center (CBMC) has established a Youth Campership Fund to assist youth attending summer youth events. This program is not tied to any local congregational campership program. Any youth, member or friend of Community of Christ, residing within CBMC, may apply for one (1) campership per youth event (Sionito Youth Camp, IYF or Spec). Each eligible camper will receive up to \$50 per event, depending upon demand for camperships. To receive the campership, the youth must complete the application information shown below.

Please complete the application information by April 30, 2006 and forward to the Mission Center President and Financial Officer, Mark Euritt.

The options for completing and forwarding the application are:

1) online using the website form
2) send a copy you can get HERE via mail to:
Mark Euritt, Coastal Bend Mission Center 311 West Annie Austin, TX 78704

I will be sending out periodic e-mails letting everyone know what is “HAPPENING” at Fairbanks. Please let me know if your e-mail or other contact information changes.

Mark your calendars and **participate, enjoy, reach out!!!!!!**I pray that everyone have a safe and happy week.

Martha Romig