

### Sabina Church of Christ

**Spark Newsletter** 

March 13, 2024

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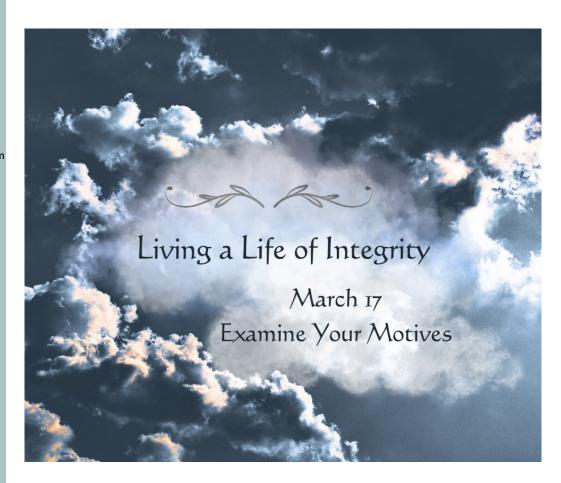
### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday - Closed - For prayer concerns contact Susan - 937-725-1620 Troy - 937-728-8139

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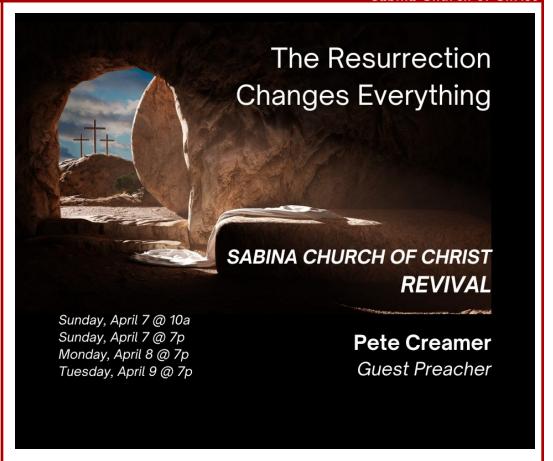
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### **Daily Scripture Reading**

Please check with the office for a copy of the Daily Scripture Reading

### Our Missions

- Bethlehem Living
   Water
- Butler Springs
   Christian Assembly
- Haiti Christian Mission of KY
- Lifeline Christian
   Missions
- New Life Clinic
- P 2 P Ministries
- ♦ I.D.E.S. John Chesnut





### **PRAYER VIGIL**

We are having a Prayer Vigil on Saturday, April 6 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm in the Barnabas Class room. Our prayer focus will be the revival, Pete Creamer and those that we need to invite. We will be doing half hour time slots. Time slots are available. There is a sign up sheet at the Information Center. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the time you would like.

Spark Newsletter Page 3 SMALL GROUP STUDIES



## Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday, March 31st:

7:00 - Sunrise Service 8:00 - Breakfast 9:00 - Sunday School 10:00 - Worship



### Candy for Easter Egg Hunt

The Kids Rock area is starting to collect individually wrapped candy to fill eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, 2024. There will be a collection container at the kids area to put your candy donations in.

Leader: Tom Tarbutton (937-313-8954) They meet every other Wednesdays. Meal is at 6:00 pm and study is at 6:45 pm at the Workman's. 875 Greenfield Rd, Sabina. They are studying "Respectable Sins" by Jerry Bridges.

### Nursing Homes Cathy Cline

Autumn Yéars Nursing Home 580 E Washington St Sabina, Ohio 45169

### **Larry Starcher**

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### COUNTING PARTNERS 10:00 am

### March 18

Dan Chaney Julie Combs

### March 25

Kay Shepherd Fran Stewart

### April 1

Al/Mel Chance Mark Pickering

#### April 8

Chris Thompson Norma Villars



### **Prayers & Praises**

Service men, women, and families, Joanne Bowles, Sue Jackson, Jill Sloan, Amy Simpson, Dean Cox, Brent Cupp, Toni Taylor, Albert Adkins, Rob Hanshell, Shelly Webb, Mike Sandlin, Connie Reese, Bev Howard, Charlie & Opal Fisher, Christine McRobie, Jessica DeWitt, Wyatt & Tanner Stewart McColloch, Ritch Clevenger, Cathy Lamp, Evelyn Perez, Bill Hoff, Brenda Ferguson, Bonnie Stoops, Karla Chaney, Shirley Rittenhouse, Marty Holmes, Austin Mercer, John Frazier, Robin Pickering, Byron Littlefield, Amy Willett, Hope Parker, John Widmeyer, Shirley Leasure, Trit Free, Michelle Pierson, Ella Mae Nunley, Heather, Julie Nelson, Connie Murphy, Calen Vinion, Cathy Cline, Valerie Howard, Ron Merkle, Dave Vest

### NAMES ADDED THIS WEEK

Sue Lindsay
Lisa McGraw
Tiffany's Uncle Sweets
Autumn Landis
Ronnie Stewart
Upcoming Revival with Pete Creamer
Upcoming Prayer Vigil

Prayer focus for March - Resurrection Sunday

Memory Verse for March

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

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#### **Church Facts**

Attendance - March 10

Sunday School: 75
Worship: 177
Online: 37
Autumn Years:

Total: 214

Month of January Offering: 47,643.65 Expenses: 28,026.19

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Elder/Deacon Prayer Time

2nd Monday of April 8, 2024

### **Board Meeting**

4th Monday of month
Elders at 6:30 pm
Deacons at 6:30 pm
Board at 7:00 pm,
March 25, 2024

### **Service Times**

8:30 am - Donuts & Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am - Worship & Livestream Service on FACEBOOK

## Spring

### RAINSBORO CHURCH OF CHRIST



**BEGINS 10AM SUNDAY** 

March 24-26, 2024

MUSIC @6:45 PM NIGHTLY
PREACHING & SINGING WITH EVANGELIST

ART BUSH

13072 Barrett Mill Rd, Rainsboro, OH 45612



The Sabina Methodist Church is having their Annual Palm Sunday Ham Dinner on Sunday, March 24th. They will start serving at 11:45 am. Menu will include: Ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll, salad and dessert. They are suggesting a donation of \$8.00 per meal.

### Area Women's Meeting

The first Area Women's Meeting of 2024 will be on Monday, April 1, 2024 beginning at 6:00 pm at the Melvin Methodist Church. They will be providing the meal. All ladies are welcome to come and enjoy this time of food and fellowship with other Christian women in our community.

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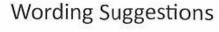


### Meal Before Sunday Night Revival

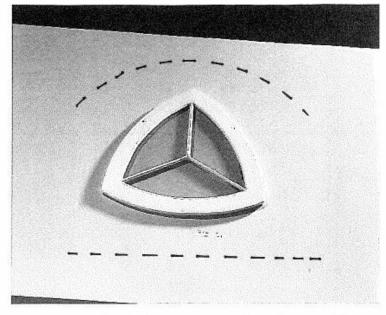
The Elders invite you to be their guests at a meal before the Revival Service on Sunday, April 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm. They will be providing Lasagna, ham, green beans, salad, bread and dessert.

There is a sign-up sheet at the Information Center so that we know how many to plan for. Please sign-up if you plan on coming.

### Window above the doors to the Worship Center







The committee is hoping to add a saying, scripture or both relating to a window above and/or below this window. Please use this form to map out your ideas. When completed, please take to the office. The committee will be reviewing all suggestions.

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THEME: "LIVING A LIFE OF INTEGRITY" - SERMON: "EXAMINE YOUR MOTIVES" - Matthew 6:5-18

- A. The purpose of this life is quite simple. It is to prepare for the next life. The Sermon on the Mount helps us do that. It helps us live each day with eternity in mind. As we have studied through the sermon, Jesus has raised the bar. He has raised the standard when it comes to righteous living. He has identified what it means for us as Christians to live a righteous life.
- B. In Matthew 6 we will learn that living a righteous life not only has to do with what we do, it also has to do with why we do it.
- C. Matthew 6:1
  - 1. The challenge for us as believers is that as we do our good deeds and live a righteous life, we do them for the right reasons, a life of integrity is motivated by the approval of God.
- D. Matthew 6:5-6
- E. I want us to see two important lessons that can be drawn from Matthew 6:5-18.
- First: Jesus wants us to have authentic prayer lives. And if we are going to pray in an authentic way then we need to understand that prayer is something that is <u>PRACTICED</u> in private, and not <u>PERFORMED</u> in public.
  - A. Jesus warns us against giving this perception in prayer that we have a relationship with God that we many not have. This is about integrity and integrity is where we make sure we are the same person in private as we are in public.
  - B. Our prayer life can become a performance if we are not careful.
    - 1. Matthew 15:7
    - 2. Matthew 23:5
    - 3. Matthew 23:27
  - C. Later Jesus talks about fasting and how it is a time where we negate the physical desire for food and replace it with a spiritual desire for fellowship with God.
    - 1. Somebody defined fasting like this. "Prayer is holding onto Heaven with one hand, fasting is letting go of the earth with the other."
    - 2. We need to pray in such a way that our spiritual life is not a performance but instead an authentic reflection of the relationship we have with God.
- 2. The second thing we can draw from Matthew 6 is that: Authentic prayer is based on a loving relationship not a lifeless **RITUAL**.
  - A. The Pharisees had turned prayer into a matter of repeating and a matter of reciting.
    - 1. We have to be careful that we don't slip into this kind of prayer life.
  - B. Jesus doesn't want our relationship with Him to be driven by obligation, because when we start to be driven spiritually by just obligation, then all of a sudden there is no intimacy in our conversations with God.
  - C. Jesus, in the Lord's Prayer, gives us a way to communicate with God. Matthew 6:9-10.
    - 1. God calls us into His family room, invites us to sit down on the couch and open up our hearts and just talk to Him.
    - 2. When you pray, God wants it to be a genuine reflection of your relationship with Him. It shouldn't be something that feels forced or done out of obligation. It should be something that feels like a privilege.

CONCLUSION: Richard Foster writes about prayer when he says, "Prayer is about a love relationship: an enduring, continuing, growing love relationship with the great God of the universe. And overwhelming love invites a response. Loving is the syntax of prayer. To be effective pray-ers, we need to be effective lovers of God and His people. In 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, Samual Coleridge declares, "He prayeth well, who loveth well." Real prayer comes not from gritting our teeth but from falling in love with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Room #106 -Characters - Old Testament Heroes/Deliverers

Room #107 -The Book of Hebrews

Room #108 - What We Believe

Room #110 -Book of Revelation

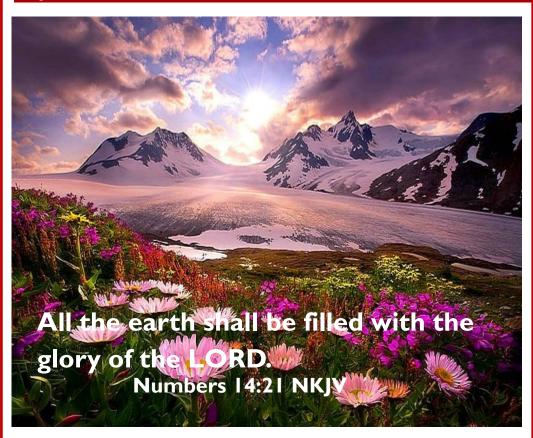
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Welcome Center
Cheryl Locke

Baptismal Towels
Susan Thompson

Lock-up

**Donut Time**Melanie Chance



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