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**GREAT BANQUET
SPRING 2020 DATES**

TCC Great Banquet #16
March 27-28, 2020
Ron Hanks, Lay Director

Men's Great Banquet #118
April 2-5, 2020
Doug Davidson, Lay Director

Women's Great Banquet #119
April 16-19, 2020
Meghan Austin, Lay Director

DCC Great Banquet #18
April 23-26, 2020
Jeanine Snearly, Lay Director



Sunday Morning Worship

9:15 am

10:45 am

Sunday School

Classes for Children and Adults
at 9:15a & 10:45a

Fellowship 10:15-10:45am

Children's Church 11:00am

January 9, 2020



MEETINGS!

Jan 11

Men's Breakfast
7a

Jan 13

Stephen Ministry
Supervision
6p

Jan 14

Prayer Shawl Ministry
10a
Joint Deacons/Session
7p

Jan 15

Dinner—Sliders
5p
Bible Study
Youth Activities
6p

Jan 16

Exercise Class
10a
Under His Wings
6p

Jan 21

Deacons Special Meeting
6p

Jan 22

Dinner—Pizza
5p
Mid-Week Worship
Youth Activities
6p

Jan 23

Exercise Class
10a
Under His Wings
6p

The Chimes

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

And

OTHER TIMELY THOUGHTS

Berta and I thank all of you for the many encouragements and thoughts, not only for the Christmas season and such, but for all the many ways you have loved us over the years. We thank you for your generosity and expressions last Sunday, especially for the gifts and to Alyssa Wolber for her painting as well. There is no way we can express our joy and thanks over the years to all of you.

As I lay down the "position" of Pastor/ Head of staff, I will still be around as your Part-Time "Transitional" Interim Pastor. So, in some ways, I'm like a bad penny. I keep showing up. My role will be one of preaching, teaching, along with some pastoral care, and Moderator of the Session. I won't have regular office hours except for perhaps on Wednesday. I have always had an "open door" policy to my office and have continually done "drive by counseling" over the years. You might want to call now before just "showing up."

One of the random thoughts that came to me last Sunday was, "Oh My God! I made it for 48 years!" Some people may be thinking, "Jack should have quit while he was ahead - 30 years ago!" Sometimes I have thought that too," and here's why:

Over the years I have in addition to preaching, teaching, and providing pastoral care, I have been expected to be a business administrator, personnel director, conflict manager, CEO, entrepreneur, visionary leader, professional therapist, personal coach, community organizer, and social reformer, just to name a few.

Pulled in so many directions along with being a husband and father, it has been no wonder that I have been tired, confused, and frustrated at times. All I can say, if you aren't truly called to be "pastor", it can be a "no-win" proposition. The primary reasons that I made it is because "God was with me," Jack has always been "nimble and quick" which makes it harder to hit a moving target, "Blind luck," and "having a sense of humor."

The underlying answer is "Walking with God." I have never ignored my relationship with God (at least not for very long). I have always listened for God's Word for me, because I know that the "Greatest thing that God will ever do through me is what He works in me, first." Never ignore the basics. I can't teach unless I know what I am teaching in my heart. I can't preach, counsel, or lead, unless I know it in my heart.

I think that a good many pastors lose a sense of what is at the core of their calling in the midst of the pressures of "driving in traffic." The greatest gift I could ever give you who I have pastored over the years is my own personal holiness.

"The wise traveler in this world" puts the oxygen mask on himself first, then he is able to help others." The one thing that has always driven me is to tell the "truth" about God, and that can only be done if I know God - and not just as an object of intellectual study, but as a living presence in my life.

I have strived to be a disciple first, and a shepherd/leader second. Disciple = a disciplined life. I have also strived to be "part of the answer," and not "part of the problem."

Finally, I'm not dead yet, and God is not finished with me until He says He is. So . . . I guess I will

See you in church Jack

LAMPSTAND YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Youth Super Bowl Party

February 2, 2020

Details to follow

Follow our Youth on Instagram @ Lampstand_youth

OFFERING BOOKLETS

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR BOOKLETS

IN THE ATRIUM FOR NEXT YEAR!

THANK YOU!

The road to hell is paved with good TEMPTATIONS!

ATTENDANCE			
	2017	2018	2019
January	250	226	204
February	250	228	228
March	255	254	225
April	302	302	279
May	229	241	227
June	256	242	231
July	210	227	201
August	262	286	212
September	240	233	234
October	243	226	232
November	276	252	214
December	278	251	260

Loan Balance as of end of Dec 2019
\$642,553.30

Capital Fund Contribution Through Dec 2019
\$130,081.65
Expenses through Dec, 2019
\$99,290.48
\$25,734.81 Interest
\$73,555.67 Principal

Capital Fund Checking Account End of Dec 2019
\$34,141.60

Giving thru Dec, 2019
\$523,247.23
Expenses through Dec, 2019
\$528,622.03

JAN BIRTHDAYS

- Derrick Schnitger 01
- Chris Vaughn 01
- Mary Cardascio 03
- Janet Oldweiler 04
- Jeannine Hazlet 05
- Gina Fitzgerald 06
- Imogene Swanson 07
- Brandy Robinson 09
- Angie Corrigan 10
- Grant McAtee 10
- Gavin Nickerson 10
- Jason Pitzer 10
- Karly Jones 11
- Kylie Reynolds 11
- Nick Yuhas 11
- Joel Cothorn 12
- Mark Holmer 12
- Noah Jones 13
- Stacia Martin 13
- Theo Renfro 13
- Amy Brown 14
- Marshall Brown 14
- Dawn Followell 14
- Ray Cholewa 16
- Pam Burkhart 19
- Pam Erwin 20
- Marjean Yagen 20
- Chuck LeMons 21
- Gabriella Tucker 21
- Andrew Niebrugge 24
- Jeff Shively 27
- Tara Nickerson 28
- Rozi Danneberger 31
- Sara Doering 31

JAN ANNIVERSARIES

- John & Leslie Wolpert 10
- Bruce & Melissa Nielsen 14
- Ben & Rachael Austin 16
- Dave & Rita Rupert 20
- Mike & Vickie Reynolds 24

SAVE THE DATE!

Savor—January 25th—8:30—11:30a
Men's Breakfast—February 8th—7a

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