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RUSH CHAPEL NEWSLETTER

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MONTHLY MOMENT WITH PASTOR JARED

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Over the past weeks, we have been examining a few of the most popular Christian phrases and how they are half truths, things that are easy to say but maybe more harmful than good. So this month for the devotion I thought we could look at scripture that is often used in not always the correct way.

This just might be the most cross-stitched verse of all time, found on countless pillows, keychains, and coffee mugs. I mean, who doesn't love the promise of prosperity and hope for our careers and families? The only problem is, these promises weren't made to you and me.

These promises were made to a specific people, at a specific point in time, under a specific set of circumstances. The Lord delivered this promise to Israel in the midst of His punishment of His people. Just a few verses prior to this famous passage, we are told that God had “carried [Israel] into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon” for their disobedience (Jeremiah 29:4). Which makes the true meaning of this verse all the more beautiful—even though God was punishing His people for their sins, He was reminding the Israelites that He would still be faithful to the promise He made to Abraham. He still had plans to give them a “hope and a future.”

Like the rest of Scripture, this verse isn't primarily about you and me. This is not a promise that God will choose to prosper us at work or at home. This is a verse to remind us of God's faithfulness—even when we are unfaithful to Him.

And that truth is far greater than the promise of prosperity. So please, don't throw out your Jeremiah 29:11 throw rugs. Take comfort in what the context of this verse says about God's character—that even when you and I sin, through Christ we are not seen by God as “sinners”. We are seen as His children who have been promised adoption into His family for all eternity.

Let that “blessed assurance” make us all strive to work and live in a way that would reflect the character of our good, gracious, and faithful God.

FEBRUARY features

Still hanging onto post-holiday and new year blues? Bad weather got you down?

We have the answer to the winter doldrums!

Get involved here at Rush Chapell! While it's cold out, it's warm inside!

Special features of February are here, and see
Sundays and Wednesdays pages for even more ways
to participate!

Committee Meetings

SPRC will meet Thurs., Feb. 2nd at 6 p.m. and
Thurs., Feb. 16 at 6 p.m.

FINANCE will meet Tues., Feb. 7th at 6 p.m. via Zoom

MISSIONS will meet Thurs., Feb. 9th at 6:30 p.m.



ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be a special service for

Ash Wednesday on

Wed., Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Please plan to attend this meaningful
service to mark the beginning of the holy
season of Lent as we look toward the death
and resurrection of our Savior.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

**Our youth are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser
on Sunday, Feb. 19th at 5 p.m.**

Please plan to come! Donations will be accepted.

The menu: salad, spaghetti and meatballs, and dessert.

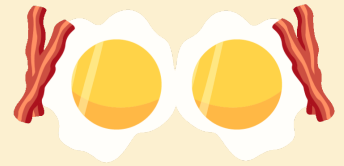
Enjoy the food and fellowship and support our wonderful youth!



SUNDAYS AT RUSH CHAPEL



First Sunday of Each Month Men's Breakfast 8 a.m.



All men of the church are invited for breakfast and fellowship!
This month's will be on February 5.

Sunday School 10 a.m.

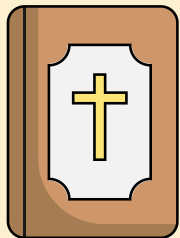
CHILDREN/MIDDLE SCHOOL- DOWNSTAIRS, MAIN BUILDING

SHELLEY ROBBINS, LUCY BURNES

HIGH SCHOOL- SMALL UPSTAIRS ROOM, MAIN BUILDING
AMY OYLER

ADULT/UPPER ROOM CLASS-MAIN BUILDING
TOMMY ARMSTRONG, DARCY LIDDLE, JENNIFER LANEY

ADULT/BILL PAYNE CLASS- FELLOWSHIP HALL
JASON OYLER, VALERIE MCFRY



Worship 11 a.m.



Come join us for worship in our beautiful sanctuary or,
if you are unable to attend, watch us on Facebook Live!

Our current series called "Half Truths" is continuing.

Youth 5-7 p.m.

Our youth meet from 5-7 each Sunday night for fun, fellowship, and food.

All youth are invited to attend and bring a friend too!

Volunteers wanted to provide drinks, snacks, or meals.

If interested, please contact Jennifer Pilcher at 706-766-6966.

Last Sunday of Each Month Levee Church 7 a.m.

Come as we take an opportunity to serve others with food and fellowship
at the levee each last Sunday of the month.

Levee Church will be on Sunday, February 26 at 7 a.m. Park at the boat ramp by
Heritage Park. Contact Kurt at 706-766-3492 for more info.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

BREAKFAST CLUB AT LANDMARK DINER

Wednesdays 9am

The coffee is hot! The friendship is warm!
Come join us at the Landmark Diner every Wednesday at 9 am
for some great food and fellowship!



THE RETURN OF BIBLE STUDY!

*Bible Study is making its
triumphant comeback!
After a hiatus for the holiday
and new year, Bible Study is
starting back on
Wednesday, February 8 at 6 p.m.*



*Pastor Jared will be leading this study.
This is a wonderful group
of friends and believers,
and YOU could be a part of it!
It's the perfect time to start...won't you join us?*



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Prayer Concerns

IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE HERE, ANNOUNCE THEM ON SUNDAY MORNINGS, WRITE THEM AND PUT THEM IN THE OFFERING PLATE, OR EMAIL THEM TO RUSHCHAPEL@GMAIL.COM.

LONG TERM PRAYER CONCERNS/HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Waldo Dodd, Ann Jones, Glenda Pilcher

CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS

Dempsey Carney; Asher Stinson; Donna Jane Murray; Brent Nations' mother Carolyn; Robbie Armstrong has kidney stones; Joshua Kinnebrew and Logan Knight, two students at Model with cancer; Jerry Patty, father of Jeff; Regina Holland; Brenda Trosclair; Wes Chaffin, one of the leaders of Levee Church; Juanita and Bob Grissett; the Canada family; Mike McCoy; the McDaniel family



Birthdays

1

Luke Tanner

3

Thomas Oyler

8

Rachel McFry

15

Danae Howard

Faye Laney

Larry Robbins

21

Valerie McFry

24

Tony Burnes

28

Andrea Edmondson





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 9 a.m. B'fast Club	2 6 p.m. SPRC	3	4
5 8 a.m. Men's B'fast	6	7 6 p.m. Finance via Zoom	8 9 a.m. B'fast Club 6 p.m. Bible Study	9 6:30 p.m. Missions	10	11
12	13	14	15 9 a.m. B'fast Club 6 p.m. Bible Study	16 6 p.m. SPRC	17	18
19 5 p.m. Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser	20	21	22 9 a.m. B'fast Club 6 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	23	24	25
26 7 a.m. Levee Church	27	28				

February Lay Volunteers

DATE	LAY READER	NURSERY/CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Feb. 5	Valerie McFry	Jacque Tanner, Luke Tanner
Feb. 12	Lucy Burnes	Kellie Curry, Pearce Elkins
Feb. 19	Donna Sizemore	Kurt Robbins, Hannah Rush
Feb. 26	Jo Ann Patty	Shelley Robbins, Claire Robbins