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This week, the Ideal Sunday School class looked at Ephesians chapter 3, and concluded with a bit of homework. They were to take Paul's prayer from the end of chapter 3, and pray it over our church. But they were not to pray it generally. They were to choose a specific person, or a specific ministry, within our congregation, and pray this over them.

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Well, this challenge is bigger than the Ideal Sunday School class, so I'm passing it along. Paul's prayer is that the church in Ephesus might be filled with the Holy Spirit, and as they get the Holy Spirit they might be filled with power. Praying for power is not a common prayer in most churches. But it is an important one.

If you feel nervous about praying for power, that's not bad. Power is a dangerous thing. But Christians don't pray for power to impose our will on others. We pray for power so we might do the will of God. Look at the outcome of such a prayer is in verse 19. The point of the prayer is that someone might be "filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

What do you think it looks like for someone to be "filled to the measure of all the fullness of God"? Seriously. Take a second and think about that. What would it look like? What change might you see in that person? What transformation might overcome a program?

This prayer from the end of Ephesians is a really powerful one. It prays for power so we might grasp who God is, and that Christ might dwell in us.

If you're stumped on who or what to pray for, here's an option for you. Our church has been looking into starting a new program called Food For Thought. It will try to respond to needs in our local schools for food and educational assistance, by offering a snack, homework help, and supporting relationships with members of our congregation. Our goal is to share the love of Christ in concrete ways.

A group of men and women have set out to see what it would take for this program to be implemented, and we are planning to launch a trial-run of it this March. We're asking that you would consider praying this prayer from Ephesians over Food For Thought. Our hope is that it will be filled with the Spirit of God.

Christian Ed During Lent

A new Sunday School class will be offered during Lent called "Experiencing Prayer." Taught by Pastors Brian and Micaiah, it is actually an extension of the youth Sunday School class, but YOU are invited. Our hope is that our church—across generations—can find ways to pray together. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 AM, beginning on February 14th. The class will end on March 20th.

Existing Sunday School classes are invited to continue meeting as they have been, but whoever wishes to join Experiencing Prayer is more than welcome. One warning: It is an activity-based class (it's hard to learn how to pray without actually praying). Please let your leader know if you will be joining this Lenten class.

Room In The Inn [RITI]

In February 2016 we will be the Host Church for Room In The Inn twice, Saturday February 6th and Friday February 19th.

The sign up sheets for Saturday February 6th. are posted in the hall just outside the Pastor's office. Please sign up if you can help in any way. We really need others to volunteer to lighten the load for all.

For all who have volunteered in December and January, Thank You Very Much. A special thanks to Prime Timers for providing delicious soups and desserts for January 29th and for the Youth for helping to set up the hall and then serve dinner.

This Jackson County Homeless Ministry, Room In The Inn, needs your support. Please consider giving of yourself to help.

Prayers of the People:

Tim Allen, Shelia Amos, Mary Jo Bradford, Stroby Stewart; Erica Scott; The Passing of Bill Beigay-Judy Stiles Brother-in-law; David Patrick; The passing of Julie Merwin-Bert and Leah Boykins Daughter; Des Noble; Jim Holmes; Judy Hood, Christine Miller, Andy and June Vaughn, Rex Parris, Mike Lee, Michael Boring, Viki Harrell, Miriah Penick, Ivy Bridges, Don Falk, Tammy Holcomb, Angie Feldwich, June Stripling, Alison McCracken, Viki Harrell, Kathy Brooks, James Bowman, Barbara Cordes in the passing of her father, and others in our thoughts and prayers from Sunday, January 24th.

If you have a name to add to the prayer list please use the Christian pads in the pews and drop it in the offering plate Sunday morning. You may also email them to: scottsbocpc@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars:

Primetimers Jan. 29th at 11:30 will feature a program that is a combination of excitement, challenge, beauty, and courage. Each of us will enjoy sharing the adventure. You won't be disappointed with the program or the lunch!

Leadership Council Meeting

February 2nd at 6 PM

**Please send a team representative
to the meeting**

Lunch with the Ladies:

Noon, Monday February 8th

The Magnolia House

Shrove
Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday

Pancake Dinner

February 9th at 5:30 PM

February 10th at 6 PM



Carillons Practice Wednesdays at 6 PM

Choir Practice Wednesdays at 7 PM

MISSED A SUNDAY?

**CHECK OUT OUR
SERMONS ONLINE!**



Rental Policy Per Session

No new changes, just reiteration of current policy

Fellowship Hall Rental Policy for Members of SCPC

\$200 Deposit (refundable)

\$50 Custodian Fee

(We request two checks be written, one for the deposit, and one for the Custodian Fee. Once the event is over, if there is no damage, the deposit will be returned.)

A Contract must be signed for every event

NO Use of Kitchen Dishes, please bring your own.

Rental is for Fellowship Hall/Kitchen/Bathrooms ONLY!

MDO Rooms are off Limits!

Looking for a Nursery Worker

If you are interested or know someone who is, contact Hoyt Harbin from the Personnel Team or the main office.

Hours are Sundays from 9:15 am – 12:15 pm

Choctaw Support

Our Cumberland Presbyterian Choctaw Brothers and Sisters in Southeast Oklahoma have been using a ten passenger van purchased ten years ago through the generous support of C.P. Women's Ministry. One decade and over 150,000 miles of two lane roads spanning the presbytery and denomination for meetings, medical appointments, job interviews, plus shuttling persons to CPYC, YEC, General Assembly, and PAS classes has ushered the van into a state of vulnerability instead of dependability. Our Choctaw brothers and sisters need your support to replace their current vehicle with a late model SUV or minivan.

If you would like to support this project, make your donations our to SCPC with Choctaw Project in the subject line.



Valentine's Day Youth Fundraiser

Sunday February 14th

Valentines Day Lunch

Immediately following worship

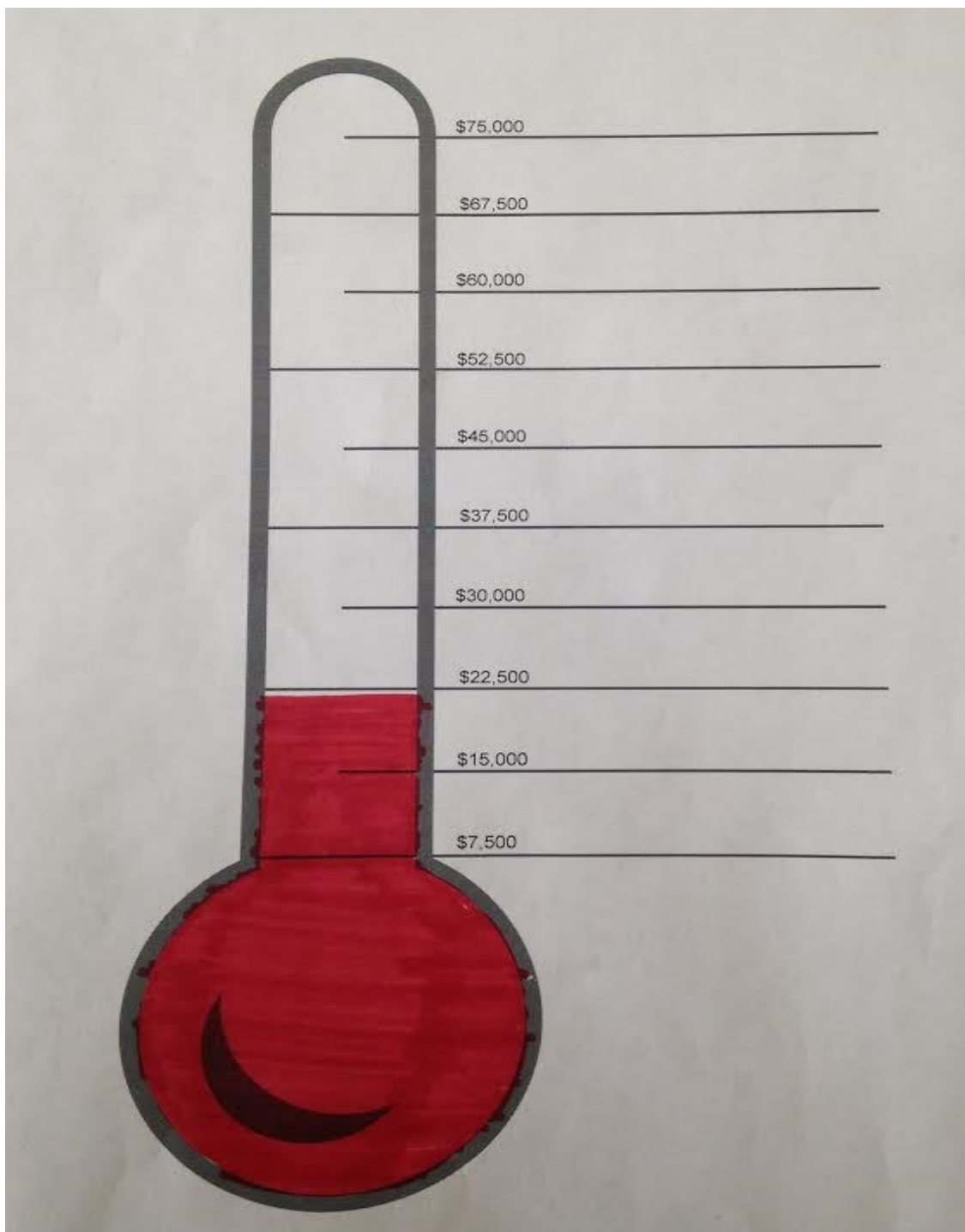


Bring a date, your family, or
a friend and let the youth
serve you a delicious lunch

*All Donations will go to the Christian Education Budget,
particularly towards the youth and children's ministries.*

**The Building Fund has hit the ground running thanks to all
the generous donations!!**

Please prayerfully consider donating to the building fund!



GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP



Pictures of the Hot Lunch Program in Guatemala City.



Guatemala is a country located in Central America, south of Mexico. Its capital is Guatemala City, and that is where our team will be serving.

Guatemala was once the core of the Mayan civilization. As such, a rich tradition of Mayan culture, language, and crafts still exist. Guatemala endured a long civil war between 1960-1996. That civil war left the country in much disarray.

Several years ago, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church decided to focus on Central America as a mission point. The CP Church has a lot of churches, schools, and ministries already in existence in the United States and in Colombia, South America. Central America is located nicely in between the two, and so our mission's boards decided to focus on Central America. Since this focus began, the CP Church has sent 3 Colombian missionaries to begin work in Guatemala: planting churches, administering a medical clinic, and now starting a Hot Lunch Program.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

A team from Scottsboro CP Church will be headed to Guatemala to work in this Hot Lunch Program, and to service the kids' medical needs in any ways we can.

In order for this trip to be possible, we are asking **that you prayerfully consider donating to this trip.** We will need to buy plane tickets, lodging, and supplies for this team to go.

Please pray for the team as things begin to come together. And if you feel so led, please donate to the church with "Guatemala Mission Trip" in the subject line.

2016

General Fund

January 24th offering: \$2,801.00

YTD Offering: \$ 20,696.40

Budget Requirements

Budget Requires per Sunday: \$6,588.06

YTD Budget Requires: \$ 342,579.00

Attendance for 1/24/16

Sunday School: 64

Worship: 108

Worship Aids for Sunday

Head Usher: Rodney Bell

Pastor: Brian Tanck

Worship Leader : Micaiah Tanck

Greeter: Larry Stiles and Lil Noble

If you cannot serve, please find someone who will replace you.

If you need something please call the Church office If no answer please call Micaiah, (205) 478-5985; Brian (630) 730-1577 . Your concerns and needs are important to us.

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