



The last supper with Jesus was a momentous occasion for the disciples. This was the last intimate time Jesus had with His disciples, and has been called "Jesus' Final Discourse." Some biblical scholars refer to it as "Jesus' Last Will and Testament to His Church."

Jesus knows that this is the last time He is physically going to spend with you. He knows He's going to die. What does He need to say? What lessons has He taught you that He needs to underscore? How does He need to relate? What actions does He need to take to make clear who He is and what He has tried to communicate? His words in the Upper Room were as monumental for his twelve disciples then as they are for His contemporary disciples now.

In this seven-week study, Maxie Dunnam leads readers through John 13-17 to this most precious legacy of Jesus' teaching, the distillation of His thought and message—what He really wants us to hear. We are His modern friends, to whom He speaks as lovingly as He did to His friends in the Upper Room. Knowing all of this, will you listen to Him?

Please let the office know of your intention to join us.

We are downsizing our library so we have a great many books to give away. Some are children's books, some are adult books, Bibles, Bible commentaries, Devotionals, History, etc. These are located on the tables in the Fellowship Hall by the piano. They are free to anyone!

It was a good day in worship Sunday! Thanks to Nancy for reading and to Will and Kelly Lucas, Mary Lynn, Billie Sue and Chris for assisting with communion. And thanks to Ann Grant who always makes sure everything is prepared for communion and worship. I appreciate Chris and the choir changing their anthem. It was a great fit. Remember: Keep putting one foot in front of the other knowing God is there to guide and empower you. As I thought about our passage from Isaiah 40 more as the afternoon wore on, it really is true that as we walk with God day in and out, our spirits actually can soar. As the exiled people to whom Isaiah is writing, simply knowing God was with them helped them walk and not grow weary.

I am excited for all of us to hear our speaker this Sunday. Kasey Smith is an amazing young woman with a wonderful story that I believe will encourage and reinvigorate your prayer life. We have been friends for several years and I am excited to learn what new things God is doing in her life and through her life since she moved to Central Texas. You will want to be sure to be here and bring a friend. Stacey is the founder of ReJOYce ministry and the creator of *The 30 Day Gift*. Feel free to check out her face book page as well. We will also recognize our scouts and all our Eagle scouts in worship.

Lent begins on Valentine's Day. We will have our time of reflection and ashes in the Fellowship Hall at 6pm. Our Lenten study begins the next day at both noon or 6pm. You choose the time that works best for you. We will be studying John's account of Jesus in the Upper Room for the 7 weeks of Lent. I think it may increase our appreciation for the story for ourselves and our time.

I must confess that the best thing about this week for me is not the Superbowl (or the ads) (Sorry about the final score Ty) but the Winter Olympics starting! Ski Jumping and Snowboarding: talk about soaring like an eagle! So, please forgive all illustrations that may find their way into sermons for a few weeks. The level of training, conditioning, commitment and sheer willpower always impress me. I love to learn the athlete's stories: those who encouraged them, the barriers in their way, love of sport, etc.. *The thrill of victory* is wonderful and the will of those who compete and who then taste the *agony of defeat* is heartbreaking. Pride in self, team and country always stirs something inside me. So, buckle in for a rollercoaster this next 2 weeks. Karen

FINANCE UPDATE

As of February 4, 2018
2018 Budget \$414,701.00
Needed weekly \$7,975.02
Received on 2/4/18 \$10,346.00
Received to date (week 5) \$37,541.00

Attendance 2/04/2018

Sunday School	30
8:30 am Worship	68
11:00 am Worship	60

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR MYF SNACK SUPPER! SIGN-UP PAGE LOCATED ON DOOR TO FELLOWSHIP HALL.



Boy Scout Sunday
Sunday, February 11th
We invite all Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts to join us!

Sunday's message hit a tender spot in my heart. Watching the children in our church grow into little people so quickly reminded me of the empty nest many of us experience as our own kids have grown and begun lives of their own. Each of our children have moved on to build their own "family" nest that one day soon will be empty as their own children will want to move on, and so forth. At the time that we let go, we hope that they have taken to heart the life lessons that will carry them through a long and happy life.

Isaiah 40: 28-31 reminds us of the shelter we have under the wings of the Almighty God. As we grow stronger spiritually, He encourages us to fly by faith on the "wind of His Spirit." As we learn to wait upon the Lord, our strength is renewed, and we can run and not be weary, and walk and not be tired. As we begin to trust Him more and more, we can take that leap of faith from him, and fly high as with the wings of eagles, knowing we do not ever fly alone.

Father God, teach us how to learn to wait patiently upon Your Holy Spirit for the right moment to step out to do the things You are calling us to do. Remind us that is in tireless waiting that we will be able to go forth, gathering our strength from Your strength, and that our wings are held up by Your Ever Present and All Knowing Spirit. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen (Inspired by a post from Peter L. Haynes) You may contact Terri for prayer requests at (936)598-3484 or at (936)-332-2717, or at btlacher@sbcglobal.net



One of very first counseling interns was a young woman named Kasey Smith. Kasey was a juvenile probation officer making a real difference in lives of her probationers. Kasey has a real passion for God and the people who do not know God cares for them. She finished that internship, became licensed and a colleague. She has a passion for the outdoors which is a good thing. Her husband is a Game Warden you may have seen on Lone Star Law on the animal Plant. Kasey and Sam share their love of a good hunting dog. They have 2 adorable children. One thing that always intrigued me was Kasey's passion to do God's will in her life. Kasey waited and listened and **The 30 Day Gift** has come out of that time of waiting on God to lead her. The mission of The 30 Day Gift is to reignite a passion for prayer in the hearts of God's people. She prays that the givers find new appreciation for prayer, and may the receivers be touched by the love of another, and the power of God through answered prayer. Confused? No need to be! Kasey will be speaking in worship on February 11 to share her story and I hope you will bring a friend to worship that day. She now lives in Johnson City and we don't get to visit as often so I am excited to hear what God is up to in her life and ministry. Be sure you join us on Feb 11!

Youth News

February 16
Shreveport Aquarium
Leaving at 1:00 p.m.

February 21- April 4
Confirmation Class
3:40 p.m.-4:50 p.m.

Church Camp
July 8-13

Peace be with you,

Sarah Bohannon
Director of Youth Ministries



Make Plans to Attend!!!!
Sock Hop in the Fellowship Hall
February 25th @ 5:00pm
Join your friends for a fun evening in the Fellowship Hall
with dance music to help you remember (or learn) the twist, mashed potato and all the others.
A meal will be provided.
Bring the family and bring some friends!

Memorials

Bobbie Turk

Bart & Dawn Bauer
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Tinkle

Mary Anna Menefee

David & Maelinda Swanzy
Steve & Renee Johnson
Pam Parker Wall, Patti Parker Peterson,
& Frank Parker (Bubba)
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Tinkle

Sue Howard

Billie Sue Payne
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Tinkle

Bobby Warr

Billie Sue Payne
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Tinkle

Pam Phelps

Pam Parker Wall, Patti Parker Peterson,
& Frank Parker (Bubba)

Danny Foster

Pam Parker Wall, Patti Parker Peterson,
& Frank Parker (Bubba)

Ronnie Dickerson

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Tinkle



Church Camp will be July 8-13, 2018 at Lakeview Methodist Conference Center in Palestine, TX. You can register online at <https://lakeviewsummercampregistration.campbrainregistration.com/> or call the Lakeview Registration office at (903) 538-2711. Registration ends June 24! Remember: the church pays half of each campers registration fee or we can assist those who are in need of the full amount. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Bohannon!

Please let Kelli know if changes are made to the Coffee Fellowship schedule. Thanks!