



News From The Rock

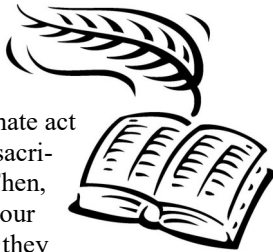
February 2016

Solid Rock United Methodist Church • Warren, Indiana

Lenten Study Series

Solid Rock's annual Lenten Study series will begin February 14 and continue weekly through March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. This year we will be studying "Path to the Cross," part of Ray Vander Laan's *That the World May Know* series.

From the publisher: "God's story culminates with the intense devotion of his people. Discover how their passionate faith prepares the way for Jesus and his ultimate act of obedience and sacrifice at the cross. Then, be challenged in your own life to live as they did—by every word that comes from the mouth of God."



Join Vander Laan and a group of pilgrims as they visit sites in the Holy Land where Jesus lived, walked, taught, and ministered.

February 14: The Way of the Essenes

At times, God chose to use the harsh reality of life in the desert near the Promised Land as a practical teaching tool to mold and shape His people. The Essenes went willingly into this wasteland to allow Him to do just that: to teach them His words and how to walk obediently in His ways. In this lesson, you will catch a glimpse of what it means to travel this path of obedience as you continue to "prepare the way" for the Lord. (Filmed in Quamran)

February 21: The Way of John the Baptist

John the Baptist focused his life entirely on preparing the Jewish people for the coming of Jesus. His ministry still holds enormous meaning for us today, and there is much we can learn from his understanding of how to prepare for the arrival of Messiah. In this lesson, you will consider what it means to live a life of wholehearted

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Scholarships

College students and high school seniors, don't forget to apply for a Solid Rock Scholarship. Go to the church website for information and application. You are responsible to have your paper work complete by the given deadline. Also, some universities have matching scholarships. Often these need to be completed early in the calendar year. Both Solid Rock and matching scholarship applications need to be done yearly. If you have questions, please contact Linda Howell (Charlie) or Rosalie Walter.



Free Soup!

Solid Rock UMC will be hosting their annual "Soup For The Soul" supper on Tuesday, February 16. It would be a great way to share a warm bowl of soup with your Special Valentine, or even your neighbor and close friends.

We will be serving a choice of chili, vegetable or chicken & noodle soup from 5:00-6:30 p.m., along with relishes, a variety of cookies and a beverage. It may be cold outside, but we hope you will come and let us warm you up with a bowl of soup and great fellowship.

There will be sign-up sheets at the church if you would like to help us on the day of the event or if you would like to donate items for the soup. Hope to see you on the 16th.

December Financial Update

General Offerings	\$22,317
General Fund Expenses	\$17,797
Mortgage Balance.....	\$208,748



from
Pastor Paul

As I sit here in my office looking out the window, the temperature outside is in the single digits and the ground is covered with a thin layer of ice and snow. It's on days like today when I think how nice it would have been to stay in bed wrapped in a warm blanket or to be sitting in front of a warm fireplace with a cup of hot chocolate. However, I realize that we can't always do what we want to do. In fact many times in our life we find ourselves dealing with climate changes (and I don't mean just the temperature) in our lives that we just don't want to face. We would rather be anyplace but where we are.



Every year, many of us resolve to do things differently in the coming year. We do so in hopes that maybe the coming year will be the year that we overcome some of the addictions and habits that have become a burden in our lives. Maybe you resolved to lose weight. Maybe you thought that it was time to lay off the chocolates or caffeine. Maybe you decided this was the year you were going to make amends with someone whom you have had a falling out with. One month into the new year, I can't help but wonder how many of you are struggling to keep those New Years Resolutions that you set. We tend to make excuses and the climate might not always seem right for change. Many outside circumstances force us to alter our commitments and so we struggle along doing the best we can.

As Christians, we have been called to present the Gospel message to the world. To do so, we need to alter our way of

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SOS

Solid Rock SOS met on January 14, 2016, at the Church. Meeting highlights:

- Devotion on trusting God for a strength-filled New Year was led by Susan.
- The lesson was given by Sherry on getting ourselves winterized. Psalm 119:11, Psalm 46:10, Job 23:10, and Psalm 55:17.
- Joys and Concerns were shared.
- A love offering was collected to be saved for next month's meeting to see if any community or other needs arise.

Old Business

- SOS will provide entertainment for the Mother's Day program at Liberty Center, May 15, 2016. Many cards were received and sent by

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- Prayer partners were assigned and the meeting was adjourned with prayer and a sung benediction.
- Attendance: 15
- Next meeting: February 11, 2016, with Martina Cocklin as hostess and Sherry Gifford as co-hostess and Brenda Conner giving the lesson.

Food Pantry Needs

- Pudding Snack Packs
- Spaghettios
- Cereal
- Peaches
- Muffin Mix
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Ramen Noodles



Also needed: plastic bags, books and magazines (6 months through adult)

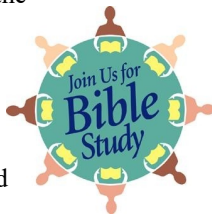
Please leave your items in the wooden boxes in the narthex.

"Feasting on the Word" Bible Study

Valentine's Day is proclaimed as a time to say "I love you!" This is just a current way to express what God has been saying to all his children since the beginning of creation. You are invited and encouraged to join with some co-travelers through this world to listen afresh to what God says to us. Bring your Bible on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church kitchen as we reflect together on the following Bible passages. This is a great way to prepare our lives for worship the next Sunday as Pastor Paul shares God's Word for us.

- February 1: Matthew 17:1-9
- February 8: Exodus 12:31-42
- February 15: Exodus 17:1-7
- February 22: Exodus 19:5-27
- February 29: Exodus 20:1-17

Clara H. Scott penned the following: "Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear; and while the wave-notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear."



Son of God: The Life of Jesus in You

The Sunday morning class that meets in the church kitchen will soon be beginning a new Bible study from Rick Warren based on the feature film *Son of God*.

Whether you're exploring the life of Jesus for the first time, or ready to take your faith to a deeper level,



this study gives you practical steps to overcome temptation, suffering and persecution and leverage these challenges to discover and fulfill God's plan for your life. Sessions include: Jesus' and Your Baptism, Temptation, Suffering, Death, Resurrection and Ministry.

This study is scheduled to begin on February 14.

For God so loVed the world
thAt He gave His
onLy
begottEn
SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

An early start to spring cleaning

Although Lent starts early this year, before spring appears in many areas, it's an appropriate time for spring cleaning. Indeed, Lent comes from old German and English words for "spring." So, while it might be too soon to open windows or hang clothes on the line, now is ideal for some spiritual spring cleaning.

Lent calls us to examine our beliefs, confess and dispose of old grudges and selfish habits, dust off our Bibles for a new routine of study and prayer, air out our hearts and brighten up our attitudes. "Lent cleaning" lets the Holy Spirit freshen our faith — and it's never too early for that.



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thinking and find a way to come together. It is only when we come together that we are truly the body of Christ. It is as a collection of members that we accomplish the works of apostles, prophets, teachers and healers. It is only when we work together that the whole Christian story can be told.

So, how will we tell this story in the year that lies ahead? What New Years Resolutions will we make as the body of Christ in our church today, and what will we do to show that our commitment is more than skin deep? This is the year to:

- Show real warmth as we welcome visitors to our congregation, and work to strengthen the bonds of Christian community among us.
- Demand authenticity in our Christian education, congregational care and personal interaction, so that we won't settle for pat answers to difficult questions.
- Encourage passion in our worship and mission work, so that everyone will feel our commitment to the work of our gracious and powerful God.
- Focus on Jesus in every aspect of our church's life, so that we will be able to deepen our relationship with the One who is our Lord and our Savior.

Warmth, Authenticity, Passion and Jesus. These are the four Key characteristics of a healthy church, and they are the four qualities that will be decisive for the vitality of the body of Christ in 2016 and in the years to come. See you Sunday!

Pastor Paul

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commitment to God, His word, and His kingdom. (Filmed in Machaerus)

February 28: Into the Desert to Be Tested

During their forty years of testing in the desert, God continued to teach and shape the Israelite nation. By the time they entered the Promised Land, a new generation had formed, a people who obeyed and trusted God with all their heart, soul, and strength. Follow along as this lesson invites God to reveal what you are lacking, so you can learn to walk in His ways with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. (Filmed in En Gedi)

March 6: The Last Passover

In the story of God making Himself known to His people, Passover is a founda-

tional element. As the continuation of this redemptive process, the Lord's Supper finds its most profound meaning when taken in the context of Passover imagery. In this lesson, you will unpack the full meaning of the Last Supper and learn how to engage it in deep celebration, commemorating Jesus' redemptive work on our behalf. (Filmed in Jerusalem)

March 13: The Fifth Cup: Our Way of Hope

The Passover Sedar employs four symbolic cups to help the Jews remember the miraculous ways that God delivered His people from the hand of Pharaoh. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus asked the Father to take away the cup placed before Him, a "fifth cup," in a sense, which signifies the complete deliverance of God's people from the wages of our own sin. In this lesson, you will consider the implications of Jesus accepting this cup of God's wrath so that we could be spared from it, once and for all. (Filmed at Gethsemane)

Honduras Mission Trip

Dear Solid Rock Members,

Over the past few years that I have been involved in Life Church's small group I have seen my relationship with God grow tremendously. My faith reached a high once I traveled to Pawley's Island, South Carolina last summer. On the past trip, I was faced with the challenge of being a worship leader (it is known that I have no musical talent), but I could not be more thankful for that great and challenging opportunity. Because of how my relationship with God grew, I am now honored with the privilege of being a co-leader for our mission trip this summer.

Our wonderful group of students will be venturing to Honduras this summer. On our trip we will be doing home renovations as well as any needed service projects in the Honduras Community. We will also be putting on a Vacation Bible Study for children needing God's guidance and love. We will be working closely with an organization called La Providencia, which is a best practice, family-based community of care for orphans and at-risk children in Honduras. This orphanage emphasizes the spiritual nurturing in life so that they are able to live a fruitful life spreading God's word.

Please pray for our small group as we prepare for this venture and while we are

there, the week of July 17th to the 23rd. In order to carry the message to the people of Siguatepeque, Honduras, I am trying to raise \$1700 by March 31st. If you feel blessed to donate toward the cost of this mission trip, I will greatly appreciate it! I am trying to raise funds multiple ways by doing Strive, a service event that can raise money per hour, a Pizza Hut fundraiser and car washes. Thank you so much for any support and God Bless.

In His Love,
Madi Canady

Missions Team

The missions team has met and designated the following givings for 2016 from the Missions Fund.



United Methodist

Church Advance Specials (World):

- Homes for Haitians: \$300
- Water and Sanitation: \$500
- Feed My Starving Children: \$500

Church Advance Specials (National):

- Red Bird Mission: \$400
- Henderson Settlement: \$400
- Society of St. Andrew: \$200
- UMCOR: International: \$200; National: \$200
- Operation Classroom: \$300
- Africa University: \$700

Special Sunday Offerings (Human Relations, One Great Hour of Giving, Native American Ministries, Peace with Justice, World Communion, UM Student, Bishop's Christmas: \$100 each): \$700

Conference Advance Special:

- Bashor Children's Home: \$700

Local and Non-United Methodist giving:

- Bread of Life Food Pantry: \$1,000
- Associated Churches: \$500
- A Friend's House: \$500
- LOVE, INC: \$500
- World Gospel Mission (Jade and Nathan): \$1000

"If at first you don't succeed, do it like your mother told you."

—Author Unknown

"The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace."

—Mahatma Gandhi

Soup for the Soul

A free soup supper

February 16
5:00-6:30
at Solid Rock



Invite your friends
and neighbors!

Our Mission:

The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision:

Sharing and experiencing the life-giving message of Jesus, to restore wholeness and build an intentional community of hope, relationship, and purpose for everyone.

Lord Jesus, give me your gentleness.

Make me sensitive to others' needs,
quick to discern even when
no words are spoken.

Help me never to rush in with
thoughtless words,
nor to brush others aside
with sweeping assertions.

Help me never to quench
another's hopes

nor deepen another's sorrow,

but to pour your peace and balm, your comfort
and love

on all those I meet today. Amen.



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