

Phillipsburg First Christian Church

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

WHY did JESUS have to SUFFER and DIE?

Easter is coming in six weeks. There is no message in any religion which compares to the wonder of the proclamation that "He is risen." Christ had died a horrific death, but God raised him from the dead! Amen and Amen!

But for this month we want to look at the question posed above,

WHY did JESUS have to SUFFER and DIE?

The short answer is two-fold.

- 1. Jesus had to die because of the LOVE of God.**
- 2. Jesus had to die because we are all sinners.**

Let's look at these two things a bit more in depth.

Jesus had to die because of the LOVE of God. God created mankind because God is love. In his overflowing love he desired to create a being who would love him back, so he made mankind. Adam and Eve enjoyed beautiful fellowship with God – for a time..

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Church Events

- Mar 1 Book Club
- Mar 5 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Mar 5 Fellowship Dinner
- Mar 8 Evangelism Meeting
- Mar 12 Christian Men's Fellowship
- Mar 12 Board Meeting
- Mar 13 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Mar 19 Elders Meeting
- Mar 26 Sing Along
- Mar 27 Missions Meeting
- Mar 1, 8, 22, 29 Youth Groups
- Mar 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29 RightNow Media Study Sessions

The Pastor's Pen continued

Then they sinned. They disobeyed God. And thus every human born into this world has been born with a sin nature. But God still loved mankind and He laid out a plan whereby man's sin could be forgiven.

God would not be holy and just if he simply ignored sin. Sin had to be paid for in some way! How? By the shedding of innocent blood. But there was no one on earth who was innocent. But God had the answer. He would send HIS OWN BELOVED SON to this earth to live in a human body. He would live a perfect life. He would always do the will of the Father. If he was willing to die for the sins of mankind, God would accept that as a payment for the sins of anyone in the whole world who would accept that payment for sin.

Jesus came to earth. He lived a perfect life and he was willing to die to pay for our sins. God demonstrated to the world that He accepted that death by raising Christ from the dead!

God's LOVE is overwhelming. Our verse for February is, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8.

Our part is to honestly admit we are sinners who need a Savior and accept that Jesus Christ is indeed that Savior.

Take time every day this month to meditate on Romans 5:8 and take time to praise God and thank Jesus.

Love you.

Pastor Herder

Fellowship Dinner

Be sure to mark your calendar for our upcoming Fellowship Dinner scheduled for Sunday, March 5th following worship service. Fried chicken and mashed potatoes will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, vegetable or a dessert. A sign-up sheet will be available on the entryway counter.

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www.phillipsburgchristianchurch.com



Sing His Praise Sing Along

Join us Sunday, March 26th from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a "Sing His Praise Sing Along". Everyone is invited so bring joy, tambourines, clapping hands and a favorite drink. Popcorn will be provided. Please enter through the back kitchen door.



March Scripture

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:8.

March's Book Club Book

We all want to live simpler lives and to put Jesus first – but we struggle with doing both. While we are busy strategizing new ways to streamline our calendars and clean the clutter out of our closets, what really needs attention is actually the secret to long-term clarity and lasting peace: putting Jesus over everything in our lives.

In “Jesus Over Everything”, Lisa Whittle offers a close look at eight choices you can make to help you grow in your understanding of what it means to put Jesus first amid the craziness of the day-to-day. We all have a picture of what we crave and yet struggle to define as we seek to give God his rightful place in our everyday lives.

Join us in reading March's book, “Jesus Over Everything”. Packed with tools to equip and motivate you, the Jesus - Over - Everything journey will help you reprioritize your faith first in order to reprioritize your daily life.

Join us for Book Club on March 1st at 7:00 p.m. to discuss February's book, “Confessions of a Crappy Christian”.

March Birthdays

03 Griffin Hindman	16 Kirk Coomes
03 Tracy Sanson	18 Jerol Robinson
05 Randy Runnion	21 Ashley Hattesoil
08 Danielle Peterson	23 Greg Babcock
08 Carolyn Babcock	23 Lucinda Ferguson
08 Carliss Lunsford	25 Randy Schneider
09 Andy Kenney	27 Seth Jacobs
10 Jacey Minkler	27 Patrick Patterson
10 Linda Imm	28 Ron Heller
11 Jacey Kellerman	29 Kyla Kenney
14 Becky Lanier	29 Tim Werner



February Offering

05	\$4,612.50
12	\$2,750.98
19	\$1,970.00
26	TBA

Each Sunday we need to collect
\$2,596.15 to meet our budget.

Please pray about your giving.

Remember, you cannot out-give God.

Mission Offering

TBA

February Attendance

05 - 127	19 - 113
12 - 115	26 - TBA

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