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Alliance Church Newsletter

Loving, Lifting, Locating, Life



Pastor's Corner

Pastor Jeff (Mr. Flexibility, Mr. Forgetful, Mr. Flabbergasted, Mr. Etc.)

"From the Desk of the Pastor?" This is what you usually read, But NO, this is from his heart and gut.

Jerry Still (our church elder) has had his share of troubles and trials this year. He has just this past year gone thru an agonizing operation on his back with the addition of nuts and bolts and rods to get him back on his feet. Praise the Lord for success in this area. He endured incredible pain for months both before and after the operation and everything is back on track.

Charles Spurgeon

"God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart."

Bible Study

Please Join us as we go through the Gospel of Mark this Summer

Mark 3:1-6

Mark 3:7-12

Mark 3:13-19

3:20-34

If you would like a written copy of the sermons as we make our way through the Gospel of Mark please visit: <http://intersectfaithandlife.blogspot.com>

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Suddenly, **the wheels came off** that track and Jerry had to have a mass taken off of his small intestine which was blocking everything up.

Three weeks (3) and counting in the hospital with nothing to show for it except pain and trouble. He's lost over 50 pounds and day dreams of steak and baked potato. Nothing was going thru and they would not let him eat or drink anything - **for 4 weeks!**

Encouraging News however - Your prayers have been heard and, **things are moving!** Healing is progressing, ever so slowly. Keep praying!

Praise the Lord!

A Note from the Youth

Hello everyone! It's finally happened. Our summer activities are coming to a close. I've had several people over the years say to me, "So everything slows down during the summer?" It's kind of half a question, half a statement. But they're always surprised when I say that the summer time is one of our busiest times.

In last month's newsletter I told you about our In-Town Trip with the Vacation Bible School. We don't use any curriculum or buy a VBS in a box. From the sets, to the skits, to the games, crafts and memory verses, all of it is put together in house.



Which is one of the reasons I think it does so well.

Couple that with two 1/2 Night events, the second one which is right around the corner. It never stops. And to top it all off, we have an Out-of-Town Trip, too. Sometimes this out of town trip is a Missions Trip, like two years ago when we went to Watts, California. Sometimes it's a road trip, like last year's Montana Trip. This year it was a spiritual retreat up to the town of Show Low, Arizona.

We are always trying to find the best way to help our teens grow closer to God. This time around we took 11 teens for four days of camping. Every morning and night we had an hour and a half of devotional time. We went through the letter of 1st John, each session tackling another chapter.

They had to answer seven questions at each session, from what the text said. At the end of the week they had to ask one final question, are they where they wanted to be. And the answer they each gave was, no. I don't know if you would be happy with that, but I am. Over this week, the

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This Month:

“Five Vows to Make and Keep”

by A.W. Tozer

4. Guard Your Words about Others
Never pass anything on—about anybody else that will hurt him. “Love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8). The talebearer has no place in God’s favor. If you know something that would hinder or hurt the reputation of one of God’s children, bury it forever. Find a little garden out back—a little spot somewhere—and when somebody comes around with an evil story, take it out and bury it and say, “Here lies in peace the story about my brother.” God will take care of it. “With what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged.”
If you want God to be good to you, you are going to have to be good to His children. You say, “But that’s not grace.” Well, grace gets you into the kingdom of God. That is unmerited favor. But after you are seated at the Father’s table, He expects to teach you table manners. And He won’t let you eat unless you obey the etiquette of the table. And what is that?



teens came face-to-face with the realization that where they think their relationship with God is and where the reality of their relationship with God is, are two different things. Most of them saw this difference and vocalized their desire to have where they want to be, to be in fact their reality.

Please pray for these teens that where they want their relationship with God to be, would become their reality.

And pray for us as well, that we would see where God wants to take the youth ministry in the foreseeable future, and that we would be willing to walk his path. Thank you for supporting the ministry that God is doing here in Quartzsite.

In Christ’s Grip, Jeremiah

Looking Towards the Future

There are only three more months left until the “Winter Season” begins, and I am overjoyed to have the summer come to a close. Not just because it means cooler weather, though that is a blessing all it’s own. Not just because it means we get to see so many of you that have been gone. It’s because I can’t wait for God to move again this winter, like he has done before.

Recently, I had a lady share with me her experience when she first attended our church. She and her sister decided to attend a church in town, and since she knew about us because of our signs she did a little research online to make sure we

weren't crazy. The sisters plan was to visit several churches to find the one for them, but after one Sunday worshiping with you, they felt like this is where they needed to be. She said that the love she was shown and the feeling of the Holy Spirit, made her feel like this was her home.

I could share several of these stories with you, each boiling down to the same two points: the love of the people and the movement of the Holy Spirit. God is good, and he is at work in our church. I know that God is moving within the people here, helping them live out the life that he has called each of us to.

And this is the most important work that we can be doing: loving God and loving people. When the people of God love their neighbors, the Spirit of God moves freely to show that he is at work.

These last few newsletters I have shared with you the spiritual work that God is doing here at the Alliance Church of Quartzsite. In the upcoming newsletters I want to share the physical aspects of the ministry that we need to come together on to help facilitate the expansion that God has brought to us.

As people who want to be used by God to the fullest extent, we know that we need to better use the physical things that God has given us. Whether that be our schedule, our strength, or our facility, we want to make sure that everything God has already given us is being used to its maximum ability.

This past winter we have shared a ten year vision that we have agreed that God is leading us towards. A vision that is built first on Loving, Lifting, Locating,

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The etiquette of the table is that you don't tell stories about the brother who is sitting at the table with you—no matter what his denomination, or nationality, or background.



Life. Where the motivation comes from God's love, we are led into a deeper worship of him, which then leads us into locating and meeting the needs around us. As we do all of this we point people back to the life that God has for them through Jesus.

I cannot wait for us to come together again, so that we may grow into the people that God has called us to be. People who capture his vision, and carry it out to impact the people around us.

I know that God is blessing our church because of the work of his people capturing the vision that he has given us. And I know, as we walk further into his vision, he will continue to bless us. But I also believe we must be willing participants in his work, or else we will stifle it. Let us then work with joy, seeking to do all we can to move forward doing his will. Amen -In Christ's Grip, Jeremiah

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