

Welcome to the Church at Martinsburg!

Whether this is your first time or your next time, whether you are a member or a first-time guest – we want to connect with you! Use the white card with this Loop to relay information to your church staff. Please complete the front so we can update our records and use the back to request information or share your prayer requests. As your pastors, we're honored to pray for & serve you.

This Week's Announcements

Good Friday is March 29th and we'll be having our annual Good Friday service at 6 PM. It will be at Harvest Community Church (74 Dupont Road, Martinsburg, WV 25404).

Easter Sunday is next week! We'll be having three services that morning (8, 9:30, and 11) and be talking about Stephen from Acts 8. Invite your friends, family, and those far from God!

Moldova Mission Trip: We are sending a mission team to Moldova from July 4 – 13 to care for children and spread the gospel in Eastern Europe. Go to missions.martinsburgchurch.org or see Pastor Richard after the service for more info.

Pastor On Call: If you have an emergency and need to get a hold of a pastor from Friday morning through Monday morning please call 304.616.9007 to reach the Church at Martinsburg's Pastor on call.

This Week's Ripple Report



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"And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
- Matthew 28:20 ESV

Sharing the gospel and talking to others about our faith may at times feel a bit intimidating. But because Jesus is always with us, we don't need to be afraid. Recently, Amanda Culbertson (@ajculbs) tweeted, "Just got to have a conversation about sin, God's mercy, and Christ's blood with a co-worker." Jesus has called all of us to be missionaries whether it's at work, our neighborhoods, or wherever we may be and we can rest knowing that He is always with us.



How is God working?

Let us know!
#ripplereport

Resources for Sunday, March 24, 2013

Acts
of the Apostles
The Church Begins

This Sunday's Sermon:

Title: Chosen To Serve
Scripture: Acts 6:1-7
Bottom Line: Every task has a person and every person has a task.

Community Group Questions

1. Share with the group any insight, truth, or observation from Sunday's message that helped you, troubled you, or ministered to you.
2. Read Acts 6:1-7. In today's church, do we have situations that arise that are similar to the problem the apostles faced? If yes, explain.
3. Who are the people that could be overlooked in our church? In our community? What should we do if we see a need like this not being met?
4. What was the apostle's response to the problem? Where did they place their priority? Why is this important? Does this make the task of the chosen seven any less significant? Discuss.
5. What appears to be the primary criteria for ANY type of ministry (service)?
6. For what tasks has God fitted you? How did you know? Do you look at all acts of service as being a spiritual act of worship? Do you view all areas of service as just as vital as the more prominent ministries (preaching, teaching...)? Explain.

Missionary Toolbox: Brother Lawrence and Service

Over 300 years ago, there lived a Christian layman named Nicolas Herman. Lowly and simple, he moved into a French Monastery and spent his lifetime serving in the kitchen and later, repairing sandals. He took the religious name of "Lawrence of the Resurrection" – we know him simply as Brother Lawrence. His conversations and letters would later become the basis for the book "The Practice of the Presence of God". He lived his life as a steward not an owner, as a servant and yet a son. In regard to serving, this is what he said:

"The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer, and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament."

"We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed."

This Week's Reading:

Monday:	Ephesians 2:8-10	Thursday:	Romans 12:3-8
Tuesday:	1 Corinthians 12:4-7	Friday:	Colossians 3:16-17
Wednesday:	Ephesians 4:1-7	Saturday:	Ephesians 5:17-21