

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

Graduate Recognition is coming up on June 2nd. If you're graduating, we'd like to recognize you. Visit graduate.martinsburgchurch.org to get signed up!

Baby Dedications will take place on Mother's Day (May 12th). If you'd like to dedicate your child, visit babies.martinsburgchurch.org or send an email to contact@martinsburgchurch.org!

New Community Group! A new community group will begin this week. Dennis & Lisa Williams will facilitate a group in the Inwood area. If you have an interest in becoming a part of this group or any other please visit the Welcome Table in the Regal lobby or groups.martinsburgchurch.org

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

On Easter Sunday, a new ministry kicked off at C@M called "Fusion." Fusion welcomes guests and first-time visitors from the parking lot all the way to the seat to help them feel welcome to the church. Marybeth Butcher shared, "It feels great to see someone waving their hand at me in the parking lot. And it's even nicer to meet new people and learn their names." It's easy to take welcoming people for granted. How great is it that God welcomes us and his church welcomes others?!



"He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance." Acts 28:30-31



How is God working?

Let us know!
#ripplereport

Resources for Sunday, April 14, 2013

Acts
of the Apostles
The Church Begins

This Sunday's Sermon:

Title: *The Church Scattered*
Scripture: Acts 8:4-25
Bottom Line: Receiving the Giver secures the gift; pursuing the gift doesn't secure the Giver.

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. What do we know about Philip? Why was he in Samaria? What specifically was Philip's message? Who responded?
3. What do we know about Simon? Based on this passage, can we determine whether Simon was a genuine Christian or not? Are there any indications of saving faith? What might be his motivation?
4. How is Simon's story a sober warning to those who claim to be believers? What did Peter admonish Simon to do? Consider 2 Corinthians 13:5. What are some ways to apply this scripture in your devotional time? In your family worship? Are you certain that you are a genuine believer?
5. Identify some of the poor motives we might have today for pursuing God whether for salvation or in prayer. What does God have to say about our motives? Consider Proverbs 4:23, Luke 6:43-45 and James 1:5-8. Do you see any of these motives in your own life?

Missionary Toolbox: Evangelism

"The Christian call to evangelism is a call not simply to persuade people to make decisions but rather to proclaim to them the good news of salvation in Christ, to call them to repentance, and to give God the glory for regeneration and conversion. We don't fail in our evangelism if we faithfully tell the gospel to someone who is not converted; we fail only if we don't faithfully tell the gospel at all. Evangelism itself isn't converting people; it's telling them that they need to be converted and telling them how they can be." Philip was one of the seven originally chosen to wait tables for the widows who were being overlooked in the distribution of food. He was a typical believer in the church chosen because he was known to be of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom. You know, someone like you. Though you might not have the gift of evangelism or hold the office of an evangelist... you can share the Gospel of Jesus. You can evangelize."

(quotes adapted from Mark Dever's *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism*)

This Week's Reading:

Monday:	Matthew 13	Thursday:	1 Timothy 6:6-11
Tuesday:	Luke 6:43-45	Friday:	2 Corinthians 13:5
Wednesday:	Matthew 6:22-24	Saturday:	2 Timothy 4:1-5