

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 are honored to pray for and serve you.

Financial Peace University (FPU) will begin Sunday, September 16th. This financial class is for anyone wanting to learn how to budget, get out of debt or refresh financial management skills. Cost includes a workbook, book, budget aids and a CD. Please go to fpu.martinsburgchurch.org or call the church office at 304-596-9330 to register. Registration for the course is required and the final cost will be decided soon. Sign up in the lobby Today!

Community Groups begin the week of September 9th. Community is an essential part of our Christian life focusing on spiritual growth, fellowship with one another and the neighborhoods around us. For more information you can visit groups.martinsburgchurch.org. Sign up in the lobby Today!

How will you serve at C@M? Go to volunteering.martinsburgchurch.org.

Pastor On Call: If you or your family have an emergency and need to get 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.

Missionary Toolbox:

In Acts 1:1-2, Luke points back to his gospel as a source of what Jesus began to do and teach. One of Jesus' key teachings in Luke's gospel is prayer. He teaches people to pray for those who abuse them (6:28), to pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers (10:2), to persist in prayer (11:5-13), to always pray and not lose heart (18:1), to pray humbly (18:9-14), to pray without hypocrisy (20:47), to pray for strength in difficult times (21:36), and to pray that they may not enter into temptation (22:40,46). Let's continue to pray this week...

Today – Pray that the Gospel would be boldly and unashamedly proclaimed in our local churches; that those churches would be places for the broken, unwanted and hurting; and that Christ will be offered as the only remedy for the very thing we cannot do: make ourselves better or save ourselves.

Monday – Pray Habakkuk 3:2 over our cities. “O LORD, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O LORD, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy.” Pray that the Lord's love, wrath, justice and mercy would be made known in Martinsburg and Winchester and that the Lord would do whatever He needs to do to further His Gospel and His renewal of these cities.

Tuesday – Pray Matthew 6:10 over our cities. “Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Spend this day replacing the word “earth” with the name of our cities... “In Martinsburg and Winchester as it is in heaven”. Pray this over and over again... in every place you step, over every person you come in contact with.

Wednesday – Ask the Lord to specifically put people on your heart to pray for. Pray for them, that God would draw them to Himself, that He would save them. Then pray that God would put those people in your path and that He would give you the strength and the wisdom in what to say. Pray that He would stir up their affections for Him.

Thursday – Go again to Habakkuk 3:2. Pray that God's holiness, wrath, love, mercy and justice would be revealed and known in our times.

Friday – Pray for a generation to rise up and take our place in this great endeavor. Pray for the young people you know. For the child, the student, the young adult. Pray that the Lord would pull them into Himself and that they would begin to understand the holiness of God and consequently the pursuit of holiness would be at the front of their minds.

Saturday: Pray that the Lord would do what He did in Ephesus: Pray that the Gospel would go out and completely turn the city on its head and that it would begin to renew the city's culture, economic structure, political structure and racial tension.

Community Group Growth 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 did you learn about Luke or Theophilus that might help you to better understand the book of Acts as we continue our study in this book?
3. Using Luke's "outline", what Jesus "began to do and teach", discuss Jesus' message. What DID Jesus do? What DID Jesus teach? Be specific. Take this time to teach one another the gospel.
4. What is the significance of Jesus commands to the disciples in Luke 24:44-53? Why did they need to wait?
5. What is your mission now? What is your message? How will you follow through on your mission? Read and consider 2 Cor. 5:11-21.

Living on Mission

1. Examine the good news below. Have you been reconciled to God through what Jesus did for you? Have you understood Jesus teaching concerning Himself? "...the good news is that the one and only God, who is holy, made us in His image to know Him. But we sinned and cut ourselves off from Him. In His great love, God became a man in Jesus, lived a perfect life, and died on the cross, thus fulfilling the law Himself and taking on Himself the punishment for the sins of all those who would ever turn and trust in Him. He rose again from the dead, showing that God accepted Christ's sacrifice and that God's wrath against us had been exhausted. He now calls us to repent of our sins and to trust in Christ alone for our forgiveness. If we repent of our sins and trust in Christ, we are born again into a new life, an eternal life with God." (Dever)
2. Are you a witness as described in Jesus' command in Luke 24:45-48? What hinders you from the mission you've inherited? What will you do about it?
3. How does the message of the gospel minister to you as a believer on a daily basis? Praise and worship God for the continual blessing of your reconciliation to Him.

This Week's Reading:

Monday: Acts 13

Tuesday: Acts 14

Wednesday: Acts 15

Thursday: Acts 16-17

Friday: Acts 18

Saturday: Acts 19-20

Suggested Resources:

Operation World: The Definitive Prayer Guide to Every Nation by Jason Mandryk
Foxes's Book of Martyrs by John Foxe
Let The Nations Be Glad! by John Piper