

Family Life

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Set
Your
Clocks
Forward
Saturday
night!
You'll get that
hour back in
the fall!



Our Next 2nd Sunday Fellowship Is a Potluck Luncheon TODAY, March 12, After the Morning Assembly; There Will Be No Evening Assembly

Our next 2nd Sunday Fellowship Event will be a potluck luncheon TODAY March 12 after the morning worship service.

It is our custom to dismiss for the remainder of the day following such events. **AS SUCH THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE THIS EVENING.**

Since the luncheon is a potluck, each family is requested to bring the following:

⌘ a main dish (usually a meat or casserole to feed your family and a few others)

PLUS two of the following three items:

⌘ a side dish (green beans, corn, potatoes...)

⌘ a salad (leafy green, gelatin, pasta, potato); maybe a fruit or veggie tray with/without dip

OR

⌘ a dessert (no description necessary)

As usual, ALL ASSISTANCE is gratefully accepted.

Don't be shy to volunteer!



New Baby

There are currently openings for volunteers to prepare the communion on a monthly basis through December 2017.

To volunteer, see Jerry Williams.



Baby Sign Language Class Scheduled for March 18

The one-time class for babies 6 months to 2 1/2 years to teach baby sign language is scheduled for March 18 in the fellowship hall between 10 am and noon. **Keisha Citizen** has organized the event which will cost \$50 per family, and there are a few openings remaining. Contact her to enroll your child.



The instructor will be **Kelli M. Atangan**, MS CCC-SLP. She is a Speech Language Pathologist and Director of Little Hands Speech Therapy LLC.

The workshop will cover the content of two classes, with about 30 core signs as well as 10-20 additional signs shown depending on which 2 lessons you choose.



The **Missions Committee** will meet Sunday, **March 12**, in R. 120 after the luncheon.

Central Agape Group Organizes “Blessings Bags” Assembly March 26

“Blessings Bags” contain a variety of toiletries, non-perishable food items and extra items, and should be carried in your car so that you can give them to anyone in need. Those people include the homeless or needy as the opportunity occurs, according to **Janice McDaniel**, group leader.

The **Central Agape Group** is organizing a collection of such articles for a meeting on Sunday March 26 after the morning worship. At that time, all are welcome to join the Central group in assembling the articles and placing them into the convenient bags. In addition, you are welcome

to take home some of the filled bags to use as you drive around the area.

Lesya Yeatman and **Lisa Swetnam** are coordinating this collection, and below is a list of the non-perishable items that they need for the bags. The group conducted a similar “bagging” activity last year, and it was a popular way to provide actual help to people.

To contribute any of the items below, just bring the articles and place on a donation table in the lobby. If you wish to donate money to purchase items, please give your contribution to Lesya or Lisa by next Sunday, March 19.

“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these



brothers of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BAGS

TOILETRIES (travel size will work best)	FOOD ITEMS
Bottle of water	Protein bars/ energy bars/ granola bars
Band Aids	Raisins
Baby wipes (purse size)	Tuna/crackers packs
Sanitizer	Beef Jerky sticks
toothbrush	
toothpaste	EXTRAS
deodorant	new wash cloths
comb	new socks
chapstick	new gloves
lotion	Bag with quarters
soap	or dollar bill
shampoo	



Winterfest 2017: Identity - Who Are You?

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2.9 – .10)

Finding our identity in Christ as a royal priesthood.

As a royal priest, we have a number of important characteristics

First, we are children of the KING! To be royal you must be born royal, marry a royal or be adopted by a royal family. In our case the LORD adopts us as HIS daughters and sons. We are no longer just normal people we are children of the one true KING!

Second, as royalty we are to behave like royalty! Our attitudes and actions will either reflect positively or negatively on the KING. If we have a self-righteous attitude or behave hypocritically, we will push people away from the KING. Instead if we have humble attitudes and behave consistently, we will draw people to the KING!

Third, the job of a priest is to primarily be a bridge between the people and the LORD. We aren't like priests in the ancient world who closely held onto the secrets of the gods. Instead we are priests like Jesus who take the mystery of the LORD to those who need to hear its GOOD NEWS.

As royal priests we are children of the ONE TRUE KING whose lives, attitudes and actions reveal the mysteries of the LORD to the world.

GRACE + PEACE
John B. Bl

