

I hope when we look at all these issues we will take the stance of being "for people" and not for policy, for helping not just winning, for loving not just gaining. I think what really bothers me about these "big issues" is there seems to be reasonable solutions, logical things but because of agendas, pride, position, power and flattery we seem to be spinning our wheels while real people with real families and real needs go unnoticed and what's worse is no one seems to care. Those who do care are often legitimately liberal or crazy or go totally unheard. It is this final category which bothers me, those who are unnoticed and unheard but have legitimate needs and even plausible solutions. We may still live in the greatest nation because of our freedom but maybe it's just because thus far we haven't had our freedoms impinged upon or perhaps we just haven't noticed and don't want to admit what the eventual end of certain legislation will mean.

Perhaps we haven't heard the land of opportunity, the land in which the only natives were native Americans, this land of ours is not only clamping down on refugees but Christian refugees, some of whom are being sent into or back to hostile environments. Countries, in fact, which rank in the top 10 on the watch list for most persecuting countries. This year 14,000 fewer Christian refugees will be admitted to the United States. According to those on the ground reporting to Christianity Today, "Over the past decade, more of those admitted to the US have been Christians than those of any other faith background, so the dramatic reduction in refugee arrivals this year means far fewer persecuted Christians will have the opportunity to rebuild their lives in safety in the US," stated World Relief president Scott Arbeiter. World Relief, which partners with local churches in its work as one of America's nine resettlement agencies, closed five offices and laid off 140 staff after Trump's executive order lowered the number of refugees. "We're urging the administration to resume resettlement of carefully vetted refugees at levels similar to recent years once this moratorium is completed," Arbeiter stated. Let's pray the God who is above government will work in this situation to speak to our government about the persecution and use those Christian's who may have to return or are unable to leave their country to be a powerful witness in their life and likely in their death. May we pray and remember the freedoms we currently enjoy and honor our opportunity by serving our communities and giving lavishly and supporting those who are in such desperate and dangerous conditions.

I am certainly glad I work for a righteous King and that my King will make everything right. My future is awesome but for now I too am an alien, a foreigner in a place I am not supposed to be accepted and so I must work as the ambassador I have been sent to be so that others may know my King and His purpose because I have made it clear to them... thanks be to God He sent people into my life. May I now glorify Him by being willing to be sent myself.

# TUPOOS

STUDENT MINISTRIES

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES...



**March 18** 🌻 **Taco Salad Lunch**

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### WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

### *Morning Worship Service*

# 198 *At the Name of Jesus*

Scripture Reading - *Matthew 13:13-17*

*The Word of God - Choir*

# 261 *Wonderful Words of Life*

*God of Miracles &*

*What a Beautiful Name*

**QUESTIONS  
JESUS ASKS**

**DO YOU READ YOUR  
BIBLE? - Matt.  
21:33-46**

*O Come to the Altar*

### *Evening Worship Service*

# 135 *Nothing but the Blood*

Invocation & Welcome

# 437 *Greater Is He That Is In Me*

# 581 *We Have Heard*

*the Joyful Sound*

Worship Through Testimonies & Prayer

# 10 *How Great Thou Art*



**CONQUERING SIN - Hebrews 2**

# 134 *Jesus Paid It All*

Admissions, aliens and democracy... What in the world is going on in the world? Last week brought a close to the Olympic games seemingly without incident which is a huge relief if we consider the proximity of all those people to the country of North Korea and the current political climate in that country. The Olympics are a reminder every two years of how the world can gather together in unity and harmony for competition and games while countries themselves and as a whole compete with less scruples, morals and oversight the rest of year in politics. What if there were referees in politics? What if we simply took one issue at a time and worked on resolving it? What if policies and bills weren't hundreds of pages long selling our souls on some issue just to allow some other issue to be passed? What if children ran the world with their innocent simplicity? What if we admitted things when they weren't right and remembered where we have all come from?

I say this as a dreamer, with wishful thinking and yet actual hope. This week I read where there was an actual admission by our president. He came clean, perhaps you heard, maybe you didn't... just in case I will catch you up to speed. President Trump admitted after several years of avoiding the truth that He "tries to hide his bald spot". Whoa! I almost fell over when I read such an admission. Did he take truth serum? Has he had a change of heart? What is next on the admission list? Unfortunately, I don't think we have much to worry about. I have honestly been out of the political loop for a while, so I was pleasantly surprised with this honest admission. I didn't follow much while I was away in Nicaragua and then the Olympics provided a nice distraction from all the normal political fodder. But we are back in it and artillery is being fired everywhere and from everybody. I cannot remember in my adult life this kind of barrage on a daily basis and I do not believe it will lessen anytime soon. What I do know is the issues are real. No matter which side you may fall, these are things which truly do affect our lives and the future of the nation for our children and grandchildren. I fear that many of the issues however, which affect Christianity, are often not the ones which receive the most attention. Obviously, I am not talking about abortion and homosexuality because those subjects are always trending and are important. However, there is a plethora of material available on those issues and I encourage you to keep up so you will know how to respond. But I want to highlight for you something that may not receive as much attention when it comes to immigration.

Among the highest of important topics is immigration, probably in everyone's top 5. Immigration is an issue which there seems to be little agreement upon and an issue where many innocent people are caught in the crossfire of politics and legal snares.



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Wednesday Services

Adult Bible Study.....	11
Students.....	12
GA/RA (elementary).....	32
Mission Friends (pre-s).....	12
Nursery.....	3
Women's Study.....	12
Leaders.....	13
Total.....	95

**Sunday Services**

Nursery.....	23
Morning Worship..	137
Evening Worship. ..	30

**Giving Record**

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# March 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
4	5 7pm Deacon's Meeting	6 House & Grounds Meeting 7PM	7	8 Meal Delivery: Sue Mannery	9	10 Meal Delivery: Linda Smith
11	12	13	14 No Services	15	16	17
18	19 6pm Stewardship Meeting	20	21 Business Meeting 7p	22	23 Meal Delivery: Helga Shackelford	24 GOOD FRIDAY
25 Palm Sunday	26	27	28	29 Meal Delivery: Margaret Bennett	30	31
1 Resurrection Sunday	2 7pm Deacon's Meeting	3 House & Grounds Meeting 7PM	4	5	6	7

*Spring Forward*

**SPRING BREAK**

**COUNTING COMMITTEE - MARCH 2018**  
Margaret Bennett, Susan Robertson, Bud Wilson

**WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**

Sundays

- 9:30 A.M. Media Center Open
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School - Education Building
- 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service - Sanctuary
- Kids' Church K-5
- 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship - Sanctuary

Wednesday

- 5:00 P.M. Women's Bible Study
- 6:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Live (TUPOS)
- G.A.'s, R.A.'s, Mission Friends - Kids Bldg.
- Women's Bible Study
- Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study - Ed. Bldg.

**USHERS OF THE WEEK**  
Bud Wilson  
Johnny Trammell  
Jonathan Benbow  
Bobby Calves

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**  
March 4-March 10  
Johnny Trammell 781-0444  
March 11-March 17  
Winston Smith 832-0684



If you're visiting us for the first time, we invite you to fill out a visitor packet in the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.  
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**MARCH**



**APRIL**



**April 8th— Guest Speaker Mel Heal  
Global Outreach Mission**

**April 22nd—25th—Revival**

**If you'd like information on joining the team going to Nicaragua in late July, See Pastor Marc Or Pastor Chris**