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Isaiah 43:18-19

Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

19 See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

New Things

When we arrived at the church almost four years ago, the first thing I did was install two whiteboards in the office. I'd learned enough about myself to know I needed a visual representation of our goals and needs. I wrote them down so that whenever I walked into the office, I could see what we were working towards. Writing it down and having a visual representation helped keep our primary focuses at the forefront of my mind to lessen distractions. It was equally important that if anyone came and sat down for a discussion, they could see those things as well. The whiteboard served a dual purpose. Keeping me focused and letting people know what we were working on a daily basis. If you wanted to know where we were, you could see it for yourself.

Admittedly though, we've gotten distracted in recent years with all the changes we've made as a church. I haven't kept up with my board as I should and honestly, some of our goals have changed. We've reached the intended milestones and gone in a different direction than we had anticipated four years ago. The goals have changed, and the trajectory of our church has been realigned. Our ministries have grown and financial needs refocused. We are a new congregation and a new people with a focus on reaching our community. The scripture from Isaiah 43 is an expression of this very idea. God is telling his people through the prophet Isaiah that he is doing something new with his people. Forget the former things and look ahead to new works and a new journey; he's making a way as well as new paths in wild places. Erase the whiteboard, I've got a different goal in mind.

The question though is what throws me off. "Do you not perceive it?" Essentially, can you feel what I'm doing in this new season? God is doing something miraculous with our church that is beyond what we could have believed. He created something new in an unknown direction.

Through it all He has been faithful and so have you. Can you feel it? Our attendance continues to increase, ministries continue to grow, and we are making some important financial headway needed to grow the church. Some of these we wrote on the board but some we never expected from the beginning. That's the beauty of the whiteboard. It's not written in stone, and we can change it as God directs us in ministry.

This week I erased and cleaned off the whiteboards in our office when we received some awesome news. Why? Because it's time to refocus and dream big in this new season as a church. After our church conference Sunday afternoon we had some unexpected giving we didn't know about that was received earlier that morning. With that, we were able to officially request to pay off our disaffiliation loan to our provider! Within a year and through your faithfulness God has provided a way to officially close a chapter in the life of our church; "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it?"

God is doing new and special things at The Well at Centerville! He continues to provide for us and make a way in unknown places for which we are grateful. Next week, we will write down some new goals and ideas to keep us focused. Today, however, we are thankful for you and your faithfulness through this process. Without you, it could not have been done and I'm extremely proud to be your pastor. God is Love and Love Lives Here!

Keep The Faith,
Pastor Tommy

Scripture and Sermon:

Judges 4:4-9

"The Women Who Have
Made Us Who We Are:
Deborah:
Living as a Judge"



New Concerns

Bill Reedy
Amber Skiles
Jaden
Leon

Continue Prayers for:

Family of Bob Parker
Joann Kile
Dennis & Kathy Davis
Mary Lee Carter
Patsy Spinks
Don Porter

Christa Avret
Michael & Jennie Walston
Betty Byrd
Leon Hudson
Mary Prater
Jim & Mary Leary
Virginia Eadie
Bill Reedy
Sarah Mayer
Our Country, Leaders, Military

Finance Report for

April 21

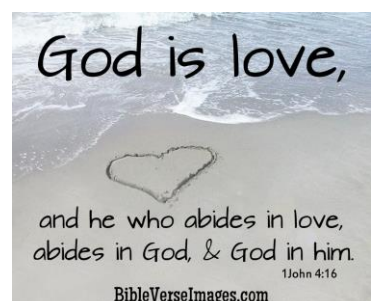
Operating Budget..... \$17,989.00
Food Pantry..... 100.00
Total..... \$18,089.00

Worship Attendance

166

Sunday School

43



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Gifts Given to the Glory of God

- 🌀 In memory of Bob Parker by Jim & Barbara Hilliard
- 🌀 In memory of Floyd Griggs by Margaret Henley
- 🌀 In memory of Sue Braun by Warner Robins Senior Citizens Club



Church Shirt Sunday! Wear yours!



29
LaWanna Porter
30
Mary Frances Logue
1
Peggy Campbell
2
Betty Bailey
3
Spencer Bagley



- ✓ 05-13-24 Finance Meeting 6p
- ✓ 05-13-24 Admin Council Meeting 6:30p
- ✓ 05-27-24 Office Closed- Memorial Day
- ✓ 06/04-06/24 CMC General Conference, Laurel, MS
- ✓ 06-10-24 Finance Meeting 6p

Community Missions

- Food Pantry totals for April: families served- 495; People served- 1658; Weight of food distributed- 11,495 lbs. Good job, everyone!
- The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday, 10a-1p, volunteering is on rotation now, so get with Cheri and sign up... come on out and volunteer! You will be blessed. Our Food Pantry Team rocks!
- The Open Door Mission Closet (Clothes Closet) is now open every Wednesday from 9am until 12 noon. We would love for you to stop in for a brief visit when possible and/or become a volunteer. We work on a rotating basis so you would not be obligated to work every week. Please see Brenda if you are interested. Tuesdays will become our new Sorting/Processing day and volunteers are also needed on that day.
- May 1 volunteers- Linda Blanton, Joyce Wyatt, Becky Martin

Family Promise

Thank you to our volunteers who delivered meals last week at Family Promise in Perry, GA. "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." Luke 3:11

If you are interested in helping out with Family Promise on our next rotation, contact J.O. or Lynn, this is a very blessed ministry of our church... check out their website at <https://www.familypromisehoustonco.org/>

Neighborhood Yard Sale

Susan Howdeshell has agreed to let us participate in her neighborhood's yard sale. The sale will be May 4 and all proceeds will go to the Clothes Closet. If you are interested in donating an item for the sale, please contact Susan at 478-508-0709 for details. Items can be brought to 403 Eagles Landing Trail, WR 31093 on Thursday and Friday. Anyone with homemade items/arts and crafts, are welcome, too. Also, if you would like to help set up for or work at the table, please let her know.

Wesley Glen

There will be a work day at Wesley Glen on Saturday, May 18 beginning at 8a. Volunteers are needed for some landscaping/planting flowers and a floor removal. If you are willing to help out, contact Stevie Bowen.

Calling ALL Youth!

Current 5th grade - 12th grade.

We are meeting every Wednesday night from 6-7:30pm.

We started a new Series (April 10) titled "And It Was Good". A four-week series about justice.

Come check it out! We will eat, play a game or 2, and then dive into our study!!

Water Filters

Does anyone need a new water filter for the fridge like I do? If so, contact Lisa Toth at 551-655-5449. She has all brand names, they are in-the-box new and she's asking \$10 for each.

Hearing Aids

We had a wonderful member donate a pair of gently used hearing aids. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact the office.

Bible Reading Plan

Week of April 28th:

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| Sunday..... | Mark 2 |
| Monday..... | Mark 3 |
| Tuesday..... | Mark 4 |
| Wednesday..... | Mark 5 |
| Thursday..... | Mark 6 |
| Friday..... | Mark 7 |
| Saturday..... | Mark 8 |

Are you Looking for a place to serve? To get involved? We have it!

This Week's Schedule:

Sunday- April 28

Ushers

10:30a J.O. Miller, Tony Rozier
Mel Smeltz, Cheri' Cox, Roy Carter
Keith Mobley, Stevie Bowen
Joy Fleming, Sherrie Shell
9:15a Sunday School
10:30a Worship



Greeters

10:30a Lynn Mayfield, Cynthia Boutwell

Communion Servers

Terry & Kitty Barfield
Gary & Kathy Rutke



Finance Stewards

Paula Williams, Sherrie Shell, Kelly Evans

Assisting with Children

Sunday- April 28

Nursery- Kelly Evans, Laura, Cinderella
Children- Amber Gamble

Sunday- May 5

Nursery- Joy Fleming, Cinderella
Children- Nancy Hudson



Monday- April 29

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Tuesday- April 30

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Partners in Prayer
10:00a Yoga



Wednesday- May 1

8:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
9a-12p Clothes Closet
10a-1p Food Pantry
6:30p Choir Practice
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Thursday- May 2

National Day of Prayer

9:15a Movin' n Groovin'
10:00a Yoga
6:30p Handbells
7:30p Narcotics Anonymous



Friday- May 3

7:30p Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday- May 4

7:30p . . Narcotics Anonymous



Sunday School at 9:15a

Are you looking to get involved in Sunday School? We have a great line up of classes to explore! Maybe you've been attending Sunday School regularly but see a topic you're interested in – it's okay to move around and try different classes – let's learn and grow together!

Sunday School Class

Seekers
Issues & Answers
New Beginnings
Christian Fellowship
Youth

Studies

Max Lucado
Mark
Revelation
Ephesians
Christian Response to Evil

Teacher

Kathy Rutke
Katie Odum
Nancy Hudson
Don Schall
Eric & Gloria Nelson

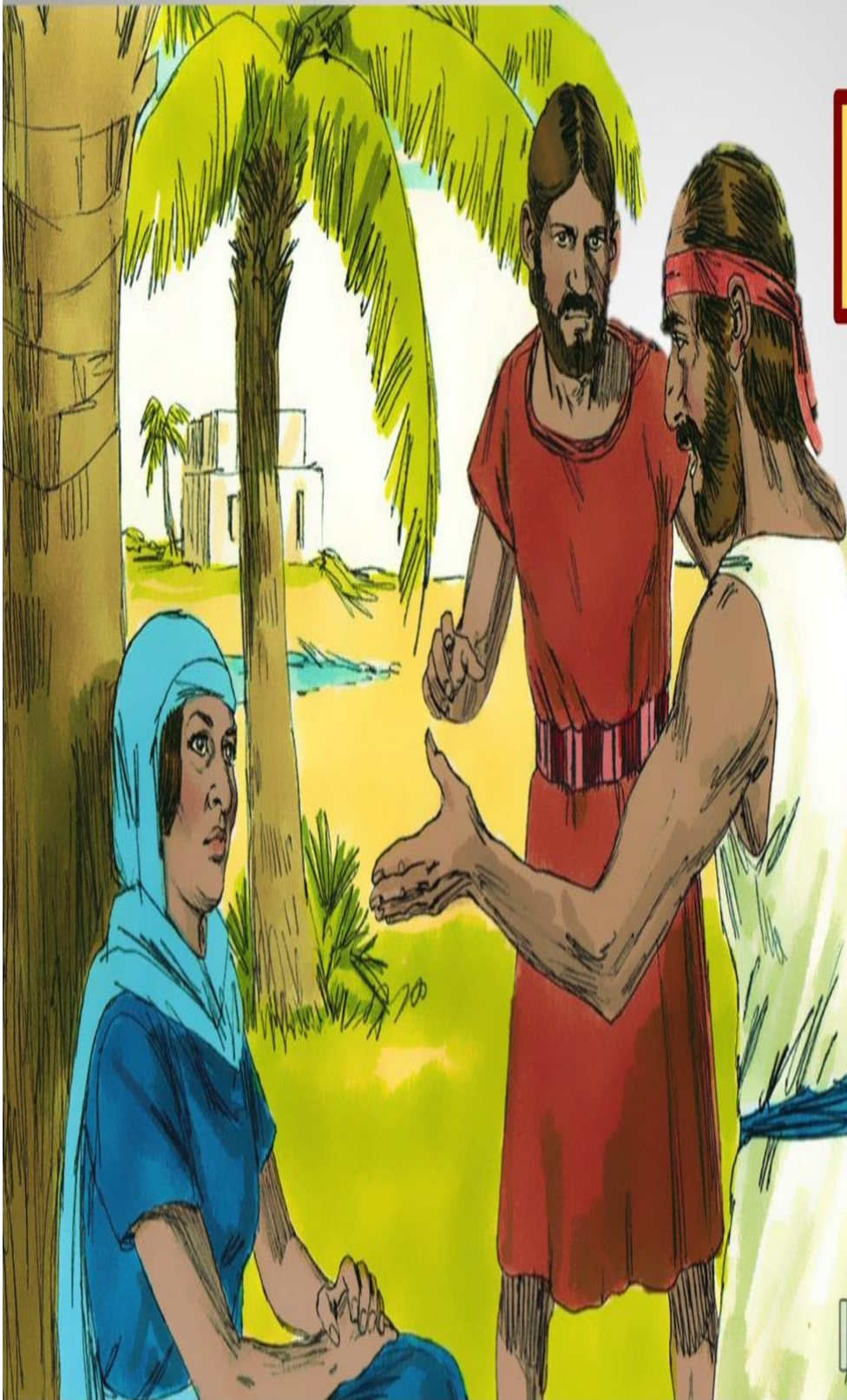




Deborah



Judges
4:4



Judge of Israel

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