

Pastor's Note

The Kingdom of God?

In April, I am going to share with you some ideas to help us grasp “The Kingdom of God.” It is what we pray for in the Lord’s Prayer. The challenge is – many Christians have no idea what it is or what it looks like (therefore, we don’t know what to do and what it would look like if it was right in front of our face.)

**So, we are going to take care of that on Sundays in April.
Now... for a little background for everyone...**

The Kingdom of God: What it is & what it mean?

While Jesus was on the earth, the focus of His teaching and ministry was on the Kingdom of God. The phrases *Kingdom of God, Kingdom of Heaven and the Kingdom* occur more than ninety times in the Gospels, and the book of Acts is filled with accounts of works of the Kingdom of God. Jesus taught the Kingdom of God as a new way of living and thinking, not as a physical kingdom with walls and castle.

Because Jesus spent so much of His time teaching about the Kingdom of God, it is obviously an essential part of our understanding as Christians. Not only can we understand God’s Kingdom, but we can live in it and carry its message.

God’s kingdom is a heavenly kingdom of blessing, and those who live according to Kingdom principles will see blessing in their life. Blessing means to be happy, content and thriving. Many people think that God’s Kingdom is all about keeping rules, demands and unattainable expectations. But Jesus debunked that idea when He began to teach what are known as the Beatitudes or be-attitudes! You’ll find this teaching in Matthew 5:3-12. Jesus the King wants His citizens to be happy and blessed.

Let’s look at some of the things Jesus said about the Kingdom of God.

[Jesus] said to them, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.” (Luke 4:43)

“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” (Mark 1:15 NIV)

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (Matthew 6:10)

Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

(Luke 17:20-21)

Jesus announced the arrival of the Kingdom on the earth. But it is through the transformed hearts of men and women that His Kingdom – His way of doing and being – that this Kingdom comes and is on the earth. Something to remember is that God and His Kingdom are “not of this world” (see John 18:36) and so they must be embraced by faith because they don’t resemble anything we know on earth.

What does this mean for you?

The Kingdom of God is not a physical kingdom. It is a transformation of heart and mind, a way of believing and living in preparation for eternity. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, then your citizenship is no longer “of this world” – you are a citizen of heaven.

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JOIN US!

Worship:
9:45 - 10:30 am

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Sunday Services
YouTube
LIVE: <https://youtu.be/72wd0gErSGo>
9:45 am (In-person & YouTube LIVE)

Sunday Book Study
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81818489865>
Meeting ID: 818 1848 9865
4:00 pm (In-person & Zoom)

Board Meetings
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85195854464>
Meeting ID: 851 9585 4464

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-T15MA9CTPjloOARv8upE_Q (Or click “Videos” on our website homepage – past sermons are posted to our video library)

The kingdom of God refers to God's reign on earth and consequently, in our hearts. It is about His kingship and our obedience to His rule. In His kingdom, the first shall be last, the broken are blessed, we look out for our neighbor, and we rejoice when the lost are found. His kingdom comes as each of us bows the knee and confesses that He is king and live our lives as loyal citizens. **So...GO BE THE CHURCH!**

To What Shall We Compare the
Kingdom of God?

It is like a mustard seed.
It is like yeast in the dough.

But there's far more to life for us. We're citizens of high heaven! We're waiting the arrival of the Savior, the Master, Jesus Christ, who will transform our earthy bodies into glorious bodies like his own. He'll make us beautiful and whole with the same powerful skill by which he is putting everything as it should be, under and around him. (Philippians 3:20-21 MSG)

There can be no Kingdom of God in the world without the Kingdom of God in our hearts. – Albert Schweitzer

Pastor Phil



Administrative Board Meeting Minutes March 2024

The Administrative Board met via Zoom video conference on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 pm. Bill & Theresa Berriman, Bob & Barbara Leonard, Julie Warner, Pastor Philip Dicks, Rodney Altes, Janice Gregerson, Kent Mckee, Bob Pease Dawn and Kent and Jan & Kevin Borts were present.

Pastor opened the meeting by leading the group in prayer.

Bob mentioned the minutes from February. Jancie made motion to approve and all present were in favor. Bob moved to the treasures report and Bob made a motion to accept which was seconded by Janice and all present were in favor.

Theresa advised Rodeny would like to be added to the Money Market Savings. Janice made a motion to approve Rodney being added to the account. This was seconded by Kevin and all present were in favor. Theresa advised the balance is not all that great and wrote a check for \$1700 for insurance and will be transferring from savings to cover operating costs and wanted the group to be aware.

Pastor moved on to what is going on for the month and stated that this Sunday, March 17th the sermon will be on unanswered prayers, with a study in the afternoon on the topic at the church at 2:30. Palm Sunday will be why do the innocent suffer with a study on that in the afternoon. Then following will be Holy Week, Maundy Thursday there will be service from 6-630pm and there will be a service on Good Friday also from 6-630pm with Easter Sunday service to follow that Sunday at 9am to 10am.

Theresa moved on to missions and advised that we did get a thank you note from the Colfax Mingo prom committee for the donations from the February mission. She stated that for April the mission is for the Trenton Brady memorial scholarship, May will be for Mingo Carning Corner and June will be Jasper County Habitat for Humanity.

Pastor advised that the catholic church reached out to invite the ladies of the church to participate in the lady's prayer or ministry group that they do once a year and wanted contact information for someone at the Colfax and Mingo church and wanted to know if anyone had heard about that and if not, he would try to get some contact information. Bob advised he will ask while at the food pantry meeting at the end of the month.

Janice made a motion to adjourn, and this was seconded by Bill. Bob led the group in the Lord's Prayer.

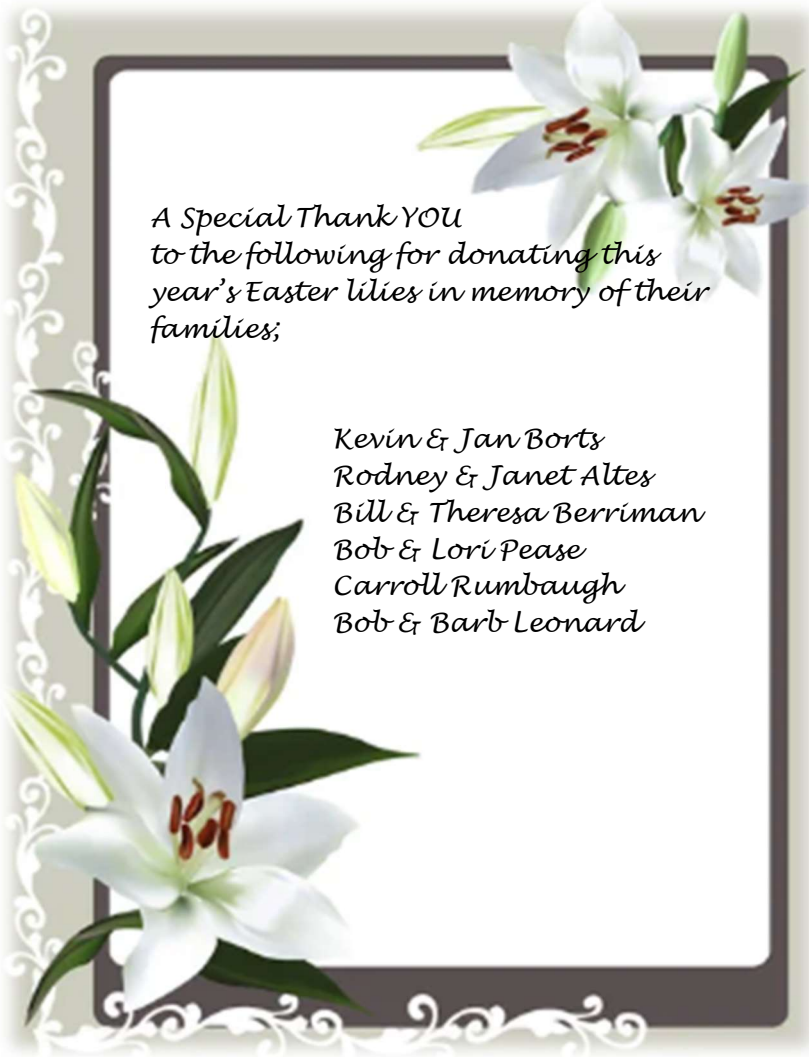
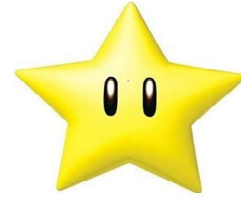
Nichole French,
Recording Secretary



Kids Club News



Kid's club will be held on Thursday, April 18th from 4-5pm.



A Special Thank YOU to the following for donating this year's Easter lilies in memory of their families;

- Kevin & Jan Borts
- Rodney & Janet Altes
- Bill & Theresa Berriman
- Bob & Lori Pease
- Carroll Rumbaugh
- Bob & Barb Leonard

Prayer Chain Ministry

We are a Praying Church

We will gladly honor your prayer requests, whether they are specific or unspoken. Prayer requests may be initiated by contacting our Pastor or Theresa Berriman.

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Mingo United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Easter Monday	2	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday	8	9	10 Board Meeting Zoom – 6 pm	11	12	13
14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18 Kid's Club 4 – 6 pm	19	20
21 Food Pantry Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				