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MEN OF PARADISE

Although we have had trouble with the weather and everyone's schedules, we are going to try again. Mens' Group in May will be on Monday, May 5, at 6:30p.m. We plan to continue our study of Genesis, beginning with Chapter 37. All men are encouraged to join us.

OUTREACH/MISSIONS

In April, we collected 80 boxed meals and 20 cans of meat for the Food Pantry. The May collection for the Food Pantry is bathroom tissue. The monetary collection for April is the Smithville Warrior Closet.

Thank you for your continued support of these mission projects. If you have questions or suggestions regarding any of the collections or mission projects, please contact Linda East or a member of the Outreach and Missions Committee.

CHURCH COUNCIL

We will be having Church Council meeting on Thursday, May 15, at 6:30p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us for the next Fellowship Sunday, May 11, at 10:00a.m. for breakfast and an opportunity to visit with fellow church members.

The Sunday School class is finishing the study by Adam Hamilton in May. Please join

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

By now you have probably seen the beautiful white marble baptismal font in front of our church or used one of the hymnals, all gifts of God via Strong Baptist Church, who moved into the former Marvin McMurry UMC Church in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Talking to the pastor of the church, Tom Wilson, was a blessing for me. His description of their plans for the church and how God opened doors and led them to this property is an amazing story of God's power and grace. The church will be serving the least and most needy in the surrounding community. There is a school nearby and they plan to be a safe place where children can go after school, thus the name Strong Tower. Should someone feel led to send a thank you, the address is noted at the end of the Pastor's Pen.

God made the delivery arrangements. Missy and Randy Heilman gave up a Saturday morning and used their truck to pick up all the items. Brad Lincoln helped unload the 1,000-pound font with a backhoe. Everything was packed and everyone at Strong Tower was very kind and helpful in loading the items. Oh, and the hymnals "just happened" to match the ones we have and had planned to order so that we would have enough for Easter.

May the joy of Easter morning remain with you.

Pastor Judy

us for some great discussions on Sundays at 10:00a.m.

WORSHIP IN MAY

May 4 (Pastor Judy) – “**The Promise Is For You**” from Acts 2:14a, 36-41;

May 11 (Pastor Larry) – “**Suffering For Christ**” from 1 Peter 2:19-25;

May 18 (Pastor Judy) – “**Living Stone**” from 1 Peter 2:2-10; and

May 25 (Pastor Larry) – **The Unknown God**” from Acts 17:22-31.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

Weather permitting, please plan to gather at the church at 9:00a.m. on Sunday, May 11, to pick up trash along Highway W. With enough help, we should finish in plenty of time to participate in the potluck breakfast that morning.

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

Please plan to attend the worship service on Sunday, May 18, as we will take a moment to recognize our four graduating Seniors and wish them well as they begin a new stage in their lives.

POTLUCK MEAL

There will be no potluck dinner in May because of the Memorial Day holiday. As is our usual custom, we will suspend the potluck dinners for the summer and resume them in the fall.

MEMBERSHIP & MAILING LIST

The church is in the process of updating its membership list and mailing list. If you, or someone you know, wishes to be removed from either list or has changed addresses, please let the church know.

Also, if you would be interested in receiving The Greeter and church calendar via email, please let Missy Heilman know. This would save the church postage and would provide for quicker and easier dissemination.

PRAYER PARTNER CONGREGATIONS

At Charge Conference, the churches present were paired up as prayer partners for 2014. We will be praying for Weston United Methodist Church and the church in Plattsburg will be praying for us. We are to send two individuals to Weston to worship with them and pray for them. Plattsburg will do the same for us. So, please plan to add the Weston church and its members to your prayers in 2014.

MONTHLY REPORT

The Monthly Report for April 2014, is as follows:

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| Beginning Balance: | \$18,669.99 |
| Offering: | +\$6,440.00 |
| Expenses: | -\$6,656.65 |
| Final Balance: | \$18,453.34 |