# **Upcoming Events**

**Spring Picnic** – Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy our joint Spring Picnic with the Jiu-Jitsu group. It was a lot of fun and food and hopefully friendships were made.

Wednesday Night Dinner - Please join us on Wednesday evening for dinner starting at 6pm. At 6:30 we have a children's class and some break off for a time of prayer. We always need volunteers to help with serving in the kitchen as well as for crowd control and cleanup. Please come and support this ministry that Jesus has given us.

**Operation Christmas Child -** We are now collecting donations of sewing kits for the shoe boxes. Please see Kelly Deitrick for more information.

**Elder and Deacon Nominations-** The leadership will be accepting nominations for eldership and deacons until April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Men's and Ladies Breakfasts – Saturday, April 12 at 9am. Come to be fed both physically and spiritually. The men meet at the church while the ladies will be meeting at the Sexton's House.

The Upper Room — Join us on Thursday, April 17 at 6pm for our annual celebration of the Festival of Passover as we look to Christ our Passover Lamb and enjoy a festive meal together along with all of the symbolic elements. This will replace our normal Ladies Night Out for the Month.

**Easter Sunday** – Join us on April 20<sup>th</sup> for a Sunrise Service at 7:30am followed by a Pancake Breakfast. Sunday School and Sunday Service will still be at the same times.

## **Resources and Discussion Questions**

#### 1. Rooted in Christ (Our Connection to Him)

Read: John 15:4-5, Colossians 2:6-7

- What does it mean to "abide in Christ" as described in John 15?
- According to Colossians 2:6-7, how does being rooted in Christ affect the way we live?

### 2. Fellowship Flows from Christ (Our Connection to Each Other)

Read: 1 John 1:3, Acts 2:42-47

- According to 1 John 1:3, why is our fellowship with one another directly connected to our relationship with Christ?
- What stands out to you about the way the early church lived in fellowship in Acts 2?

#### 3. Breaking Down Barriers in Fellowship

Read: Ephesians 2:19-22, Galatians 3:26-28

- Paul says we are "no longer strangers and aliens" but part of God's household (Ephesians 2:19). What does that mean for how we relate to each other in the church?
- How does Galatians 3:26-28 challenge the way we sometimes view differences (age, race, social status) in the church?

#### 4. Fellowship as the Soil for Growth

**Read:** Hebrews 10:24-25, Proverbs 27:17

 Hebrews 10:24-25 tells us to "stir up one another to love and good works." How does true fellowship help us grow spiritually?

#### 5. Taking Action: How Will We Grow Together?

**Read:** Romans 12:9-13

- Paul describes love in action in Romans 12:9-13. Which of these instructions stands out to you the most?
- What is one step you can take this week to grow in fellowship with someone else in the church?

# **Family Discussion**

- What do plants need to grow? How is that like our relationship with Jesus?
- Why do you think Jesus said He is the vine and we are the branches?
- Can a branch grow by itself? Why do we need other believers to help us grow?
- What are some ways we can "water" our faith and help others grow, too?
- How can we show love and encouragement to our church family this week?

# **Pray for Missions**

Libya - Africa Population - 7.4 Million

Largest Religion - Islam

Percent Christian - 2.6%

Large numbers of migrants come into Libya. Most come from Sub-Saharan Africa, but some come from North Africa and even parts of Asia. A few find work in Libya, but more cross the dangerous deserts and seas in search of a new life in Europe. In the last decade, around 1 million people have made the dangerous crossing to Italy. The current chaos in Libya gives freedom for traffickers to exploit these vulnerable people. Pray that these tens or even hundreds of thousands would find salvation, and not just earthly gain. Some of these migrants are believers; many others find Jesus in the midst of their turbulent lives. Pray that they might have a powerful spiritual impact on Libyans and on fellow migrants.

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Welcome and Prayer

Song Build Your Kingdom Here

Old Testament Reading

Offertory Song

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Children's Message

Song



Song

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Pastor Logan Mauldin
Ephesians 2:19-22
"Rooted in Christ,

Growing in Fellowship"

O Church Arise

Leviticus 18\*

Solid Rock

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Morning Service 10:45 am

Wednesday Night Dinner and Prayer Service 6:00 pm