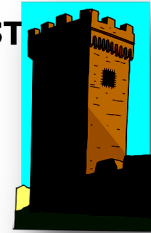


FORT DES MOINES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Fort Connections

Service Times:
Sunday School- 9 AM
Worship- 10 AM

Mike Demastus

September 2017



One Race...

All of us share the same blood from the race of Adam (Acts 17:26).

Charlottesville is not a statement of the division of the races. It is a statement of sin in man's heart. That is what causes the discord and violence and wars. It is sin...not skin.

Choosing to place value on a human being based upon the shade of melanin on one's epidermis is the most disgustingly shallow and wicked way one can do so.

Blacks Lives Matter. So do White lives and Red lives and Yellow lives. All lives are precious in His sight because He has made us all.

We are all image bearers of God. That is called "imago dei" in theological terms. We all have the image of God in us. No matter what color...we are loved, we are valued, we are precious because we belong to God.

Do not believe the lies. Whether they come from an angry white man wearing a swastika who hates black people or an angry black man wearing a fist who hates white people. The truth is in the Word of God:

1 John 2:9-11

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him. (NIV)

1 John 3:15

Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. (NIV)

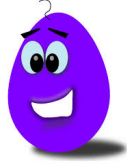
1 John 4:20

If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. (NIV)

Does racism exist? Yes. Am I denying that as a reality? No. I am calling the believer to not look at the Word of God as the ideal but as the only thing that is real! We cannot live like the world on this issue. We must be setting the pace and living a stellar life that contagiously draws others to want what we have. We are all the same. Fallen sinners in need of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The church is a place of many colors. The walls that divide the world Christ has torn down through his death on the cross (Ephesians 2:14-18).

Let's live that out in Des Moines. Let's see everyone based on the content of their character and NOT the color of their skin.

We will be starting a 6 week marriage study on September 24th entitled The Heart of Family. Mike and Shannon will be hosting this study at their home at 6:00. Justin and Lindsay will also be hosting a group at their home if we have a lot of couples want to participate. Make sure you stop by the information table and sign your name if you want to join either group.



Wednesday night Bible Study is going to be starting again on September 6th from 6-7:30 PM! We have classes for everyone from ages 2 years-adults. It is important for your spiritual health to take this opportunity to learn and grow!

P E R S O N H O O D
F o r t D e s M o i n e s

Agape's Basement Sale

2550 MLK Jr. Pkwy
9/9 9:00-2:00
9/22 9:00-5:00
9/23 9:00-2:00

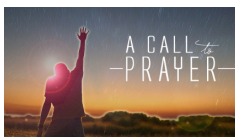
Laura Limmex came to our Personhood group in August to talk about Restored by Grace, a ministry to women who have been hurt by the lie of abortion. We learned that many women who have had an abortion live in shame, doubt, and despair because of the choice that they made. Laura helps these women find hope, forgiveness, and restoration in Jesus Christ. Laura offers a Bible Study and a retreat weekend that costs \$180.00. She wants all women, who want to participate, to be able to do so even if they cannot afford it. PFD wants to help Laura provide scholarships for 6 women.

That means that we need to raise \$1,080.00.

We are going to put out the baby bottles once again! If you could PLEASE save your change, we could help 6 women find help, healing and hope! If you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry, please, please check out their website at restoredbygraceministries.com.

Our next PFD meeting will be Monday, September 11th. We will be watching a "Life is Best" video, discussing a south side Life Chain on October 1st, and praying together. Everyone is invited to attend!

PFD and Concerned Women for America are sponsoring a Southside Life Chain on Sunday, October 1st from 2:00-3:00. More details will be provided later. Write the date on your calendar now!



We are going to have a Prayer Meeting on the first Sunday of every month at 8:00 am throughout 2017. We will be praying for our Country and our elected officials, our Church and the ministries and missions we support, and the Families of The Fort. Our meeting will be Sunday, September 3rd at 8:00 am in the CIA room.

Fort Facts

Total Income for July: \$19,117.03

Total Expenses for July: \$15,166.43



Scripture Memorization for September

Isaiah 40:28

“Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.”

Worship Meeting

On Sunday, September 17th (after church) we are going to be having a Worship Team Meeting. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting, but we especially want you to be there if you are singing on a team, if you would like to sing on a team, if you play music for worship, if you would like to play music for worship, if you have a suggestion (notice the word suggestion...not complaints) about the lights, or if you have any ideas for our worship service that you would like to share. Stephanie Watrous is the Worship Team

Leader and would love to hear from you!

If you participate in ANY form of the service on Sunday mornings, please make sure you attend!



Back Pack Attack

An anonymous someone donated 10 backpacks that we need to fill for Studebaker Elementary School! These backpacks need markers, crayons, pencils, pens, Kleenex, Lysol wipes, paper, and pencil holders to make them complete. Sign-up at the information table to purchase the needed items. Let's bless Studebaker Elementary this year! We need the items back at The Fort by September 17th!

Missions Ministry

Mary Rowedder

The Mission of the Month for September will be IDES!

IDES exists to meet physical and spiritual needs of suffering people throughout the world in the name of Jesus Christ. They serve in 5 main focus areas around the world.

Evangelism - Providing bibles and Christian literature in local language that are used by evangelists, church planters, and missionaries.

Disaster Response - Works in partnership with Christ's servants around the globe to care for victims of tropical storms and other natural disasters. Also works with refugees and other victims of religious persecution, terrorist attitudes, ethnic cleansing, armed conflict, and government oppression.

Hunger Relief - Fund both long term and short term hunger.

Development and Sustainability - Projects help hardworking people create a better future for themselves and their children by providing a "hand-up" instead of a "hand-out."

Medical Care - Provides medical supplies, medical equipment, prescription meds, vitamins, and other materials requested by mission partners.

Birthdays

Isaiah Nelson 9-3
 Mark McClintic 9-3
 Rylee Morris 9-5
 Mariah Haynie 9-8
 Deanna Ohnemus 9-8
 Cheryl Bates 9-9
 Mary Rowedder 9-9
 Celeste Hodson 9-10
 Carter Watrous 9-12
 Arlyn Hodson 9-13
 LeAnn Peterson 9-16
 Adam Bantz 9-17
 Stephanie Watrous 9-20
 Jodi Oltrogge 9-23
 Caleigh Croy 9-24
 Melissa Shanks 9-24
 Miles Peterson 9-27

Anniversaries:

Austin and Miranda De Young 9-14
 Roy and Celeste Hodson 9-18
 George and Rose Ellwanger 9-26

Dates to Remember
 9/3 Prayer Meeting
 9/6 Bible Study starts!
 9/10 Board Meeting @11
 9/11 PFD @6:30
 9/14 Elders/Deacons Meeting @6
 9/17 Worship Meeting@11
 9/24 Marriage Study begins

Server Schedule

	09/03/17	09/10/17	09/17/17	09/24/17
Greeters	Doug/Sue	Terry/Bev	Natalie	Bill/LeAnn
Scripture	Miles	Roy	Jennie	Celeste
Praise Team	Mary/1	Abel's/2	Jacob/1	DVD/2
Communion Meditation	Lonnie	Jim	Doren	Kirk
Server	Hunter	Matt	Terry	Doren
Closing Prayer	George	Kirk	Forrest	Matt
Stewardship	Richard/Shawn	Terry/Austin	Miles/Lonnie	Dale/Bruce
Nursery	Nathan/Melissa/ Tammy	Jacob/Shan	Kirk/Ashley	Justin/Lindsay
Junior Church	Lindsay 1:20	Shay 1:21	Jennie 1:22	No Jr. Church
Communion Prep	Vicki	Vicki	Vicki	Vicki
Communion to the Sick	Kirk	Jacob	Kevin	Jim
Security	Shawn/Doug/ Richard	Lonnie/Bruce/ Forrest	Justin/Kevin/ Austin	Mike/Jim/Miles
Welcome Wagon	Bill/LeAnn	Bill/LeAnn	Bill/LeAnn	Bill/LeAnn

**Mowing in September**

9/1 Miles
 9/8 Austin
 9/15 Jacob
 9/22 Nate and Melissa
 9/29 Bill

September 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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3 Prayer Meeting @8	4	5	6 Bible Study @ 6	7	8	9 Agape Sale
10 Board Meeting @11	11 PFD Meeting @6:30	12	13 Bible Study @6	14 Elders/Deacons Meeting@6	15	16
17 Worship Meeting @11	18	19	20 Bible Study @6	21	22 Agape Sale	23 Agape Sale
24 Marriage Study begins @6	25	26	27 Bible Study @6	28	29	30