



#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

We are glad you chose to worship with us today! There's an infant nursery up the stairs, first door on the left. Toddlers up through fifth graders will be dismissed from worship at about 10:10 a.m. for Children's Church.

**TODAY** 

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter morning activities -- everyone involved in the sunrise service, the Hospitality Team and kitchen crew for the wonderful breakfast and everyone involved in worship service. Thank you to the Mayer Family for the Living Cross and to all who purchased flowers for the Easter Memorial Garden

THIS WFFK "May Day" -- small groups are reorganizing around the sermon series for the month of May. If you are not in a group, why not consider joining one for the month of May? Check the insert for a group near you. You'll be glad you did.

National Day of Prayer -- Thursday, May 2, 7:00 a.m. Breakfast at First Baptist Church in Coldwater, call 517.279.7912 to RSVP,. Guest speaker is Senator Mike Shirkey. Prayer at the courthouse flagpole (west side) at noon.

**NEXT** SUNDAY

Communion and potluck -- next Sunday we will share communion and have a potluck after Sunday School classes.

PI FASE NOTE Women's Fellowship Scholarship Applications -- If you will be a full time college student in the fall, please pick up a scholarship application in the lobby this morning. They are due back no later than May 12.

**Family Promise** -- We will be hosting the week of May 12-19. Small groups and those furnishing meals are asked to pre-plan as Peace Lutheran Church will be furnishing the meat dishes. Please let Pastor Dave or the office know as soon as possible.



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## 28 APRIL SUNDAY

#### Serving Today

Nursery	Patty Leggett and Bridget Mayer
Sound Room	Frank Cabrera and Matt Siefken
Greeters	Ron and Kathy Will

#### Order of Worship Service

Announcements and Opening Prayer
Psalm 5 Give Ear to My Word
Psalm 42:1 As the Deer
Psalm 117 Praise the Lord All You Nations
Job 1:21 May the Name of the Lord Be Praised Chorus
OfferingPaul Alger
Message Jim Erwin
Job 1:21 Reprise

#### Worship service volunteers for May 5:

Greeters	Janet Mayer and Jill Smoker
Sound Room	Kenny Bennett and Josh Falknor
Offering Prayer	Jim Wickey
Nursery	Char Kaufman and Anna Mae Wickey

### ''<u>May Day</u>''

Countering Discouragement, Doubt and Despair Introduction

#### 3-D Living

- I. Caution: Danger Zone
- 1. Societal Degeneration
- 2. Spiritual Decline
  - \*Biblical Encouragement (Romans 15:4)

#### II. Some Wrong Responses to Distress

- 1. <u>Jonah</u> -- cut 'n run! (<u>Jonah 1:1-3</u>) \*Common "escape routes"
- 2. <u>Abraham</u> -- pretending to be real (*Genesis 12:8-20;20:1-13*) \*Living a lie
- 3. <u>Adam and Eve</u> -- cave under pressure (<u>Genesis 3:1-10</u>) \*Conform to the culture

#### III. God is Faithful.....Stand Strong!

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

#### **Application**

- 1. Are you experiencing life in 3-D?
- 2. How are you tempted to respond?
- 3. Do you desire to stand strong in the face of degeneration and decline?





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