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OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thur 9:00 - 3:00

Weekly Services

Sunday

Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.

Worship: 11:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

*No evening worship on the Fourth
Sunday of each month.*

Weekday Radio Program

"Thinkaboutit" with Charlie
Wharton AM 1240 at 6:55 a.m.
thinkaboutit.pierrechurchofchrist.org

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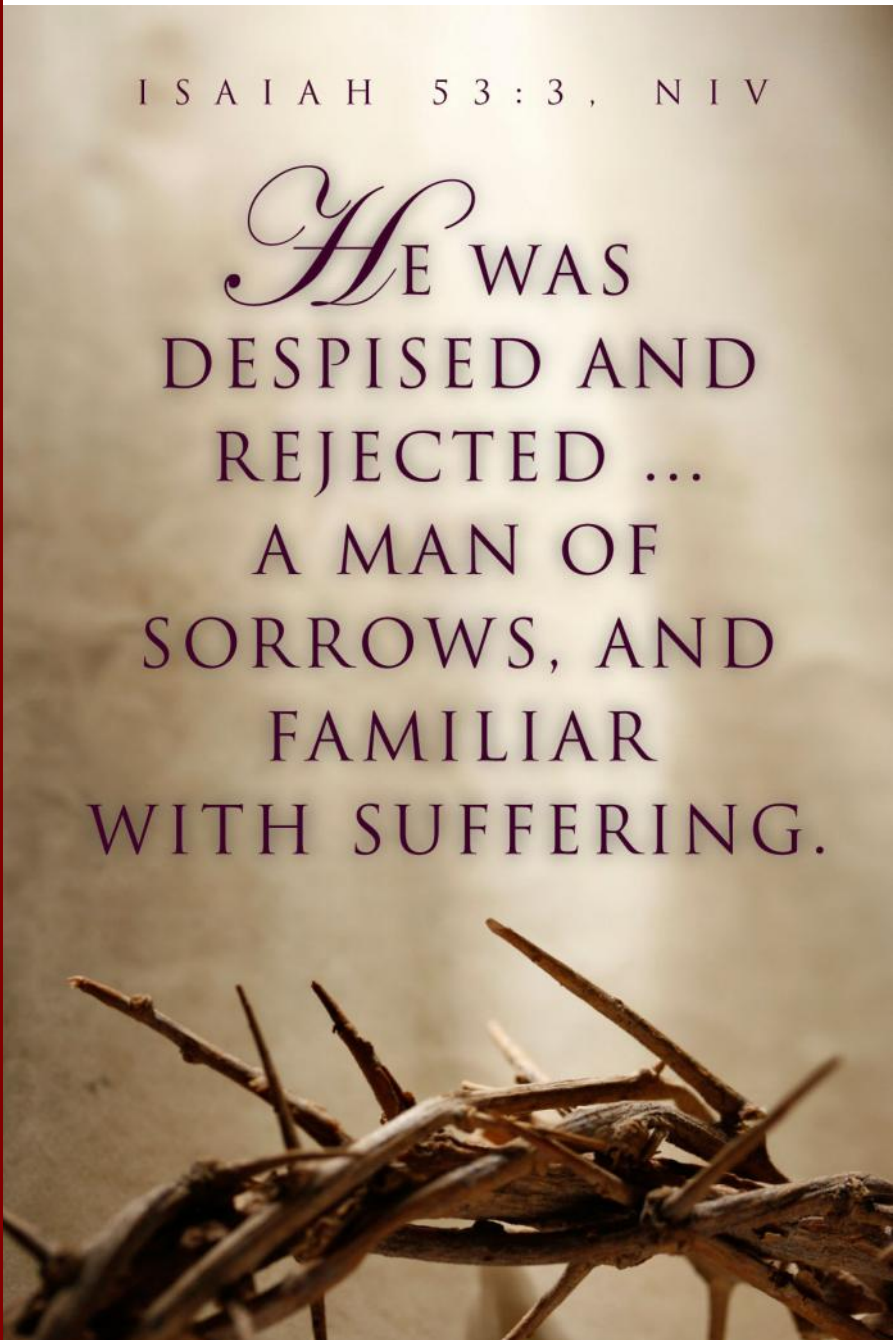
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HE WAS
DESPISED AND
REJECTED ...
A MAN OF
SORROWS, AND
FAMILIAR
WITH SUFFERING.





We are so glad that you decided to come and worship with our family today. We hope that you will join in with us as we praise God together in our worship. Whatever your situation in life, we pray that you will find what you need to bring you closer to God. Please take a minute and fill out one of the red visitor cards in the back of the pews and drop it in the collection plate when it comes around — we would greatly appreciate it. Please come back and worship with us again!

A Moment With Mark

What does it take to get you to do the right thing? Do you coast along neglectfully disregarding certain priorities until a crisis makes action imperative? Does life have to hold a gun to your head before you get busy and do what is right?

Most of us would have to say that we are guilty of habitual neglect when it comes to putting first things first. We do not act until the threat of some unpleasantness forces us to act. If that is true, does that mean that we have become, at least in one sense, “grudging” givers? If it is only under constraint or necessity that we finally step up to our responsibilities, is that the kind of free and “cheerful” giving that our great and loving God deserves?

The people of Israel in the Old Testament certainly illustrate the fact that human beings have a tendency to forget God when things are going well. Over and over again the cycle repeated itself: (1) Enjoying the Lord’s blessings, they would lapse into ingratitude and unfaithfulness; (2) God would threaten punishment, or actually bring it to pass, and Israel would repent; (3) God’s blessings would return, and it would only be a matter of time before another period of ingratitude and unfaithfulness began.

Take an honest look at the pattern of your own life: Do you consistently give of yourself to God “cheerfully” — that is, without having to be made to? During times of ease and comfort, do you continue to pour yourself out to God in prayerful reverence and loving thankfulness? Do you delight in the worship of God, or do you only do it to avoid the consequences of not doing it?

Fortunately, God loves us and is patient with us. For the time being, He will continue to goad us if necessary. But He is looking for us to grow beyond the need for goads and threats and negative incentives. He desires the free, cheerful love of a grateful people.

There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving, and thanksgiving. Grudge giving says, “I hate to,” duty giving says, “I ought to,” thanksgiving says, “I want to.” The first comes from constraint, the second from a sense of obligation, the third from a full heart. Nothing much is conveyed in grudge giving since “the gift without the giver is bare.” Something more happens in duty giving, but there is no song in it. Thanksgiving is an open gate into the love of God.

—Robert N. Rodenmayer

Grace and Peace ~ Mark

PRAYER LIST

Susie Boyd, a member of the church in Michigan and a friend of Terry's, had a stroke at the age of 38.

Sharon, a friend of Peggy Cruse, will be having breast surgery in the near future.

Nancy Huxoll is still at home on bed rest.

Jennifer Newton is going to need surgery on her thyroid. She goes to see the surgeon on February 20th.

Shirley Osbourn, Brandon's sister-in-law, is having some difficulties in the 26th week of her pregnancy. She is in the hospital and they may have to have an early cesarean delivery.

Justin Newton has been home sick with a viral respiratory infection.

Jason Monroe is moving to Kansas City.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Happy Anniversary this week to Dan and Lisa Forest (Saturday).

THANK YOU

Thank you for the very generous gift. It is so overwhelming at this point in our lives it is almost surreal. We know that God is helping us take each step. — Shirley and Derald Gross

THANK YOU

Thank you for all of the prayers and for those of you who have brought us a meal or called to check on us. We appreciate your love and support. We still have unknown bridges to cross and questions but we know that God is in control. Thanks for reminding us when we feel overwhelmed and helpless. We continue to ask God for a healthy baby and for His will to be done. — Corey and Nancy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 14 Valentine Brunch at the Wylie Ranch.

Feb 18 Ladies Group Lunch at Perkins

Feb 24 Justin leaves for Moldova on a mission trip.

BODY BUILDERS

The Body Builders group will meet tonight after services in the fellowship hall.

VALENTINE BRUNCH

Attention all Ladies! You are invited to a "Valentine" Brunch at Karen Wylie's on Saturday, February 14th at 10:00 a.m. Please bring a "Valentine" item to exchange. RSVP to Karen by the 10th.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Saturday is Valentine's Day. Don't forget that someone special in your life.



Worship Assistants

SUNDAY MORNING

Welcome
 Song Leader
 First Prayer
 Communion Leader
 Communion Servers

Scripture Reading
 Announcements & Closing
 Greeters

SUNDAY EVENING

Song Leader
 Communion/Closing

WEDNESDAY

Songs
 Scriptures
 Closing

TODAY

Buford Storrs
Brad Curtis
Jeff French
Corey Huxoll
Mack Wyly
Kris Monroe
Taylor Newton
Brad Cruse
Taylor Hyde.....

TODAY

Brad Curtis
Charlie Wharton

FEBRUARY 11

Justin Newton
Kris Monroe
Alan Hyde.....

FEBRUARY 15

Charlie Wharton
Bob Duncan
Ed Nill
Brad Curtis
Alan Hyde
Taylor Hyde
Jeff French
Corey Huxoll
Brandon Osbourn
Buford Storrs
Buford Storrs
Diann Storrs

FEBRUARY 15

Bob Duncan
Buford Storrs

FEBRUARY 18

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