

Dear Friends,

What are you consumed with these days? What is the focus of your life? I find myself easily consumed with all the things around me that need to be done. It doesn't matter whether it is at the church or at my home - there is always something else that needs to be done and I find myself struggling to not be consumed by those things. What about you? Are you consumed by the things that make you angry or irritate you? Maybe you struggle with being consumed by worry or anxiety. Or could it be that finances consume you, or maybe just the thoughts of what the future holds for you? Some people struggle with being consumed by fear - fear of what is yet to come or fear that you will not make it through the present. Being consumed by things can literally paralyze you if you are not careful.

The Bible says that God is a consuming fire. That phrase is first written in Deuteronomy 4:24; and the context is that if the people of God were not consumed with Him, but rather focused on idols and images - God out of His love would consume them. Deuteronomy 4:27-28 explains what that means by saying, "The Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord drives you. There you will serve gods, the work of man's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell." The sense here is that God would consume them by allowing the things that have become the focus of their life to lord over them. As I was reading that, I was struck with how true that is today. The things that we so easily become consumed with become our masters. Whether it is worry or sports or leisure or things or even food - those things make lousy gods because they only take from us - they do not give the life that we seek from them.

*In Him
is life
at its best.*

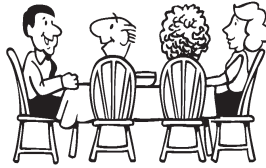
The next few verses of Deuteronomy 4 give great hope to those of us who are easily consumed. After God allowed the people to be given over to the things of their hand, verse 29 says, "But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the Lord your God and listen to His voice. For the Lord your God is a compassionate God; He will not fail you nor destroy you nor forget the covenant with your fathers which He swore to them."

The good news is that God loves us so much that when we open our lives to things that lead us away from Him and His promises, He continues to pursue us, enabling us to seek Him. Notice however that God does not say that we will automatically find Him. Many call out to God when they reach a hard time in their life, but that does not mean everything will be ok. The key is that we will find Him when we search for Him "with all our heart and all our soul."

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Over 50s

On March 8th, this group will be having its annual chili luncheon at 11:30. Chili, cornbread and dessert will be provided. Bring a bowl, tableware, and your appetite!



A New Thing for Galloway Men

“Open Heart” Men’s Ministry - The Galloway Men’s Ministry is going to be doing a new thing. The Saturday night time slot for our Men’s Ministry is not working very well, so we are heading in a new direction.

Starting on Sunday night, March 4th and continuing on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm we are going to open up the church facility. We are calling it the “Open Heart” Men’s Ministry. Guys can play basketball, volleyball, ping pong, pool, video games, air hockey, shoot hoops or just have some snacks and fellowship in the comfort of the RUSH room. This will be a time for men to invite their friends - church and unchurched - to a time of recreation and fellowship. There is also a vision to put some weights and exercise machines in the basement of the new facility so those who want to can pump a little iron.

At 7:30 pm for those who want to stay, there will be a viewing of the videos based on the book Wild at Heart. This time will be over at 8:15 pm. The “Open Heart” Men’s Ministry will be a place where men can open their hearts in a safe place and have the life of God poured in.

Please spread the word and invite men to come to this exciting new opportunity starting Sunday night, March 4th at Galloway Church.

Memory Verse Reviews:

JOHN 14:21 (3/05 REVIEW)

He who has my

_____ and _____

he it is who _____

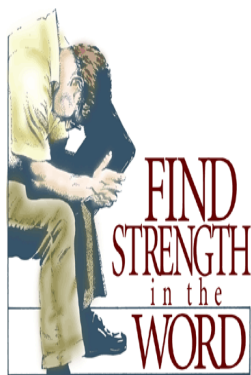
and he who _____

will be loved by my _____

and I will _____

and _____

_____ *to him.*



March Birthdays

- 1 - Amy Young
- 2 - Terry Wenner
- 4 - Robin Cozad, Brett Snyder, Elizabeth Hamm, Annette Jones, Curt McAninch
- 6 - Bob Hileman, Joshua McClelland
- 7 - Don Jones Jr
- 8 - Logan Burchfield
- 9 - Isaiah Gardner
- 10 - Jodi Hovis-Skiba, Michelle Gardner
- 11 - Vickie Heath, Katherine Elan
- 14 - Tina Switzer
- 15 - Ethan Gravatt, Matthew Setzkorn
- 16 - Joshua McClelland
- 17 - Danielle Schlorff, Rachel Fry, Kaitlynn Kiser, Rebecca Stanish
- 18 - Andrea Ruditis, Austin Sanford
- 19 - Austin Brenan, Jeremy Porter
- 20 - John Greggs, Vicki Haseman, Eli Dickson
- 21 - Shirley Holibaugh, Shawn Shingledecker, Tyler & Brandon Burkhardt
- 22 - Kathy Winger
- 23 - Kerry Switzer Sr
- 24 - Peg Benson
- 26 - Cathy Williams
- 27 - Carolyn Dunlap, Abigail Schall, Steve Covington, Zorah Snavely, Andrew Setzkorn
- 29 - Daryl Bell, Chuck Frank, Andrew Heller
- 30 - Denny McMasters, Connie Fry, Micaiah Gardner
- 31 - Bill Yard, Linda Kelly



March Anniversaries



- 3 - Jerry & Shirley Holibaugh
- 4 - Frank & J Harris
Barry & Sandy Magnetto
- 5 - Duck & Lisa Burchfield
- 10 - Brad & Amy Smith
- 12 - Adam & Traci Peterson
- 13 - Dave & Kathy Hampson
- 18 - Rick & Cathy Williams
- 23 - Michael & Michelle Gardner

PROVERBS 11:30 (KJV)

*The fruit of the
righteous
is a tree of life;
and he that
winneeth souls
is wise.*

MEMORIZE -
PERSONALIZE





In this last week Adam Peterson and Bernie Nerlich have gone above and beyond in blessing the church. They have given several evenings to put up the cabinets in the new nurseries and when the big snow came Bernie was quick to help plow out the lot across the street. Thanks guys for going the second mile.

RUSH

God is awesome!

RUSH has been going great. We are moving a long in our study of the Bible. We started in Genesis chapter 1 and are moving through week by week! The Word of God is speaking into our open minds and open hearts as we see who He is through Scripture.

Youth band has been spectacular! A few minutes before youth band one Wednesday, Elizabeth and I prayed that God would help us to have a bigger band and be able to do more. Shortly after that prayer, a whole load of kids showed up ready to play! Youth band had NINE members in it that week for RUSH! It was great! God is faithful to answer our prayers! (Which is why we ask you to PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!)

RUSH Revolution (our current events discussion group that meets the first Friday of every month) is growing! We had nine people show up at the Frey's house to discuss the issue of poverty and what we can do about it in our everyday lives and as a whole. It was a great time of mind-opening and digging into the world around us.

Youth Men's Night Out has been transformed into Men's Prayer. The guys of RUSH are praying from 6pm – 7pm at the Church on Thursdays. We are praying for RUSH, the Church, the upcoming events, the youth who come and "will" be coming, etc. We are convinced that nothing will happen unless we pray.

So... things are looking up! We are in an exciting season, and I for one am pumped to see what God has in store for us as we seek first the Kingdom of God.

Thank you for your prayers!

It's all about Him!

Luke Braugher



Youth Discipleship 101

Starting Sunday, March 4th at 12:15 pm, all youth wishing to go deeper in their faith will have the opportunity to meet with Pastor Dave and Pastor Luke. This 8 week, challenging time will include lunch and learning. This class is for all youth in Junior and Senior High and must be attended by those who are desiring to join the church.



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Learn more about what's going on in YOUR church

Church E-mail address:
church@gallowaychurch.org

Attendance Report

	8:45	10:30	Total
Jan. 2	93	288	381
Feb. 4	87	265	352
Feb. 11	88	309	397
Feb. 18 - Dedication Sunday			377

Nov. Financial Report

Tithe	\$39,806.49
Loose plate offering	951.42
Missions	700.00
Interest/Dividends	489.91
Total	31,947.82

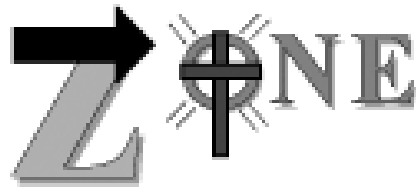
Current Month Building Fund 10,255.27
(\$12,000 needed for building fund payment)

*For a full financial report,
see the church office.*

Newsletter News

Any articles, questions, comments, or suggestions may be directed to Wendy McLoughlin (wendilyn@hotmail.com). Articles are always welcome early. It is greatly appreciated if they could be submitted on disk or via e-mail. Thank you!

**Deadline For Next Newsletter:
Sunday, March 18.**



J.C.

John 10:16

J. C. Missions Retreat

Who: J.C. Missions (5th & 6th Graders)

What: 24-Hour Retreat

Where: Galloway Church

When: March 9th at 5pm through March 10th at 5pm

Speakers: Luke Braugher and Elizabeth McCarthy

Cost: Free

Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, overnight bag and a readiness for fun in Christ!

There is a sign up sheet on the J.C. Mission door.

Contact Marsha Snively for more information.

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I want to encourage you as we head into the spring of the year to not hold back in your searching for God. As the weather breaks there will be much to consume us. Consider what kind of things have the potential to consume you and then strive with all that is within you to be consumed with God. Jesus gives us some wonderful promises about being consumed with Him. He says in John 6 that when we believe **in Him** we will never thirst. In John 11 that **in Him** we will live even though we die. John 12 says, **in Him** we will never be in darkness. In John 14, Jesus says as we trust **in Him** we will never be troubled. John 15 says, **in Him** we will bear much fruit. Acts 10 says that by believing **in Him** we receive forgiveness of sin. Romans 9 says that **in Him** we will never be put to shame. Romans 15 says that in Him we have hope.

Oh to be consumed with the Lord Jesus in our lives. To set our hearts upon Him, to really trust Him, to meditate upon His Word, to focus our minds upon Him, to look to Him, to study His Word, to contemplate His faithfulness, to share about His goodness, to make it our goal to please Him. Friends do not settle for anything less. For in Him is life at its best.

Seeking to live in Him with you,
Pastor Dave Hampson




A PRAYER REMINDER

Many times we fold our hands together to pray. Here is a "handy" craft that can help you remember what to include in your prayers.

What you need:

- 2 sheets of 8 1/2" x 11" construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Crayons
- 1 piece of ribbon, yarn or string about 6-12 inches long
- Glue (white or glue stick)

What to do:

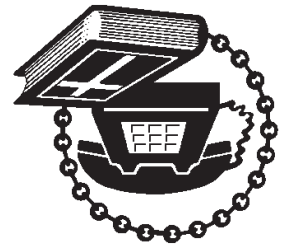
1. Trace your hand on one sheet of paper. 
2. Cut out the traced hand.
3. Tie the ribbon, yarn or string around the pointer (index) finger. 
4. Write a message on each finger:
(*Pointer finger*) God's guidance (pray for help to follow God's ways)
(*Middle finger*) Leaders in my life (teachers, pastors, etc.)
(*Ring finger*) Sick and old people
(*Pinky finger*) Myself (*Thumb*) My family 
5. Glue the hand onto the other sheet of paper.
6. Start with the ribbon finger and pray for God's help. Then pray for all the people on each finger.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						3 Praise Team
4 Communion Open Hearts Men's Ministry	5 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 8:30am-1pm Prayer Mtg 7pm	6	7 Men's Prayer 6:45am Children's Ministr ies & RUSH	8 Over 50's 11:30am	9 J.C. Missions Retreat	10 Praise Team J.C. Missions Retreat Wild Game Banquet
11 <i>Don't forget the clocks changed</i>	12 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 8:30am-1pm Prayer Mtg 7pm	13 Women's Group 9:30-11:30am	14 Men's Prayer 6:45am Children's Ministr ies & RUSH	15	16	17 Praise Team Angel Food Distrib.
18 Newsletter Deadline Open Hearts Men's Ministry	19 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 8:30am-1pm Prayer Mtg 7pm	20	21 Men's Prayer 6:45am Children's Ministr ies & RUSH	22	23	24 Praise Team
25 Lay Elders 6pm Monthly Prayer Meeting 7-9pm	26 Salvation Army Soup Kitchen 8:30am-1pm Prayer Mtg 7pm	27 PPRC 7pm	28 Men's Prayer 6:45am Children's Ministr ies & RUSH	29	30	31 Praise Team

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Prayer Chain requests may be called to:
 Joann Gayetty (437-6503) from 8:30am to 5:30pm
 Judy at the church office (437-5425) from 9:00am to 3:00pm
 Tina Switzer (673-6229) from 5:30pm to 10:00pm
 Deb Resinger (437-3506) from 10:00pm to 8:30am
 If you cannot reach any of the ladies above, please call one of the following ladies. Each one is the head of a prayer chain and she will start the chains.

Daytime (8:30am to 5:30pm)	Joann Gayetty 437-6503 Jean Mong 437-3131 Amy Smith 432-8407 Aileen Palmer 437-5167
Evening (5:30pm to 10:00pm)	Tina Switzer 673-6229 Darlene Finch 437-3268 Gail Baker 437-5066 Deb Resinger 437-3506 (10:00pm - 8:30am)

Ministry Council Minutes from 1/9/07 Meeting

