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### March Highlights...

The OCC Men met for Breakfast on the first Saturday of March and the OCC Ladies met on the 14<sup>th</sup> for March's LCF meeting.

After the Men's Breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, there was some work done around the church. Thanks to all who helped!

The OCC 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Potluck was delicious as always. March 10<sup>th</sup> was also "Baseball Jersey Day" and the number of Cubs Jerseys was almost overwhelming. Happy Spring!

We hosted the Prairie States Men's Fellowship meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker was Tim Tammen of Youth for Christ and the food was provided by the ladies of the OCC's LCF.

#### OCC 2019 Easter Schedule

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE** will be at 7:00 on April 19<sup>th</sup>... **EASTER MORNING SUNRISE SERVICE** will be at 8:00 am on April 21<sup>st</sup>... **POTLUCK BREAKFAST** will follow the Sunrise Service. Please bring a breakfast dish to share... **EASTER SERVICE** will be at 10:30 am on April 21<sup>st</sup>

*Invite your friends and bring your family as we remember and celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection!*

#### Please continue praying for...

All who are battling cancer and other health concerns, our parking lot expansion, missionaries, the lost in the world, and for our country.

### "FUN" (from the Man of God Devotional)

Read **Nehemiah 8:1-12**

When's the last time you had fun – really had fun? Think about it a minute. Wait. If you need a minute to think about it, then it's probably been too long since you had some real fun!

- Think you're too busy to take time out for fun? Make Time!
- Did you grow up in a home where fun was forbidden? Does it continue to affect your life? It's time to break the mold!
- Or perhaps your life is so messed up right now, fun isn't possible. Don't fall for that lie!

Maybe we just need to heed this sage advice: Lighten up! I know some of us are going through unimaginable hardship, depressions, or grief. Maybe the timing for this isn't quite right for some, or perhaps it's exactly what is needed right now.

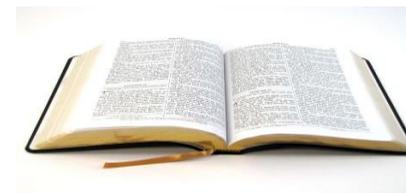
For many, joy is missing in our lives because we simply haven't given ourselves the time to have some God-pleasing fun.

Sometimes children can help. Watch and learn! Patch Adams supposedly said, "I am passionate about silliness, and my sons enhanced that in me from the beginning."

Think about that. Then accept the gift of joy your heavenly Father places before you. Realize the joy wrapped in a relationship with Jesus. Savor the joy that comes with the gift of faith. Relish the Lord's promise of salvation – and the peace it brings.

If your joy easily seeps away, maybe it would help you to keep these prayers and reminders in a place you'll see them often:

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Psalm 51:12**  
**...Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength. Nehemiah 8:10**  
**...I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10**



God's very best blessings...

**Chuck Jones, OCC Pastor**