CONNECTION CARD

Tear off and drop in the Offering Jar or in one of the Internal Mailboxes.

Today's Date: ____

Name

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City, State, & Zip Code

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E-mail

- □ I am new to DCC.
- □ I am a returning guest.
- □ I would like to receive the monthly newsletter.
- □ I would like to receive the weekly e-mail announcements.
- $\hfill\square$ I am updating my contact information.
- □ I would like to speak to a member of the Pastoral Staff.
- \Box I would like to attend Starting Point.

Date of Birth: __/__/__

The service I usually attend is:

□ Saturday 5:30 PM □ Sunday 9:00 AM □ Sunday 11:00 AM

I would like to know more about:

Children's Ministry (Birth-5th Grade)
Youth Ministry (6th-12th Grade)
Small Groups
Worship Arts

Choirs
Handbells
Drama

Baptism
Membership
Starting Point
Other

Current Volunteer Opportunities:

Hospitality Team
Ushers
Youth Ministry Sunday School
Children's Ministry Sunday School

Pastoral Staff

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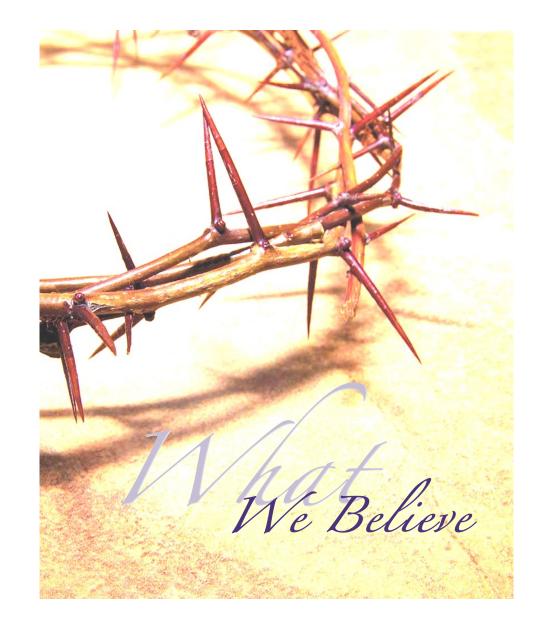
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A Christian Church for all People



"What We Believe... The Church" Matthew 16:15-18, Matthew 5:13-16

Saturday, March 10 & Sunday, March 11, 2018

5:30 PM & 9 AM

Welcome to DeWitt Community Church Saturday, March 10 & Sunday, March 11, 2018 5:30 PM & 9:00 AM

Thought for Today

"The day we find the perfect church, it becomes imperfect the moment we join it." -Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Announcements

Invitation to Worship

A Time for Greeting

*Opening Hymn

We Are Called to Be God's People (#580)

*Responsive Call to Worship

- Leader: We come this day to worship God, the Creator of heaven and earth.
- People: We come not because we are perfect, but despite our imperfections.
- Leader: We come seeking to connect with Christ.
- People: We come together to be His body, many parts joined together.
- Leader: We come to grow in our understanding of God and God's Ways.
- People: We come to use the gifts God has given us to serve Christ.
- Leader: We ask for God to bind us together as a unified body, to be His body in this broken world.
- People: Help us to be the hands and feet of Christ to one another and to the world around us.

*Unison Prayer

Loving God, we come this day seeking to abide in Your presence. Open our minds to Your Spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as Your people. Open our hearts to Your Spirit of truth that we may love all Your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to You. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Lord, Be Glorified (#465)

Hymn of Prayer

Prayers of the People

Lord's Praver

Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:15 -18 (MSG) (p. 999) He pressed them, "And how about you? Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter said, "You're the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus came back, "God bless you, Simon, son of Jonah! You didn't get that answer out of books or from teachers. My Father in heaven, God himself, let you in on this secret of who I really

am. And now I'm going to tell you who you are, really are. You are Peter, a rock. This is the rock on which I will put together my church, a church so expansive with energy that not even the gates of hell will be able to keep it out."

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:13-16 (MSG) (pp. 984-5) "You are like salt for the whole human race. But if salt loses its saltiness, there is no way to make it salty again. It has become worthless, so it is thrown out and people trample on it. You are like light for the whole world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a bowl; instead it is put on the lampstand, where it gives light for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine before people, so that they will see the good things you do and praise your Father in heaven."

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

| Special Music | "Come, People of the Risen King" by Keith & Krystyn Getty |
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| Message | "What We Believe:The Church" |
| | Rev. Dr. Mark E. Sommers |
| *Closing Hymn | As A Fire is Meant for Burning (#551) |
| *Blessing | |
| Postlude | "Prelude in c minor" by J. S. Bach |

Worship Assistant: Dot Hall/Sandy Gunn

*Congregation stands

Offerings from today's service may be placed in the Offering Jars located on the Usher Stands. Your generosity makes a great difference in our ability to do God's work as a congregation.

Please feel free to give via credit card, debit card, or PayPal on our secure e-giving site www.dewittchurch.org/give on your mobile phone or other internet connected device.

Lenten Study and Dinner "Angels, Demons, and Satan: Separating Myth from Fact" Dinner at 5:30 PM, Study at 6:15 PM March 14 & 21- Miller Commons

There are a lot of ideas out there about angels, demons, and Satan but are those ideas grounded in scripture? In this 5 week study, Pastor Alan will cover the identity, power, and abilities of angels, and demons from the Bible. Exploration will include a study of Satan in the Old and New Testaments. Each session is standalone.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Christian Forgiveness: What it is, what it isn't, and how to do it Sundays @ 10AM in Room 10 with Pastor Alan

"Forgive and forget" - That's what our mothers taught us. Is this sage advice or does it actually lead to further hurt? Just about every Christian knows they have to forgive but most struggle to forgive or ask for forgiveness. In this study, we'll examine what the Bible teaches about redemptive forgiveness, unforgiveness, shocking realizations of what forgiveness isn't, and explore practical ways to embody this Christian practice. You will be surprised how freeing forgiveness can be when properly understood from a biblical and Christian perspective. Come learn, ask questions, and explore! Last Class March 25.

The Next Middle Adult Gathering Friday, March 23 at 6PM At the Home of Jeff & Rachel Roney.

The Middle Adult Group is generally comprised of people who are in their 40' 50's and 60's. We gather every month to six weeks in different homes for dinner, conversation and a brief devotional thought. It is a casual and relaxed time where people can meet new friends and continue to build supportive relationships. Usually the host home provides the main dish and everyone brings a dish to pass. For more information and to RSVP please email office @dewittchurch.org or call 315-445-0331..