

February PPC Highlights

Pastor:

- First University kicked off February 10th with Better Knots, a marriage rejuvenation class, with 15 in attendance. We have 4-5 leaders for various future classes.
- Will be filling in at St. John's Deer Lodge on March 17th
- Quad Circuit Meeting is May 14th-16th in Great Falls. He and Pastor Steve will attend.
- Upcoming Services include: Ash Wednesday on March 6th. Lenten Services on March 13th, 20th, 27th and April 3^d & 10th. Palm Sunday on April 14th. Easter on April 21st (services at 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.). Pentecost/Confirmation on June 9th.

Old Business: New phones to be installed March 1st. Ten new phones will be installed that should last a minimum of 10 years.

Fellowship: Will have Spaghetti Dinner at 6:00 p.m. before Ash Wednesday service.

Parish Education: Working on resources for leaders of First University.

School:

- Jill Boehnke working on website
- Looking into High School as three families are interested
- It is enrollment time for preschool and classical school
- New fundraiser of Scrip rebate program which involves selling gift cards from various retailers to use on every day purchases

Public Relations: 70 new pictures taken for online pictorial directory. Keeping phone numbers and e-mails private.

Properties: Received 38-page report from inspection of Grace House. There are a number of concerns.

Stewardship: Beginning to think about next campaign.

Security Update: Getting groups from both services together to go over processes. In future will work on manuals, outlines, etc.

New Business:

- Asking for donations for Ambassadors for Reconciliation and their work in Rwanda. Will add this group to list to vote on for special offerings at June Voters' Meeting.
- Our Mexico Mission's funding needs remain the same as grant we received serves different areas of focus.

Next PPC Meeting scheduled for March 19th, 2019

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The following food for thought is an excerpt taken from: "The Story of Christianity", Volume 1, by Justo L. Gonzalez

The enormous numerical growth of the church in its first centuries leads us to the question of what methods it used to achieve such growth. The answer may surprise some modern Christians, for the ancient church knew nothing of 'evangelistic services' or 'revivals.' On the contrary, in the early church worship centered on communion, and only baptized Christians were admitted to its celebration. Therefore, evangelism did not take place in church services, but rather, as Celsus said, in kitchens, shops, and markets. A few famous teachers, such as Justin and Origen, held debates in their schools, and thus won some converts among the intelligentsia. But the fact remains that most converts were made by anonymous Christians whose witness led others to their faith. The most dramatic form taken by such witness was obviously that of suffering unto death, and it is for this reason that the word 'martyr,' which originally meant 'witness,' took on the meaning that it has for us.