

Scoot Over at Jesus' Table

He often spoke of his kingdom as a great banquet. During his earthly life, he loved to sit at the table with people. I want to be at that table. I hope you do too. At Jesus' table, sinners are welcomed. His table is big. His table is always making room for new people. Around this table are also folks like me who have been there for a while. I'm comfortable. When new people come to Jesus' table, we who are comfortably seated have to scoot over and make room. It stirs us up from our comfortable, familiar place. You might even have to move from being at the head of the table! But here come these new people and you have to scoot.



How can we change without changing? I don't know the answer to that. When a family gets bigger, adjustments have to be made. Well, God's family is always growing. We are going to have to scoot, make room, change how we do things and what's familiar. We do it because of whose table it is... His.

I guess I started thinking the table is mine. Oops! Lord, I'm just happy to be at the same table with you. Of course, I'll make room. I'll even be cheerful about it. For you, Lord. For you.

Mark

CELEBRATION SUNDAY TODAY

After Worship we will be having "Sloppy-Joes", salad, and desserts. The Bill C. Small Group is coordinating and supplying the "Sloppy Joes".

The Elders Encourage Everyone To Sign Up For Prayer & Fasting This Month

Haiti Earthquake:

We know you want to help. Please give any funds you would like to go toward disaster relief for Haiti to Nelson Nuñez, Dave Williams, or one of our Elders.

Tonight: 6:00 PM, The Young Adult group: will be meeting at the Cooper's home in Pitman. **Carpooling from our building is at 5:30.** See Matt Fort for details.

Friday: 7PM Youth Group will be at the **Amado** home

Saturday., January 23rd 1:00-3:00 PM BABY SHOWER All the ladies are invited to celebrate the upcoming birth of **Bella Joy Fortunato** at a shower in Becky's honor on January 23rd. See the pink invitation on the bulletin board or Kristen W., Karen, or Veronica for details.

Next Sun. January 24th: Right After Worship,
a Bridal Shower for Sonya Haulsey.

She's registered at libertytravelregistry.com, Macys and Target. **If you are you able to help with food,** see **Lillian** (258-4536) or sign-up on the bulletin board **today.**

Questions: Wini, Bibi, Lillian or Becky Fortunato. Please bring a framed wedding picture of yourself with your husband or a framed wedding picture of your parents.

Elders, Preachers, & Deacon's Meeting: is coming up Monday, January 25th at the Perazzelli home at 6:30PM for dinner & 7PM for the meeting.

Ladies Spring Retreat March 5-7: Ladies are reminded to sign-up on the **rooming list**. **Money is due the first week of February**.

Note: We will have a brief meeting this Wednesday at 8:00 PM to discuss the Retreat.

Remember Our All Church Retreat: May 7th- 9th

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Gerry Hogan

Main Prayer: Bill Ceraso **Closing Prayer:** Mark Finn

Lord's Supper: Darren, Nelson, Hardee, Joe Dougherty.

Greeters: Tony Sr., Dave Cook, Debbie Powers, Margaret

Nursery: Pam & Amanda Next Week: Wini & Valeria

Orange Action Team cleans this week. Bill C. coordinates.

LOCAL OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Worship.....	123
Mark Finn - Evangelist	Bible Class 85
Matt Fortunato - Associate Minister	Wednesday 50
Church Office- (856) 854-0197	LIFE Groups..... 76

ELDERS:

Rick Boyle (856-986-4876)

Tony Ceraso, Jr.

Jack Swinehart

Contribution..... **\$3,350**

Budget Goal \$4,175

Many churches today are not growing because their efforts are characterized by mediocrity. Growing churches pursue excellence. They may not hit it every time but they continually work to improve. They work at this verse: *"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus..."* (Col. 3:17). Of course, we can drive ourselves crazy trying to be perfect. But the church should always strive to be *better*: more challenging children's curriculum, more pertinent Bible classes, richer worship experiences, more meaningful LIFE Groups. This means we are always seeking to utilize the gifts that God has placed in this church body. -- Dan Cooper

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"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)



Today we welcome our new members!