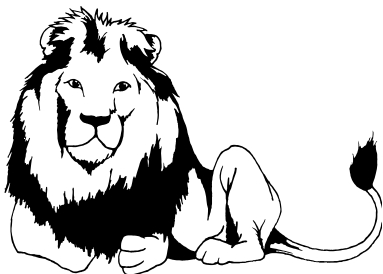


# Sunrise Christian Church

## March 2011 Family Newsletter



**See, the Lion of tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. Rev. 5:5**

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### Why is Jesus Christ compared to a lion?

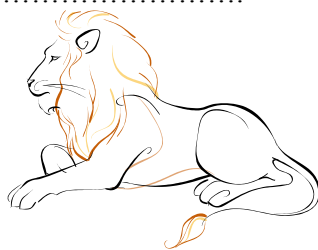
In John's gospel, John the Baptist told everyone that Jesus was the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world" (1:29). His use of this metaphor reveals that Jesus fulfills the promise God made through Isaiah that coming Savior would be "led like a lamb to slaughter." And this fulfills the promise that he would be "Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6). But don't be fooled, there is nothing weak about Christ!

Yet he is also "Mighty God" and fulfills the vision Daniel had of one "like the son of man" coming before the Ancient of Days to be given "authority, glory and sovereign power" over all peoples, nations and languages. (Dan. 7:14). And, so, just as a lion has power and strength so too will Christ when He returns to judge the

living and the dead! The book of Revelation says this about him: "I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. 'He will rule them with an iron scepter.' He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: **King of kings and LORD of lords**" (19:11-16).

What a mighty Savior we serve!

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In speaking of Aslan- the Christ-like lion in C.S. Lewis' book *The Chronicles of Narnia*- Mr. Beaver says this, "Safe? Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good! He's the King, I tell you!"

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**Do we sell God short? Do we think too lightly of Him? Do we underestimate what He can do?**

Listen to Paul's anthem of praise, "For this reason I kneel before the Father, from who His

whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints to grasp how wide and long and high and deep this love that surpasses knowledge- that you may be fitted to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

☺ Did you notice that part about "who can do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine"? Our God is a great God who can do all things! We simply need the faith to ask!

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### Children

Children love, they laugh, they care.  
Children, bless them, they know how to share.  
Children try hard to be what you want,  
Sometimes they can't and they start  
To cry, that's when a hug or a  
Kiss is the tool, no not a spanking  
That's not the rule.  
Children do good and children do bad,  
Children are happy and children are sad.  
Children must walk before they  
Can run, all of us wake to the  
Bright morning sun.  
So cherish the children these  
Treasures from God, for without  
Them the Earth would be nothing  
But water and sod.

Dewey Nixon



## A new church at SCC

For those who have not heard, the leaders have agreed to allow another church to use our building on Saturdays. They are the **Celebration Church of God** who used to meet down across SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Holy Rosary Hospital. The building they previously rented is being converted into offices and so they are in search for another place to meet; and while they search for another location they will rent space at SCC beginning in April. Celebration Church of God is unique in that they accept the whole Bible, worship on the Sabbath, celebrate the Old Testament festivals, believe that fellowship is important to their worship, and share a weekly communal meal together. So much like going camping, this means that there will be a little give and take on both sides during the time they are here. For example, they may have to leave some of their instruments up during the week. They have assured us they will strive to make sure they leave everything as they found it so that we don't have to worry about our Sunday service.

So keep them in prayer as they search for a new location. Their pastor's name is Wes Higgins, he and his wife live north of Weiser on Highway 95, near the turn off to Mann Creek. Wes and his son have a business where they build cabinets for homes, and so with the economy the way it is it would be important that we keep them in prayer also.

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**Church cleaner-** If you appreciate how well the church has been kept clean lately, then

leave a card of thanks for the woman responsible- **Debby Blactchely.**



## Jews for Jesus

Susan Mendelson, representing *Jews for Jesus*, will be here Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to give a presentation called "Finding Christ in the Passover." This will be a Seder presentation, so please make plans to attend this exciting event and to also invite a friend to join you. Ms Mendelson will also give us information as to how *Jews for Jesus* are actively seeking to present the gospel of Christ to the Jews. Remember, Paul said that the gospel is "the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes- first for the Jew, then for the Gentile (Rom. 1:16). And with this, the early church was almost exclusively Jews, but as the Gentiles started coming in the number of Jewish converts decreased. Yet God still holds His hand out to the Jews in hopes they will respond to Him, and respond they will for Paul asks, "Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgressions, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring!" (Rom. 11:11-12) For those not familiar with it, a Seder is the Jewish Passover meal in which the elements remind them of the events which took place when God freed them from slavery in Egypt. There is the Matzah- the loaf of flat bread which is broken into three pieces, the four cups of wine, the bitter

herbs, and the shank from the lamb. Each has a symbolic meaning which reminds them that as God as provided for them in the past, so too will He in the future- a lesson we all need to learn!

So join us at 7pm on Tuesday, April 12th for a fun and interesting evening of Finding Christ in the Passover as presented by *Jews for Jesus*.

**We will need helpers to prepare the items for the meal and others to set up the room. So for more information, or to volunteer, please get hold of me at the office.**

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## Caring Enough to Share classes

These have been a great deal of fun for the ministers to put on as well as for those who have attended these sessions. These are designed to prepare God's people to share their faith in Christ with others- people they love, live near, work with, or simply meet on the street. There will be another of these from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Weiser Christian Church. The cost is whatever it takes you to get there, and lunch is provided for a small donation. So come, enjoy yourself, meet other concerned Christians, and learn some new sharing skills.

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## Children's ministry

Jessie will be heading up our VBS program for June 4<sup>th</sup>. She's excited about teaching the days of Creation. As usual, she's looking for volunteers- people to read, make some food, do crafts, or games with the kids. Contact her for more information.

June and July are the dates Cove Christian Camp does their youth camps. The one Pam and I head- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade camp- will be July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.

Our Sunday School program is looking for additional adults to help with crafts, reading, teaching, etc. So contact Thelma Smith if you have questions or need more information.