

Welcome to the Church at Martinsburg!

Whether this is your first time or your next time, whether you are a member or a first-time guest – we want to connect with you! Use the white card with this Loop to relay information to your church staff. Please complete the front so we can update our records and use the back to request information or share your prayer requests. As your pastors, we are honored to pray for and serve you.

This Week's Announcements

Community Groups are in full swing! As Christians, living in community is an essential part of who we are. We want to develop meaningful relationships committed to a common vision – to make much of Jesus in our lives and the rest of our spiritual family. To find a group that fits for you, check out groups.martinsburgchurch.org.

Financial Peace University: Starts in 2 weeks (January 27)! This class is a great way to learn how to glorify God with your money (getting out of debt, paying off credit cards, etc.) For more information, visit the sign-up table in the lobby or email contact@martinsburgchurch.org.

Gospel Class: Interested in membership? The Gospel Class is a great way to see what our church believes and what is expected of our covenant members. Our next class will be February 23rd. To sign up, email contact@martinsburgchurch.org.

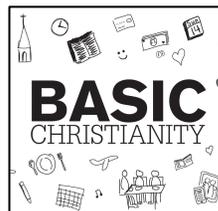
Pastor On Call: If you have an emergency and need to get a hold of a pastor from Friday morning through Monday morning please call 304.616.9007 to reach The Church at Martinsburg's Pastor on call.

This Week's Ripple Report

A few months ago, a young man followed God's call to move to a new city to further his theological training. A new place can be a difficult place sometimes. Meeting new people, getting used to a new environment, adjusting to a new schedule can all be a bit overwhelming. Chris Goode (@HisBloodSaves) recently tweeted: "Love the #CollegeLife hospitality box that my fam at C@M gave me! Thanks guys, love you all!"

Historians note that one of the reasons Christianity spread like wildfire during the early church years was because of the radical kindness of the Christians. As the Church, we are God's family. We have been bought by the blood of Jesus to proclaim the goodness of Jesus as we yearn to see more people become the family of Jesus.

Resources for Sunday, January 20, 2013



This Sunday's Sermon:

Title: "Making Disciples"
Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20
Bottom Line: Everyone can make a difference in someone's life.

Community Group Questions

- 1) Share with the group any insight, truth, or observation from Sunday's message that helped you, troubled you, or ministered to you.
- 2) Define a disciple's character and mission based on these passages: Luke 6:40, Luke 14:26-33, Matthew 4:19, Matthew 10:37-42, Matthew 16:24-25.
- 3) Read Matthew 28:18-20. What does it mean to you, as Jesus' disciple, that He has all authority? How does this impact your mission as His disciple?
- 4) What are the specifics of this commission? In what way does this commission call us to both those far from God and those who are growing in Christ?
- 5) How does this Great Commission relate to the Great Commandment of Matthew 22:37-40?
- 6) How does this commission relate to John 15:4-5, 8-11?
- 7) As a disciple, what difference are you making in the lives of those far from God? In the lives of other believers?
- 8) Are you continually learning from Jesus as His disciple? Are you consistently following Him?

Missionary Toolbox: Disciples

"Disciple" means "learner or student." A Christian is always and only a student in relation to Jesus. The church is essentially the school of Jesus – a fellowship of His students. A disciple learns by hearing His Master and doing like His Master. To be a disciple of Christ is not only a matter of 'inner' qualities like faith and convictions. But it concerns our whole life in word and deed. "Life as a disciple is now 'death and resurrection' with Christ, inaugurated in Christian baptism... Romans 6 explains that baptism is to be joined with Christ and to die and live with Him. This is the basis for Christian life. It corresponds to the way Jesus talked about 'carrying the cross' to follow Him or to say no one's own life." To be a disciple is to be called to make new disciples. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Christianity without discipleship is Christianity without Christ."

A.W. Tozer said, "**Only a disciple can make a disciple.**"

This Week's Reading:

Monday:	Matthew 4:19	Thursday:	Luke 9:20-25
Tuesday:	Matthew 10:37-42	Friday:	Luke 9:51-62
Wednesday:	Matthew 16:24-25	Saturday:	Luke 14:26-33



How is God working?

Let us know!
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