

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're honored to pray for & serve you.

This Week's Announcements

Good Friday is March 29th, and we'll be having our annual Good Friday service at Harvest Community Church (74 Dupont Road, Martinsburg 25404). Childcare will be provided up to 5 years old.

Easter Sunday is March 31st (only 4 weeks away!) We'll be having three services that morning (at 8, 9:30, and 11). The sermon that morning will be entitled "Are These Things So?". We hope you'll bring your friends, family, and those far from God!

Community Groups are in full swing! Community is an essential part of our Christian life. We want to develop community and meaningful relationships committed to a common vision – to make much of Jesus in the lives of individuals and our community. For more information on meeting dates, times and locations go to groups.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

Every week, C@M continues to grow. Services are being packed and seats are filling up! Growth isn't simply measured in numbers though. At the Gospel Class last weekend, 13 people came and learned about what it means to be a covenant member at C@M. These individuals were moved by the Lord, saw the vision of the church, and how to be engaged in the mission. Pray that God moves more people to join in the work that God is doing here!



Gospel Class last Saturday (Feb. 23)

Resources for Sunday, March 3, 2013

Acts
of the Apostles
The Church Begins

This Sunday's Sermon:

Title: "A Bold Community"
Scripture: Acts 4:23-31
Bottom Line: The Presence of God empowers the church to speak the Bible boldly.

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. When you face difficulty, to whom do you run? Is your church community at the top of your list? In Acts 4:23-24, how did their friends respond to their trouble?
3. How does God expect us to respond to persecution and trials? Consider these Scriptures: Matthew 5:11-12; James 1:2-4; Romans 5:3-5; 1 Peter 1:6-9; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
4. Why is vengeance not an option for believers? See Romans 12:19-21 and 1 Peter 2:23-25
5. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?
6. How does God view cowardice? What does the Bible say about how to apprehend boldness? Consider these Scriptures: Revelation 21:8; Mark 4:40; Matthew 8:26; 1 Peter 3:14-17

Missionary Toolbox: Becoming a Bold Witness

We become bold...

From being forgiven and being righteous - *Proverbs 28:1 and Matthew 9:2*
From trusting God and hoping in Him - *Psalms 31:24 and 2 Corinthians 3:12*
From being filled with the Spirit - *Acts 4:31*
From God's promise to be with you - *Joshua 1:9*
From knowing that Jesus is greater than the Adversary - *2 Chr. 32:7-8*
From being sure that God is sovereign over the battles - *2 Samuel 10:12*
Through prayer - *Psalms 138:3 and Ephesians 6:19-20*
From the example of others - *Philippians 1:14*

*based upon John Piper's *Christian Courage*, May 1999

This Week's Reading:

Monday:	Deuteronomy 31:6-8	Thursday:	1 Peter 2:23-25
Tuesday:	2 Chronicles 32:7-8	Friday:	1 Peter 3:14-17
Wednesday:	1 Peter 1:6-9	Saturday:	1 Peter 5:6-11



How is God working? Let us know by tagging your tweets with #rippereport or sending them to ripple@martinsburgchurch.org!