



CONNECTIONS

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Slow

The old fable starts like this:

"There once was a speedy hare who bragged about how fast he could run. Tired of hearing him boast, Slow and Steady, the tortoise, challenged him to a race. All the animals in the forest gathered to watch."

Fast forward to the end of the fable and...spoiler alert...Slow and Steady won the race.

In our world of fast food and turbo tax returns, slow and steady may not find a place on your to-do list. Some people think of slow and steady as lazy or old or cranky or way-to-attentive-to-detail, but the tortoise reminds us that's not always the case.

This is especially true in the life of the church. Christopher Smith and John Pattison wrote a book a couple of years ago called *Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus*. Slow church? That doesn't sound right, does it?

That one phrase in the title says a lot...*the patient way of Jesus*. Even if you just crunch the numbers Jesus seems slow. There doesn't seem to be any indication that he was the leader of his youth group as a teenager or a Bible study leader in his college years or a youth pastor in his 20's.

In fact, from ages 12-30 the Bible doesn't give us a single post or selfie about what was going on with Jesus. That sounds slow. But slow and steady might just win the race, right?

Leslie Leyland Fields says this about Smith and Pattison's book *Slow Church*: "I'd like to send one to every church I know. I would highlight the chapters on hospitality, Sabbath, wholeness, and patience."

True hospitality takes some time. It is relational. True Sabbath takes some time. It is not an hour on Sunday morning. Just take a casual glance at Jesus from ages 30-33 and you will see that his life was marked with hospitality, Sabbath and patience. He wasn't lazy or cranky or old. He was intentional and relational and directional. He was always on a slow and steady walk toward the cross.

Peter wrote, "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness..." (2 Peter 3:9). There may be times when we feel our work in the gospel is slow, but if it is steady there is hope. Why? Our Captain and King has already won the race.

Much grace to you,

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I CAN ONLY IMAGINE!



SUNDAY APRIL 10

MUSICAL WORSHIP FROM THE CHILDREN'S & PRESCHOOL CHOIRS

METALLIC CLUB LUNCH FOLLOWS

THURSDAY | MARCH 14 | 10:30 AM

One Eared Cow Glass Tour
Meet at the church at 10 AM
glass items may be purchased

One Eared Cow Glass

Lunch at Eggs Up Grill (Devine St.)

SIGN-UP IN THE BACK HALL



IT'S TIME FOR CAMP!





1-2 GRADES (COMPLETED) JULY 11-13	3-5 GRADES (COMPLETED) JULY 11-14	YOUTH JULY 4-8
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SEE BACK HALL FOR SIGN-UPS!

UPCOMING EVENTS




APRIL 24
CHURCH CONFERENCE

MAY 1
SENIOR ADULT DAY

MAY 22
GRADUATE RECOGNITION

WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT NEEDS TO KNOW AND FIND AND ENJOY CHRIST? PRAY FOR THEM AND TALK OR TEXT OR EMAIL OR WRITE OR VISIT THEM.



February

Attendance

Average Sunday School 173

Average Worship 287

Budget

Budget Offering \$44,068.30

Bridge of Faith \$4,305.00

Other Designated \$9,871.38

Total Offering \$58,088.68

Weekly Requirement \$11,778.82

March

Attendance

Average Sunday School 178

Average Worship 352

Budget

Budget Offering \$44,391.43

Bridge of Faith \$605.00

Other Designated \$10,608.80

Total Offering \$55,071.23

Weekly Requirement \$11,778.82

April Birthdays

1 Gene Odom, Sr.
3 Beverly Zorn
3 Marshall Evans
4 Brian Rose
5 Wanda Ford
5 Sammy Roland
6 Landon Hegler
7 Becky Doar
7 Dori Smith
8 Sallie Marcil
9 Chun Ja Munn
10 Gloria Carroll
10 Jeff Williams

12 Betty Hare
14 Becky Hulion
14 Buddy Clayton
14 Matt Roland
16 Cheryl Probus
16 Rick Wright
16 Megan Jacobs
18 Claire Poovey
20 Dee Ann Watts
20 Kimber Brazell
21 Stephen Jenkins
21 Jackson Wood
23 Frances Richardson

23 Kathy Geer
23 Cristy Sharpe
24 Brenda Franklin
26 Joseph Nation
27 Luke Boozer
28 Haley Penn
28 Holden Welsh
29 Mary Ann Wright
29 Liz Broome
29 Wattie Langston

New Members

We joyfully welcome Nikki Hulion into our fellowship as a member and rejoice with great joy in her recent baptism. Please pray for Nikki and Jason and Carter as we follow Christ together with their family!

March Extended Session

Nursery Volunteers

April 3 - Team 1

April 10 - Team 2

April 17 - Team 3

April 24 - Team 4

Children's Church Leaders

Wee Worship - Lindsay Shupe

K-5th Grade - Tammy Adams

April Meals

April 6

Baked Potato
Salad
Dessert

April 13

Sub Sandwiches
Potato Salad
Dessert

April 20

Hot Dogs
Corn on the cob
Slaw
Dessert

April 27

Pork Loin
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetable
Desert

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers

Every Church Member

Pastor

Dow Welsh

Children's Minister

Tammy Adams

Preschool Outreach Minister &

Weekday Preschool Director

Lindsay Shupe

Student Minister

Brad Siedschlag

Pianist

Emily Lipscombe

Organist

Stacey Arnold

Office Administrator

Joanna Ayers (interim)

Financial Administrator

Gayle Smith

Custodian

Ricky Roddy

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

▼ **April**

SUNDAYS

9:15 AM
Bible Study
10:30 AM
Worship

4TH SUNDAYS

9:15 AM
Prayer Time (room 105)
9:30 AM
Bible Study
10:30 AM
Worship

WEDNESDAYS

4:30 PM
Prayer for Revival
5:00 PM
Church-wide Supper
6:00 PM
Adult Bible Study
The Gathering (STUDENTS)
Children's Choir
Preschool Choir
Childcare (BIRTH - 2)
6:45 pm
Celebration Choir (ADULT)
RA's (BOYS)
GA's (GIRLS)
Mission Friends (PRESCHOOL)
Childcare (BIRTH - 2)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
			Regularly Scheduled Activities			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Regularly Scheduled Services			Regularly Scheduled Activities			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Regularly Scheduled Services PLUS CHILDREN'S CHOIR SPRING SING!			Regularly Scheduled Activities			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Regularly Scheduled Services		Second Chance	Regularly Scheduled Activities			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Regularly Scheduled Services			Regularly Scheduled Activities			