

Easter Services at FOCUS

We will be having a 24-hour prayer vigil Maundy Thursday 6PM till 6PM on Good Friday. Signups for the prayer event available on the information counter.

We will be having a Good Friday service 7PM on March 25th.

And on Easter Sunday, March 27 at 10am we will be joining together to bring life to the Resurrection Cross. Followed by 11am Easter Resurrection service.

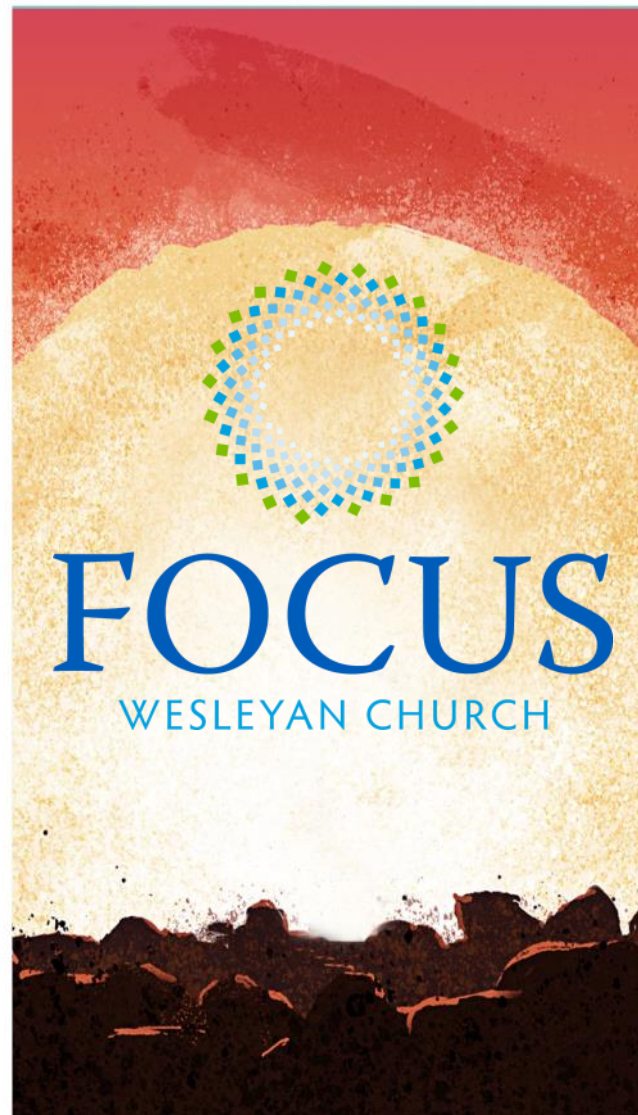
Make this coming week a week of "Wow" - *Week of Witnessing* and invite them to worship with us this Easter!

Communion at FOCUS

Every Sunday at FOCUS we celebrate the Lord's Table, also known as Communion. We have open communion, which means you do not have to be a member to receive with the rest of the church congregation. Please note, upon your request, we also have gluten free elements for those with gluten and other major food allergies. For a list of ingredients, please see Linda Griffith.


Fresh Cut Flowers for the Resurrection Cross


For anyone who is able, please remember to bring fresh cut flowers next Sunday, March 27. We will use them for "bringing to life the Resurrection Cross" during a special combined service at 10AM that morning. **Note we will not be having normal Sunday school classes that day.*



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Welcome
To Worship

7 ways to renew yourself spiritually

by *Lawrence W. Wilson*

Continuation from last week: Service

Service is doing things for others, particularly those who have a real need but to whom you have no obligation.

Service might be volunteering your time to clean house for an elderly person, providing babysitting for a single parent to go shopping, or doing extra chores when your parents or spouse are particularly busy.

As you do this, the Holy Spirit will make you aware of how often you want to do only what feels good or benefits you, and how little effort you are willing to put forth for others. Repent of this. As you do, you will gain strength of character and will, and you will begin to gain greater control over your own mind and body.

Sacrifice

Sacrifice is giving something you have and need, not just something you have too much of, for the benefit of another person.

There are many ways to do this. You could give a substantial amount of money to a person in need or to benefit a cause. You could show hospitality by sharing your home or food with others. You could sacrifice time that you had planned to use for yourself in order to serve someone else.

As you do this, the Holy Spirit will make you aware of how much of your time, energy, and money is devoted only to yourself and how much satisfaction and security you derive from things rather than from God. Repent of this. As you do, you will experience the great joy that comes from giving to others.

There are a number of other spiritual disciplines. The best place to read more about them is Richard Foster's *Celebration of Discipline* or Keith Drury's *With Unveiled Faces*. Both are good primers on these core spiritual practices.

Peter wrote that we should make every effort to add to our faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love (2 Peter 1:5-7). Spiritual growth requires both divine and human effort. **What are you doing to better your spiritual life?**

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**To read the entire article, please visit the FOCUS Church website. Or you may request a printed copy from Pastor Anton.*

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March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday - Arrival of the King

Main passage: Luke 19:28-44

Zechariah 9:9

1) Jesus came _____ to

Matthew 21:8-11

Notes:

**2) Jesus came and _____
the _____ will**

John 6:38-40

Notes:

3) Jesus' Coming Brings

Notes:

Reflection: What is one new thing you believe God spoke to you today as a result of being at FOCUS?

What is your next step? Is Jesus the King of your life? In what ways might you still be trying to maintain control? What steps will you take this coming week to draw near to Him, and deepen your relationship?