Announcements

Daylight Savings Time — begins next Sunday March 8th at 2 am. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour or you'll be late to church!

Moving Date — Make plans to stay after church March 29th to help with the final move from ELHI to our newly expanded facility on Browning Avenue. In the meantime, come help us pack the items we're not using every week to lessen the work on moving day.

New Here?

We trust the Lord will bless your time with us. Here is a brief description of our regular Sunday morning activities:

- **Worship** begins at 10:30 am. A <u>nursery</u> is available for kids ages birth through pre-K. <u>Children's Church</u> is available for kids ages 3 through 5th grade. Children are dismissed to Children's Church following the music.
- **Tithes and offerings** are an expression of worship. Please place your offering in the offering box, located near the entrance. **Visitors**, as our guests, please do not feel obligated to give an offering. If you prefer, online giving is available at: www.ignaciocommunitychurch.org
- Regular Meetings:

<u>Celebrate Recovery</u> — Mondays at 6:00 pm at ICC <u>Women's Bible Study</u> — Thursdays at 10 am (Call Rachel Ashley at 970-769-3654 for information and directions.) <u>Women's BSF</u> — Thursday Evenings at 6:30 pm at ICC

PRAYER

- Prayer Requests: If you have a prayer request, please fill out a prayer request card and drop it in a Prayer Request box located near the rear of the chapel. For emergency prayer requests, contact Pastor Randall at (970) 759-3633. Prayer requests may also be completed online at: <u>www.ignaciocommunitychurch.org</u>
- **Pastoral Prayer:** During the worship music, we encourage you to meet with Pastor Randall and the Elders in the rear of the chapel to make intercession for you as recorded in James 5:14-15 "Are any among you sick? They should call for the Elders of the church to pray for them..." Pastor Randall and the Elders are available after the service to minister to you as well.

MARCH PRAYER & FASTING FOCUS

We invite those who are able to fast to do so on Wednesday each week as we join as a body in seeking the Lord's will.

Fasting Focus: Pray and fast as we continue work on our new facility; that it will be completed by the end of this month and within existing finances. Pray that we will continue to focus on ministering to our church family and community during this time.

March 1, 2020

Ignacio Community Church

A Place to Heal

A Place to Grow

A Place to Serve



Ignacio Community Church's Purpose Statement

Ignacio Community Church is a Christ-centered fellowship that exists for the purpose of worship and for expanding the Kingdom of God by providing opportunities for healing, growth and service by educating, equipping and empowering His people.

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Today's Scripture

Joshua 8 NLT

Joshua 8:1-8, "¹Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid or discouraged. Take all your fighting men and attack Ai, for I have given you the king of Ai, his people, his town, and his land. ²You will destroy them as you destroyed Jericho and its king. But this time you may keep the plunder and the livestock for yourselves. Set an ambush behind the town."

³So Joshua and all the fighting men set out to attack Ai. Joshua chose 30,000 of his best warriors and sent them out at night ⁴with these orders: "Hide in ambush close behind the town and be ready for action. ⁵When our main army attacks, the men of Ai will come out to fight as they did before, and we will run away from them. ⁶We will let them chase us until we have drawn them away from the town. For they will say, 'The Israelites are running away from us as they did before.' Then, while we are running from them, ⁷you will jump up from your ambush and take possession of the town, for the LORD your God will give it to you. ⁸Set the town on fire, as the LORD has commanded. You have your orders."

Joshua 8:25-29, "²⁵So the entire population of Ai, including men and women, was wiped out that day—12,000 in all. ²⁶For Joshua kept holding out his spear until everyone who had lived in Ai was completely destroyed. ²⁷Only the livestock and the treasures of the town were not destroyed, for the Israelites kept these as plunder for themselves, as the LORD had commanded Joshua. ²⁸So Joshua burned the town of Ai, and it became a permanent mound of ruins, desolate to this very day. ²⁹Joshua impaled the king of Ai on a sharpened pole and left him there until evening. At sunset the Israelites took down the body, as Joshua commanded, and threw it in front of the town gate. They piled a great heap of stones over him that can still be seen today.

Joshua 8:30-35 "Then Joshua built an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal. ³¹He followed the commands that Moses the LORD's servant had written in the Book of Instruction: "Make me an altar from stones that are uncut and have not been shaped with iron tools." Then on the altar they presented burnt offerings and peace offerings to the LORD. ³²And as the Israelites watched, Joshua copied onto the stones of the altar the instructions Moses had given them.

³³Then all the Israelites—foreigners and native-born alike—along with the elders, officers, and judges, were divided into two groups. One group stood in front of Mount Gerizim, the other in front of Mount Ebal. Each group faced the other, and between them stood the Levitical priests carrying the Ark of the LORD's Covenant. This was all done according to the commands that Moses, the servant of the LORD, had previously given for blessing the people of Israel. ³⁴Joshua then read to them all the blessings and curses Moses had written in the Book of Instruction. ³⁵Every word of every command that Moses had ever given was read to the entire assembly of Israel, including the women and children and the foreigners who lived among them."

Teaching Notes

Joshua 8 – Second Chances

Is there sin in my life that is _____God from accomplishing His purposes?

Psalm 37:23-24, "The steps of a man are established by the LORD, And He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, Because the LORD is the One who holds his hand."

God has ______ ways to accomplish His purposes.

Deuteronomy 11:29, "When the LORD your God brings you into the land and helps you take possession of it, you must pronounce the blessing at Mount Gerizim and the curse at Mount Ebal."

Here the Lord had promised Abraham the land and he built his first altar of worship in Canaan.

Genesis 12:7, "Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "I will give this land to your descendants." And Abram built an altar there and dedicated it to the LORD, who had appeared to him."

Deuteronomy 27:2-4, "When you cross the Jordan River and enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, set up some large stones and coat them with plaster. 3Write this whole body of instruction on them when you cross the river to enter the land the LORD your God is giving you—a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. 4When you cross the Jordan, set up these stones at Mount Ebal and coat them with plaster, as I am commanding you today."

The Lord has always ______ all people to salvation and the Old Covenant ______ those who chose to live with Israel and worship the one true God.

Deuteronomy 31:10-13, "Then Moses gave them this command: "At the end of every seventh year, the Year of Release, during the Festival of Shelters, 11you must read this Book of Instruction to all the people of Israel when they assemble before the LORD your God at the place he chooses. 12Call them all together—men, women, children, and the foreigners living in your towns—so they may hear this Book of Instruction and learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully obey all the terms of these instructions. 13Do this so that your children who have not known these instructions will hear them and will learn to fear the LORD your God. Do this as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to occupy."

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, "Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. 5And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. 6And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. 7Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. 8Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. 9Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

The law written on stones was external, not internal, and could instruct the people but could never ______ them.