Announcements

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.

Fundraiser for Eli — We're hoping to have a Frito Pie sale next week to help Eli Armendariz raise the money he needs to travel to New York City with the Ignacio High School Theatre group. He needs to raise \$1,000 so let's all eat!

The ICC Elders and Trustees met to discuss the Coronavirus outbreak and our response as a church family. During the next few weeks, we may be making changes in order to protect our church family. Please know that we take this threat seriously, but we do not walk in fear but in faith. We pray the Lord brings this global crisis to an end soon.

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 15, 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 10:1-27 NLT

¹Adoni-zedek, king of Jerusalem, heard that Joshua had captured and completely destroyed Ai and killed its king, just as he had destroyed the town of Jericho and killed its king. He also learned that the Gibeonites had made peace with Israel and were now their allies.² He and his people became very afraid when they heard all this because Gibeon was a large town-as large as the royal cities and larger than Ai. And the Gibeonite men were strong warriors.

³ So King Adoni-zedek of Jerusalem sent messengers to several other kings: Hoham of Hebron, Piram of Jarmuth, Japhia of Lachish, and Debir of Eglon. ⁴ "Come and help me destroy Gibeon," he urged them, "for they have made peace with Joshua and the people of Israel." ⁵So these five Amorite kings combined their armies for a united attack. They moved all their troops into place and attacked Gibeon.

⁶ The men of Gibeon quickly sent messengers to Joshua at his camp in Gilgal. "Don't abandon your servants now!" they pleaded. "Come at once! Save us! Help us! For all the Amorite kings who live in the hill country have joined forces to attack us."

⁷ So Joshua and his entire army, including his best warriors, left Gilgal and set out for Gibeon. ⁸ "Do not be afraid of them," the LORD said to Joshua, "for I have given you victory over them. Not a single one of them will be able to stand up to you."

⁹ Joshua traveled all night from Gilgal and took the Amorite armies by surprise. ¹⁰ The LORD threw them into a panic, and the Israelites slaughtered great numbers of them at Gibeon. Then the Israelites chased the enemy along the road to Bethhoron, killing them all along the way to Azekah and Makkedah. ¹¹ As the Amorites retreated down the road from Beth-horon, the LORD destroyed them with a terrible hailstorm from heaven that continued until they reached Azekah. The hail killed more of the enemy than the Israelites killed with the sword.

¹² On the day the LORD gave the Israelites victory over the Amorites, Joshua prayed to the LORD in front of all the people of Israel. He said,

"Let the sun stand still over Gibeon, and the moon over the valley of Aijalon."

¹³ So the sun stood still and the moon stayed in place until the nation of Israel had defeated its enemies.

Is this event not recorded in The Book of Jashar? The sun stayed in the middle of the sky, and it did not set as on a normal day. ¹⁴ There has never been a day like this one before or since, when the LORD answered such a prayer. Surely the LORD fought for Israel that day!

¹⁵ Then Joshua and the Israelite army returned to their camp at Gilgal.

¹⁶ During the battle the five kings escaped and hid in a cave at Makkedah. ¹⁷ When Joshua heard that they had been found, ¹⁸ he issued this command: "Cover the opening of the cave with large rocks, and place guards at the entrance to keep the kings inside. ¹⁹ The rest of you continue chasing the enemy and cut them down from the rear. Don't give them a chance to get back to their towns, for the LORD your God has given you victory over them."

²⁰ So Joshua and the Israelite army continued the slaughter and completely crushed the enemy. They totally wiped out the five armies except for a tiny remnant that managed to reach their fortified towns. ²¹ Then the Israelites returned safely to Joshua in the camp at Makkedah. After that, no one dared to speak even a word against Israel.

²² Then Joshua said, "Remove the rocks covering the opening of the cave, and bring the five kings to me." ²³ So they brought the five kings out of the cave-the kings of Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon.²⁴ When they brought them out, Joshua told the commanders of his army, "Come and put your feet on the kings" necks." And they did as they were told.

²⁵ "Don't ever be afraid or discouraged," Joshua told his men. "Be strong and courageous, for the LORD is going to do this to all of your enemies." ²⁶ Then Joshua killed each of the five kings and impaled them on five sharpened poles, where they hung until evening.

²⁷ As the sun was going down, Joshua gave instructions for the bodies of the kings to be taken down from the poles and thrown into the cave where they had been hiding. Then they covered the opening of the cave with a pile of large rocks, which remains to this very day.

Teaching Notes

Joshua 10:1-27 – God Partners with People

As we diligently ______ to the Lord, He will accomplish His purposes.

1 Timothy 4:1-2, "Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead."

2 Peter 1:3, "By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence."

The Lord has given us His complete ______ in the Scriptures and we can trust the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."

Judges 5:20, "The stars fought from heaven. The stars in their orbits fought against Sisera."

Habakkuk 3:11, "The sun and moon stood still in the sky as your brilliant arrows flew and your glittering spear flashed."

As believers we are to trust God and pray; God will accomplish His perfect will.

John 14:13-14, "You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!"

1 John 5:14-15, "And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for."