

WHAT'S HAPPENING

THINGS ARE TURNING GREEN



Spring time is a fantastic time of year. It almost seems like just overnight things start to change. One day things are brown and everything looks dead. The very next day it seems like there is a faint green hue to everything. The yards and fields start looking like the dirt is green and the trees all start getting a hint of green to them when you look at just the right angle. Then, it's only a couple days and everything is green: leaves start popping out and flowers are blooming. Before we know it,

we'll be complaining about mowing the grass again. What a great time! I can't help but think about new life when this green change starts to take place. I'm not really talking about just things that start life, although there are plenty of signs of that with new baby animals being born and flowers blooming and all that. But, I'm more talking about the new life with have through Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has

gone, the new is here!" (NIV). That means that if we live in Christ, if we have asked Him to be our personal Lord and Savior, then we have a new life. We have died to ourselves, we have given up our selfish ways, and we have a new life in Christ where we live with Him which gives us power to overcome sin. Sure, we all mess up and don't get things right, but God's grace is big enough to cover us all! Such a great thing Spring is! Such a greater thing that grace is!!

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE...

I've been contemplating the world lately and not in a "what is my part to play in this world?" or "where do I fit in to this world?" and not even a "what is the meaning of life?" kind of pondering. I know the answers to those questions: spread the Gospel and share God's love, who cares, and

answers. No, the kind of contemplating I've been doing is a little deeper than any of those questions. Maybe it's the same kind of contemplation some of you have been doing as well. You know what I'm talking about... "why does 'Transformers' keep getting dumber. The first "Transformers" was

cheeseburgers... those are the

pretty good, I watched it many times. The second and third... not so much. I watched the 2nd one maybe twice and the third maybe once. The question at hand is really this: "will I even watch the new one?" The answer is "of course I will because I loved the first one and I need to know if this one is any good." I'm not a movie nerd,

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TRUE PEACE

John 16:33 (HCSB)

³³ "I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. You will have suffering in this world. Be courageous! I have conquered the world."

A huge debate broke out about Disney's release of "Beauty and the Beast" on March 17th. There was an uproar and people boycotting Disney over the "gay moment" in the movie. What we need to realize is Disney is NOT a Christian company and we should not be surprised when a non-Christian company is pushing non-Christian agendas. What we should realize is the Bible tells us we will

The Wolcott Word... by Rob

suffer in this world but our true peace is found in Jesus. He conquered the world through His death and resurrection (which we will be celebrating during Easter over the next several weeks). It also gives us the opportunity to compassionately have open conversations that can emphasize the truths of God's word, and when necessary, to disagree agreeably. Humankind's need for a Savior remains the same. Our calling as believers to be salt and light remains the same. Humankind will only experience true peace and joy in Jesus, NOT in Disney.

KIM'S KORNER

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to "go on a date" with my daughter. And I have to say. It was AWESOME! We spent time walking around Confluence and playing on the new exercise equipment, eating dinner and playing a game at home after. We made decisions by playing rock-paper-scissors and all in all had a great time! But the best part of the whole evening was the conversations that we had about halfway around the lake! She gave me a glimpse inside, to her thoughts and fears. And that is a treasure that is priceless. I think this is something most parents would treasure and it is what God wants from us. He wants to "go on a date" with us; to spend time walking and talking (maybe not deciding things based on rock-paper-scissors), but having real conversation. God wants us to let Him in to share our



thoughts and fears so that He can comfort and guide us. Like the time I spent with my daughter getting to know who she really was and what goes on inside that beautiful mind of hers. God craves to know us deeper and to be a part of our life.

So my challenge to you this month is 2 fold. 1. "Go on a date" with God, Spend some good quality time 1:1 with Him! 2. Parents "go on a date" (or just spend some 1:1 time) with your students or it can even be students asking your parents out on a date (especially if you are a senior, your mom or dad would love this!).

You may be surprised what you can learn about each other and how your relationship can grow!



STUDENT THOUGHTS... MATTHEW BOHLING



As some of you may know, I recently got an email from the professor of trumpet at Colorado State University (CSU), informing me that I unfortunately did not get an immediate acceptance

into their trumpet studio, but was rather placed on their waiting list. Although this was pretty heartbreaking news, I had an audition at Colorado Mesa University (CMU) that exact day that I needed to focus for because I really wanted to do well. I had to turn to God as soon as I received this news, and He was the only reason that I could put my recent failure in the past and focus on the future potential for my life. This was a serious eye opener for me. I thought, wholeheartedly, that it was God's plan for me to go to CSU and study Music Education in the same town as my sister, and I had this dream and perfect plan all lined out in my head; but that was the exact problem. It was my plan. I left God out of the equation for

months as soon as I decided that I wanted to go to CSU, even though looking back on it, it was my selfish plan and not His perfect plan. A few weeks ago, exactly two days after my audition at CMU, I was informed that the judges (the trumpet, trombone, and french horn professor) were impressed with my audition, which opened the door to scholarship potential. What I have learned as a major life lesson in the past couple of months, is that I MUST trust His perfect, flawless plan for my life, and if I do not, I am lost in the dark without light and simply walking blind through hardship and trials, when I have the opportunity to lean on and trust Him to light my path. Thanks for reading, Matthew.

CHOICES...

You know, sometimes we have to make choices that we really don't want to make. Sometimes we weigh the options and have to make a decision that we think is best. Today was such a day. I had an opportunity to do something that I have wanted to do for many years, but the timing is terrible. There is a scheduling conflict with things that I feel are more important right now. I do not feel bad about the decision I made, however, I do feel bad

about the perceived "let-down" of the person who invited me. I explained the situation and he said he understood. But, you know how you can read a tone into a conversation? Well, I could hear the disappointment in his voice. Sadly, I will have to take a rain-check because I decided there were more important things to do that weekend. Seniors, when you get into the world and have to make a decision, just make the best one you think you need to make. Don't base all your decisions on what you THINK someone else wants you to do... sometimes you have de-

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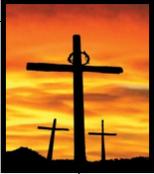
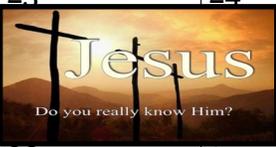
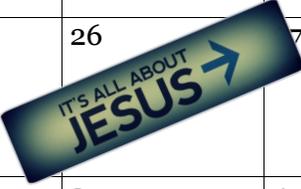
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16 EASTER <u>No Y.G.</u>		18	19 <u>No Y.G.</u>	20	21	22
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2nd & 5th— Don is going to be sharing about Barnabas this Sunday. I'll take over on Wednesday and try to mirror his discussion.

9th & 12th— No Youth Group this week because of Spring Break.

16th & 19nd— Plan to join us on Easter Sunday at DCC. Our morning service starts at 10:00... we would love to have you. Also, because Sunday is Easter, we will not be having Youth Group this week. Spend the week enjoying time with family and planning for the summer.

23rd & 26th— "Knowing Jesus" This week we are going to talk about what it looks like to know Jesus. Maybe you've been listening to me ramble on about Jesus, but you don't have a relationship with Him. Well, we're going to talk about that this week. This might be a good opportunity to bring a friend that might not have a personal relationship with our Creator.

30th & 3rd— Maybe you DO know Jesus, but haven't been baptized yet. We are going to talk about baptism; what it means, what you can do, and what it is supposed to, or could look like. Baptism is an important part of your walk with Christ and we are going to finish off this year with a discussion about what it is.

May 7th & 10th— Just a heads-up... this week will be an important week in our year. First off, Sunday morning in church, we are celebrating our Graduating Seniors. I have mentioned the Senior Packets in previous issues and this is when it all comes together. I encourage you to all come to help celebrate our Seniors as we have a special service to recognize them and send them off to the next step in their lives. It's going to be a great morning. Also, this week is our last **traditional Youth Group**. We will have some fun, some snacks, and enjoy saying goodbye to the school year. Youth Group will be at regular times on Sunday and Wednesday.

FUNDRAISERS

Last month I talked about the camps and trips that are happening this summer and now I want to update that a little bit. As you probably know, the High School students are going on a Mission Trip to Jamaica. That is going to cost a lot of money, but we have faith that God will provide. To go along with that, we are working on a series of fundraisers to raise money to pay for it. On **Sunday, April 2**, we are

having a Pie and Desert Auction at the church. It will be held right after church and we are providing lunch for everyone that comes. It has been a good time in the past and I hope that it is this time as well. We'll start lunch shortly after church (11:30ish) and after everyone gets a chance to grab some food, we'll start the bidding process for goodies that are donated by many great people in our church. It would

be awesome to have you all join us for this whether you attend Delta Christian Church or not. It would just be great to have the support of all our readers. If you're interested in coming, it helps if I know so I can have enough food to feed everyone. You do not have to bring a dessert for the auction, but it is helpful if you bid on one while you're here. :) I hope you will all consider joining us in this great opportunity!!

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE... CONT.

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but I liked the first "Transformers" and I am hopeful that Hollywood pulled some creativity out of a hat somewhere and made a decent movie worth watching more than once. I guess time will tell. While I'm talking about nonsense and movies, I have another thought. Have any of you realized that most (not all, but most) movies made today seem to be either a sequel (Fast and Furious 18, etc.) or a remake from the 90's or early

2000's? My point here is that Hollywood seems to have run out of creativity to make a new movie that hasn't already been made. Take "Finding Dory" for instance: a sequel to "Finding Nemo" from **2003!!** Sure Nemo was a good movie and so was Dory, but did anyone else notice that they are the same movie? All they did was change the distressed character, the hero, and the location. 2 movies, but really 1. How many other movies are this way? I'm sorry, it just bugs me that they keep making movies over and over again. Instead of making new ones. Anyway... Happy contemplating you movie-watchers you!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

you have anything on your mind that you need share, I'm here. If you have some concerns, some problems or some worries, I'm here. If God is working in your life and you feel like you just need to share that blessing with someone, I'm here. Whatever the situation is, I'm happy to get together to talk about it. I may or not be able to fix anything, but we can work through it together. The problem here is that if I don't know about it, we can't work through it. So, here's the bottom line... give me a call, shoot me a text, or send up a smoke signal and let's meet up.

Hello Everyone. It's another month and another opportunity to get together. If

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