

Sunday King's Diamond 9:30am
Sunday Worship 10:30am
Midweek Service 7:00pm
Nursery and Children's ministry are always available

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29 Men/Women 9:30am Worship Service "Baptismal" 10:30am BBQ Lunch	30	31 Noon Prayer	1 Midweek Service -Believers Meeting -Youth - The Lift -His House 7:00pm	2 Staff Meeting 1:00pm Noon Prayer	3	4

From Saul to Paul

By Pastor Brian

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One of the most fascinating aspects of the New Testament is its focus on a young Roman named Saul. We are first introduced to him as an onlooker at the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Saul was a young man at that point, "in hearty agreement with putting him to death" (Acts 8:1)

We later find out Saul was the son of a long line of Pharisees, the primary enemies of Jesus!

Believers came to regard Saul as their most feared adversary when he obtained letters from Caiaphas the High Priest, which authorized him to arrest and imprison both men and women who were Christians!

While on his way to Damascus, where many Christians had fled after the great persecution began against them at Stephen's death, Saul was in for the shock of his life!!!

To condense the story in Acts 9, Jesus greeted Saul like a bolt of lightning, knocking him to the ground. Jesus then asked Saul why he was persecuting Him, to which Saul responded by asking who was speaking! Can you imagine how Saul felt when he heard these words - **"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting, but rise and enter the city, and it shall be told you what you must do"**.

Get this - the men Saul brought with him all heard the voice! All of them realized they were standing in the

awesome presence of the Son of God whom they were persecuting.

As Saul was getting up off the ground, he discovered "though his eyes were open, he could see nothing". What a day!

In many ways, over the next three days, Saul died and Paul was born! At the end of those hours of scathing introspection, without food or drink or eyesight, Paul emerged as a man who fully realized he had "built his house on sand".

God then began forming a brand new foundation for Saul's radicalized faith by showing him in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and laying his hands on Saul to receive his sight.

But not only did Ananias lay hands on Saul to receive his sight, he also greeted him as "brother Saul" (welcoming him into the family of God) and got him filled with the Holy Spirit and baptized! What a day!

From that time forward, Paul knew God had called him as a **"chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel"**.

Beginning that day until he was martyred, Paul was one of the most effective, enduring, energetic and exceptional Christian witnesses who ever lived. Why was that the case?

While Paul was unique in some ways, he had much in common with all of us! He was like many of us who were raised in church, but sadly built our house (continued on page 2)

Upcoming Events:

Mother's Day, May 8th, Sun. 10:30am

It's always a joy to recognize the moms on Mother's Day. We will have a really cute gift for every mom in attendance!

Victory in Sterling, Friday, May 20th, 7:00pm at The Heritage Center

We will celebrate a belated Mother's Day in Sterling. Come and connect Greeley and Sterling with the Lord Jesus!

International Dinner Sun. May 22th, at noon

The Fiji team and other chefs will be creating food from Germany, Italy, Asia, Mexico and Fiji as a fundraiser for their trip to Homes of Hope. Come and chow down for a great cause and be a generous partner of this team!

Baptismal and BBQ Dinner, Sun. 29th

This will be a great day as we baptize people who want to make their public confession of faith. Only those who have signed up and attended the 9:30 class with Pastor Brian that same morning can be baptized. Afterwards, we will enjoy BBQ hamburgers provided by the church. Everyone else can bring a salad, vegies or dessert.

NO CAB Meeting in May, next one Sat. June 4th

Due to scheduling conflicts, we will not have CAB in May. Our June CAB will be held on Saturday, June 4th.

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on the sand. When it collapsed though, Jesus was standing right there, eager to open our blind eyes and give us His purpose!

Although few of us were one of the church's greatest enemies, we were welcomed into the fellowship of believers when they heard our confession of faith in baptism and our testimony!

God has a purpose for everyone. He lays our new foundation by opening our eyes through the new birth, giving us the same power that raised Jesus from the grave, and calling us into His service. We must all start there and work

our way up the ladder of faithfulness. Sadly, many believers stop with being baptized. Because they don't move forward any further, they end up confused and floundering instead of infused and flourishing!

Paul and Joshua were the only two spiritual leaders of whom it was said "they finished their course". Of course there were many more both in their days and in ours.

These ingredients of success are simple but essential. Be faithful, fervent and fruitful, filling your days with love for God and your neighbors!

A LOOK BACK

April has been a very interesting month, offering unusually unsettled weather as we are moving forward into an unsettled time.

By the way, every revival in history has taken place during troubled times - especially in nations with Christian roots.

On April 9th history was made in America when a group of several thousand pastors were praying in the rain in Washington D.C. for revival. At the same time on the west coast in Los Angeles, 80,000 people were praying in the rain for revival! That's what you call prayer from sea to shining sea. By the way, rain is always a sign of the blessing of God, including Noah's flood, which was God's "Reset" button!

Presidential Election years are at best inconceivably frustrating. More lies than truth, far fewer moments of real integrity than outright deception! And that's just the political ads! The campaigns are now public hate mail.

But we always must remember that our nation was dedicated to God during a prayer meeting at St. Paul's church in New York following George Washington's inauguration. All of the congress joined with him as they made their consecration and appeal to the God of Heaven. He will prevail, even if He has to send Jesus Himself back to fix the mess our nation and most others find themselves in!



Pastor Chris and CAB Dance



Phil, Linda and Jonathan Leage



Sterling Ladies Meeting

A Look Ahead

May is always a month with lots of activity so we want to make you aware of these items.

We have a printout proof in the lobby of the new Directory for everyone to check. Correct any errors or fill out a new card if you are not listed. We hope to have it done by May 29th.

Fund raisers for the Fiji trip are:

May 13-22 - a silent auction will be conducted. Please let Pastor Joslyn know if you have something you would like to donate.

May 22 - International Dinner after church in the balcony. German, Italian, Asian, Fijian and Mexican food will be served. You can enjoy a plateful from one or have some samples of each. For a dollar you can vote for your favorite and that missionary will get a prize. This will be both delicious and fun! So plan to stay and support the Fiji team.

May 29th - We look forward to our Spring Baptismal service and BBQ luncheon. If you want to be baptized or re-baptized, please sign up in the lobby. You will be required to take a class on May 29th at 9:30am in Pastor Brian's office before you can be baptized. Afterwards we will grill some hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share with others!