

PATHWAY

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I was reading through a few chapters of Exodus again this week, and stopped when I came to Exodus 13:14: “In days to come, when your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ say to him, ‘With a mighty hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.’”

“...Brought us out of the land of Egypt”... That caught my attention and reminded me that the geographical region I’m from in Southern Illinois has been nicknamed “Little Egypt.” If you travel through that area, you’ll find all sorts of references to Egypt and its customs. In the context of this sermon series, I sat for moment and thought of my time growing up in “Little Egypt.” I thought of my own proverbial slavery, my own bondage to sin. And then I thought of how, with a mighty hand The LORD brought me out of (Little) Egypt, out of the land of slavery! For an entire day, I spend time thanking God for His mighty hand, for His provision, and for His deliverance. I spent the day thinking back of my journey from where I was to where I am. I spent the day thinking of all the parallels between my own journey and the journey of the Israelites. I spent the day being humbled and choosing thankfulness. I spent the day remembering.

That’s what we’re talking about today: Remembering. I agree with Richard Foster, who says, “God aches over our distance and preoccupation. He mourns that we do not draw near to Him. *He grieves that we have forgotten Him.*” Today, we are intentionally looking back at where we came from, and then looking at where we are now. I hope that you are able to do that on a personal level, and remember all the ways that God has been faithful to you. So when those around you ask, “Hey, what’s your story?”... you can say to them, “with a mighty hand, the LORD brought me out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery!”

Terra Penninga

Coming Up

- Wednesday, March 14: Supper's Ready and The ROCK, 5:00 and 6:00 pm
- Thursday, March 15: Wesleyan Women, 1:30 pm
- **Sunday, March 18: Baptism Service, 10 am (combined service)**
- Sunday, March 18: Baby Shower for Michelle Fletcher
- Tuesday, March 20: Secret Prayer Pal Reveal: 6:30 pm @ Ellen Lipscomb's House
- Wednesday, March 21: Supper's Ready and the ROCK, 5:00 and 6:00 pm
- Friday, March 23: Teens All-Nighter @ Craig's Cruisers

Announcements

- On Sunday, March 18th, there will be a **baby shower for Michelle Fletcher** who is expecting a baby this spring. The shower will be immediately after the service in the Ebenezer Center classroom. Please consider a gift of diapers or cash to go toward a car seat or stroller.
- On Sunday, March 18th, we're extending the **opportunity for YOU to be baptized**. If you would like to explore the option of baptism, or if you have questions about what it means to be baptized, please talk to Pastor Mark Lipscomb, Pastor Andy Trowbridge, or Terra Penninga. We'd love to have a conversation with you about baptism!
- The **Ladies' Secret Prayer Pal** reveal and new sign up will take place on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 pm at the home of Ellen Lipscomb. Please bring a gift for your current prayer pal and a snack to share. For more information regarding the prayer pals, contact Connie Jordan.
- On Friday, March 23, our teens will be participating in an **All-Nighter at Craig's Cruisers** in Grand Rapids. Cost is \$15 and includes pizza, go-karts, laser tag, trampoline park (\$3 extra for socks), Ninja Warrior course, cruiser coaster, bumper cars, and ropes course. Teens must sign up by March 7. Each teen can bring one new friend at no additional cost. **ADULT DRIVERS ARE NEEDED!** Please contact Ellen Lipscomb (616.822.0718) for more information.

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4960 Portland Rd
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Traditional Service, West Berlin Chapel, 8:15 am
Contemporary Service, Ebenezer Center, 10:00 am
Wednesday: Supper's Ready, 5:00 pm
Wednesday: The ROCK, 6:00 pm

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Global Partners : Goal - \$6,750 Received - \$5,040 (75%)
WKFM: Goal - \$300 Received - \$211 (71%)
Parsonage Kitchen Remodel: Goal - \$15,000 Received - \$7,110 (47%)