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Rev. James Graham

"Which is the TRUE religion?"

I have on a few occasions been asked, "Of all the religions in the world, which one is the "right" one?" This question has taken many forms, but in essence people are seeking to know what religion God endorses? I'm not sure there is a simple answer, but I am reminded of this story.

"A woman once asked the Teacher, "Which is the true religion?" The Teacher replied: "Once there was a magic ring which gave its bearer the gifts of grace, kindness, and generosity. When the owner of the ring was on his deathbed, each of his three sons came separately and asked for the ring. The old man promised the ring to each of them."

"He then sent for the finest jeweler in the land, and paid him to make two rings identical to the original. The jeweler did so, and before he died, the father gave each son a ring without telling him about the other two."

"Inevitably, the three sons discovered that each one had a ring, and they appeared before the local judge to ask his help in deciding who had the magic ring. The judge examined the rings and found them to be all alike. He then said, 'Why must anyone decide now? We shall know who has the magic ring when we observe the direction your life takes.'"

"Each of the brothers then acted as if he had the magic ring by being kind, honest, and thoughtful. "Now," the Teacher concluded, "religions are like the three brothers in the story. The moment their members cease striving for justice and love we will know that their religion is not the one God gave the world."

May each of you wear your ring with grace, kindness, and generosity!

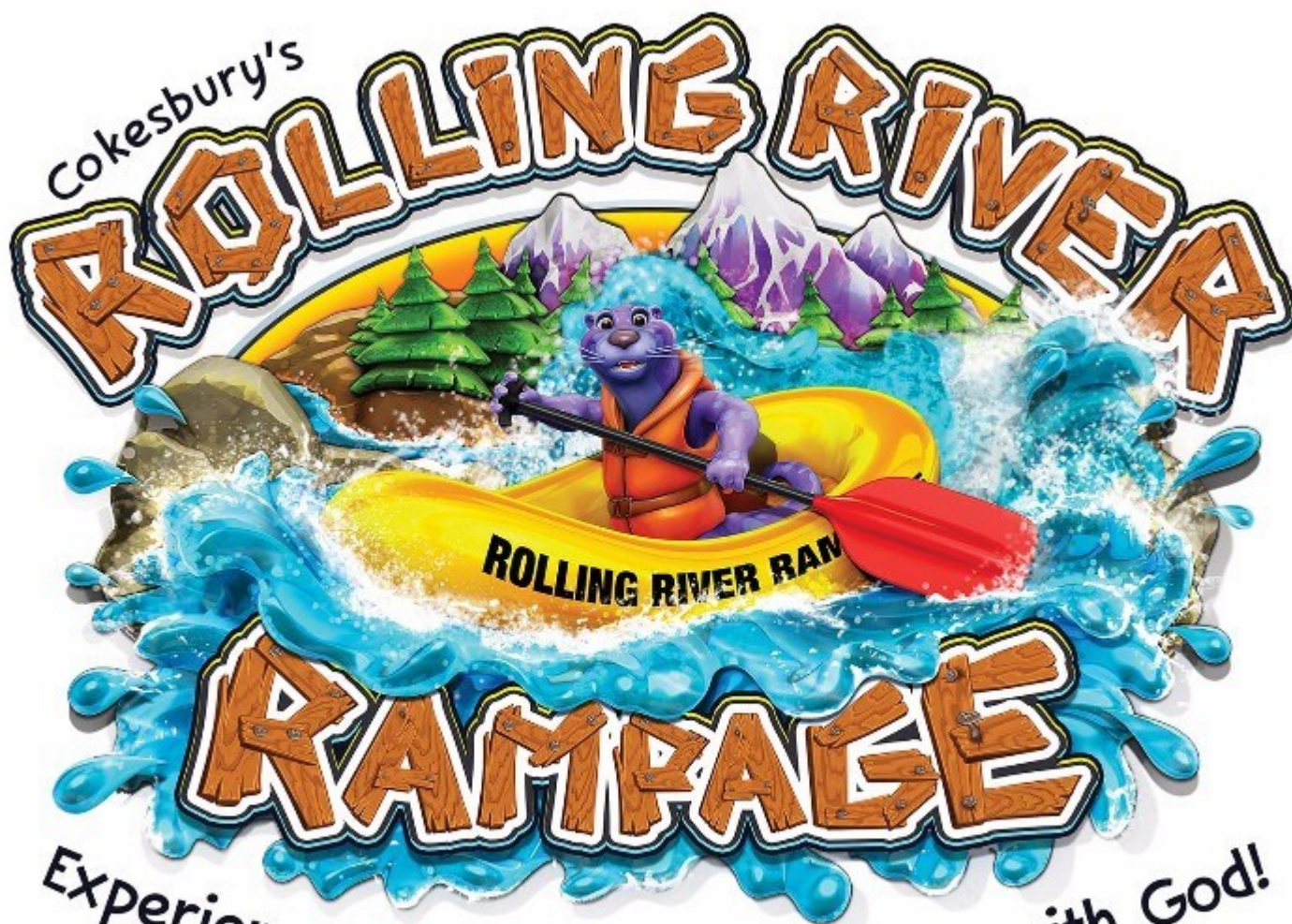
Grace and peace,
Pastor James

VBS 2018.....SAVE THE DATE!!

JULY 16-19. 5:30-8:00 pm!

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

**"Experience the Ride of a Lifetime with
God!"**



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DAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

The Parent's Organization of New Haven Day School is having their yearly plant sale fundraiser. These plants are in excellent condition and ready to plant. The prices are competitive, so share with your neighbors, friends and family. The sale will last through April 6th. Orders will be delivered to the church gym on Friday, April 20th. This is our biggest fundraiser of the school year, so we really appreciate all your efforts in supporting these sales. Order forms will be available at the sign-up table in the hallway to the Sanctuary before and after services.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 11

BE SURE TO "SPRING AHEAD ONE HOUR"
BEFORE YOU GO TO BED ON THE 10TH!!!
(OTHERWISE, YOU'LL BE LATE FOR CHURCH!)



The 1940's Radio Hour

Come and see our own Jocelyn Schifferdecker in The 1940s Radio Hour this Thursday and Friday at 7:00 or Saturday at 2:30. This award-winning musical features lots of your favorite music from the 1940s. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door. The show is in the Edison High School auditorium at 2906 E 41st St.

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!! APRIL 24-28TH

We are going to have a new church directory made in April. Lifetouch Photography will once again be here to take great pictures of you and your family. We will begin making reservations for you on March 11th. You will have information about how to sign up online for your convenience. If you choose to have us sign up for you, we will be happy to do so!
(Pets are welcome to be in your family photo, too!)



You might want to talk to your family now and find the best date for you all to be here!

Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Cub Scouts/210
5:00 pm Footprints
5:00 pm "ASK" Study/Parlor
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

MONDAY, MARCH 12

6:00 pm Writers Group/185
6:15 pm Bluegrass Band Practice
7:00 pm Happy Children's Home Meeting/
Parlor

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
7:00 pm Bell Choir
7:00 pm ACOA

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

10:00 am Grief Recovery Group/Parlor
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
5:00 pm "ASK" Study/Parlor
5:00 pm Footprints
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

March Birthdays

3. Max LaGrone
4. Claretha Gotcher
Todd Morgan
6. Yuka Daughters
9. Harold Stockstill
12. Will Roberts
15. Daina Norman
16. Steve Amos
Alon Soderfelt
Joyce Orr
17. Pat Smith
21. Karen Jones
22. Kyler Smith
23. Craig Hannon
24. Janice Hannon
25. Steve Smith
26. Peter Havlik
Adessa Stephenson
28. Laurel Duncan
30. Hannah Fields



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Bill & Claretha Gotcher
Jean Roberts
Joe Sanders
Dianna Horn
Adessa Stevenson
Jim Harris
Sue Hunnicutt
Jan Duffield
Mary Lou Black

ATTENDANCE

March 4, 2018

8:45 am ~ 50

11:00 am ~ 100

Live Stream ~ 19
Total: 169

Sunday School:

Adults ~ 62

Youth ~ 10

Children ~ 23

ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class

"What Does the Bible Say About. . . ?"

Parlor: Fellowship Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: New Friendship Class

"The Story of God" film series with Morgan Freeman narrating.

Room 103: Interlude Class

"Moses" by Adam Hamilton

Room 206: New Haven 206

Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Room 161: Roundtable "Barking to the

Choir" by Gregory Boyle

You may email articles for the Spire (no later than Sunday evenings, please.) Sending your article on a "Word" document as an attachment works best. Please email your article to pat.bates@newhavenumc.org. Please note "Spire Newsletter" on the subject line. While we make every effort to include your request, we reserve the right to edit or delete articles due to space availability.

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<http://www.newhavenumc.org>



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