

**\*\*\*PREPARE COMMUNION\*\*\***

February - Jerry & Rosemary McCoy  
March - David & Loretta Carson

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

**TODAY - Pat Cooper \* Feb 18 - Marietta Reams**

**FOOD PANTRY**

**FEBRUARY ITEMS:** Vienna sausage and Pork and Beans

**OTHER NEEDS:** Chicken noodle soup \* dry spaghetti/boxed pasta \* dried beans (Great Northern) \* Ramen noodles \* snack or sandwich crackers

**CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS**

Cold cereal \* rubber gloves \* all fabric bleach \* aluminum foil \* non-aerosol bathroom cleaner \* bottled apple juice

**PICK-UP DATE IS MARCH 5**

**OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK**

Attendance 133  
Contribution \$4047

**Happy Birthday:**

- February 11 - Ronnie Moore
- 13 - Chase Burch  
Tim Woods
- 14 - Helen McGowan  
Jeff McGowan
- 15 - Morgan Pfeffer
- 17 - Derek Mays



**Happy Anniversary:**

February 16 - Ernie and Kay Wiley

**Bible Trivia:**

What is the shortest verse in the Old Testament?

**Last week's Answer:**

In 1 Kings 16:18, **Zimri** set fire to his own palace and died in the flames.

**SERVING TODAY**

**February 4, 2018**

**Song Leader**.....Joe Watson  
**Opening Prayer**.....Wayne Reams

**LORD'S TABLE**

Jeff Martin.....David Burleson  
Tim Flowers.....Marty Howard  
Ted Mason.....Derek Mays  
**Scripture**.....Sam Garner  
**Prayer**.....Rodney Williams  
**Announcements**.....David Carson  
**Dismissal**.....Ben Martin

**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader**.....Ronnie Mays  
**Prayer**.....Jerry Burleson  
**Scripture**.....Darrin Shipman  
Matthew 20: 20-22

**Dismissal**.....Justin Allen  
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**Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**Song Leader**.....Ronnie Mays  
**Prayer**.....Morris Karnes  
**Dismissal**.....Darrell Zimmerman  
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**February 18, 2018**

**Song Leader**.....Tim Woods  
**Opening Prayer**.....David Burleson

**LORD'S TABLE**

Ron Garner.....Jonathon Simmons  
Ben Martin.....Rick Beard  
Jason Karnes.....Johnny McGowan  
**Scripture**.....Rodney Williams  
**Prayer**.....Joe Watson  
**Announcements**.....Jon Neely  
**Dismissal**.....Sam Garner

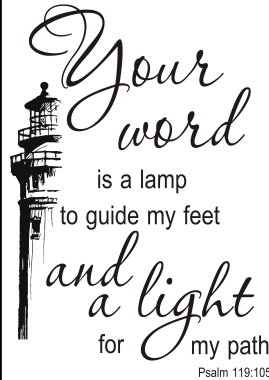
**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader**.....David Carson  
**Prayer**.....Morris Karnes  
**Scripture**.....Jerry Burleson  
Matthew 20: 23-24

**Dismissal**.....Jerry McCoy  
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**COUNT FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTION**

Johnny McGowan.....Justin Allen  
Wayne Reams.....Jon Neely



**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

Bible Study...9:30AM  
Worship.....10:15AM  
Worship.....5:00PM

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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# TRUE LIGHT

February 11, 2018

**CONSIDERING VALENTINE'S DAY**

My family experienced some minor medical drama the week between Christmas and New Years while traveling out of state. On one of my many trips to the drug store, I had to stop dead in my tracks. I was perusing the Christmas decorations and wrapping paper on clearance. I turned around to look for more, and was faced with a shelf full of Valentines cards that children will use to declare their love for classmates. Before the confetti of the New Year's holiday is swept up, the shelves in stores are fully stocked with hearts, balloons, and all manner of Valentine props and paraphernalia.

Maybe it's age, maybe it's parenthood, maybe it's global warming, but I don't think of Valentine's Day the same way I did as a young, single person or newlywed. Valentine's Day is a fun, light-hearted opportunity to lavish love on those around you, but life has shown me that love rarely looks like the front of a Hallmark card.

Love is not running along a beach hand in hand. Love holds the flashlight in the middle of the night, make-up long gone and tempers flaring, holding your tongue while your sweetie attends to an emergency home repair. Love isn't demonstrated by dewy eyes across a candlelit meal, but rather by one more run to the doctor or pharmacy when you are exhausted beyond reasonable or rational thought.

*A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so also must you love one another. By this will all men know that you are My disciples, if you love one another. John 13: 34, 35*

Valentine's Day lends itself to romance. Romance is wonderful and exciting, but won't take you very far when the stomach bug hits, or your "Love Shack" floods, or one of your parents is critically ill and/or dies. Romance will not be found in any of those situations, but love is there larger than life. Love brings the cool washcloth again and again for the stomach bug, and mops and covertly repairs damaged keepsakes during the flood, and cries and holds and works and loves with an ill family member.

Love is not rose petals and champagne, but aching backs and work gloves. Love at my house never dances in an evening gown or tuxedo, but love supplies the elbow grease, the patience, encouragement, and the clean clothes to face each day and, Lord willin', a comforting place to come home to when the day seems to come out on top. Love is holding tight when no words can fix it, and tears the only language uttered.

Love is not a polished, glimmer state. Love is messy, inconvenient, and frustrating. Love is giving up the last ounce of energy, sleep, time or chocolate for the well-being of another. Love isn't found in romantic restaurants or destinations, but in hospital waiting rooms, the lobby of funeral homes, and kneeling in prayer next to race-car or princess beds in the middle of the night. Love is less about flowers and cartoon hearts (Cont'd on inside)

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Wednesday Fellowship Meal:** Soups, chili and hotdogs. Desserts will be needed.

**Today: Singing** at Ridgeview Living in Malden at 2 p.m.

**Feb. 12: Ladies Lunch Out** at 11:30 at MaryAda's in Portageville. Note it is on a Monday this month. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer and we will take the van if there is enough interest.

**Feb. 13: Widow/ers and Senior Luncheon** at 11:30 in the fellowship room. Hosts are Brian and Amy Thomason

**Feb 16: Crafts at Malden Nursing Center** at 2 p.m.

**Feb. 18: Ambassadors and Choralaires** will be singing at the Malden congregation at 1:30 p.m.

### *Looking Ahead*

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*Mary and Martha meeting Feb. 19 at 6:30 at the home of Waynetta Rodgers*

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*Challenge Youth Conference 2018 will be Feb 23-25 in Pigeon Forge, TN. Young people need to have their money turned in to Stan or one of the elders as soon as possible. You will also need money for 9 meals.*

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*Inspiration 2018 March 2 & 3 at the Dexter church of Christ. Eric Lyons from Apologetics Press will be this year's featured speaker with the theme, "The Greatness of God; His Creation and His Word." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery*

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*Children's Home Grocery Pick-up Monday, March 5. Let's get the cart filled up.*

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*Gospel Meeting at Bernie with Adam Faughn March 11-14. Make plans now to attend*

(Cont'd from front ) and everything about the value of another soul on this planet. I guess that's a little harder to put on the side of a coffee mug.

I will play along this Valentine's Day, like all the others, and I certainly hope for you to feel cherished on that day. But, later in the year when the toilet overflows while the drama at school comes to a boiling point and work causes too many demands to keep everyone civil, love will be there with a plunger, Kleenex for the tears, and hugs, pats and kisses for all the things the plunger and Kleenex won't fix. Consider that your own Valentine's day - but don't look for Hallmark to make a card for it anytime soon.

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*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.*

(I Corinthians 13: 4-8, NIV)



### **WHY DO SOME PEOPLE STAY AWAY FROM CHURCH?**

Is it because the weather is cold, or their hearts are cold?

...because the roads are bad, or they are bad?

...because they live so far away, or because they are so far away?

...because they have no clothes, or because they are spiritually unclothed?

...because they have company, or because they are not in the Lord's company?

...because they are sick, or because their souls are sick?

...because the preaching is different, or because they are indifferent?

...because they have no way, or because they have lost the way?

Do you have the answer? Why DO some people stay away from church?

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*"...I was sick and you visited me..." Matthew 25:36*

**Remember:** **Louella Akers'** surgery went well. The mass was cancerous. She was expected to be discharged from the hospital Friday \* **Scott Flannery** was scheduled to have stent surgery Friday \* **Kathy Caudle** will have colon resection surgery Thursday \* **Pam Collier** was recently hospitalized with a kidney infection but is doing better now \* **Max Terrill** has been moved to Ridgeview Living in Malden \* **Trish Baldwin** will get results from her VNG test Wednesday \* **Max Snyder**

**Continue to remember these members of our church family:** John David Barnett \* Scott & Judy Flannery \* Max Terrill \* Elwood Rush \* Sonja Mays \* Grant Howard \* Ida Roberts \* Sue Flowers \* Pam Claeys \* Pansy Zimmerman \* Betty Thurston \* Billie and Pat Cooper \* Helen McGowan \* Jeff McGowan \* Jerry Burleson \* Leon Smith \* Curtis McClard

### **CONTINUING PRAYERS**

**Marty Watson** (cancer)

**Diann Wilder** (cancer)

*(Joy Greer's sister)*

**Roxanne Carson** (cancer)

**Jackie Manches** (cancer)

*(Cathy Provance's sister)*



**Phil McKuin** (cancer)

**Beckie King** (ms)

**Beaver Blocker** (Alzheimer's)

**Traci Riley** (poor health)

**Liz Church** (cancer)

*(friend of Hannah Guntert)*

*Sympathy is extended to the Williams family in the loss of our sister, Barb Williams, who passed away Feb. 3. Barb's funeral was held Wednesday at Rainey Mathis in Bernie.*

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*Sympathy is extended to the families of Sandy Dillinger and Sonny White, both who recently passed away. Both funerals were held Friday.*

### OUR SHUT INS

**Ridgeview Living/Malden -** Bertha Skidgell #201

Isaac Wheeler

Shirley Johnson

Max Terrill

**Gideon Care Center -** Sue Flowers #102

**Winchester Place -** Travis Cooper #7

**Central Garden -** Lois McKuin #117

**AT HOME**

Judy & Scott Flannery

Gayle Rodgers

Pam Claeys