

*****PREPARE COMMUNION*****

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Millie Dauck * March 4 - Cindy Burleson

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 122

Contribution \$4861

Happy Birthday:

February 25 - Kendra Summers
26 - Henry Howard
27 - Titus Dauck
Beverly Pruitt



Bible Trivia:

Jerusalem was also known by two other names. What were those names?

Last week's Answer:

In Joel 3:3, the prophet Joel speaks of a girl being exchanged for drink

Max Terrill is in room 207 at Ridgeview Living Nursing Home in Malden. His phone # is 276-0063. Calls, cards and visits would be appreciated.

SERVING TODAY

February 25, 2018

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes

Opening Prayer.....Ron Garner

LORD'S TABLE

Wayne Reams.....Jon Neely

Jerry Burleson.....Justin Allen

Wes Howard.....Bud McKuin

Scripture.....Jacob Clayton

Prayer.....Jeff Martin

Announcements.....Darrin Shipman

Dismissal.....David Carson

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams

Prayer.....David Burleson

Scripture.....Mike Duley

Matthew 20: 25-28

Dismissal.....Elwood Rush

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Song Leader.....Joe Watson

Prayer.....Justin Allen

Dismissal.....Sam Garner

March 4, 2018

Song Leader.....Wes Howard

Opening Prayer.....Jeff Martin

LORD'S TABLE

Zack Tanner.....Darrin Shipman

Sam Garner.....Alex Garner

Mike Duley.....Jerry McCoy

Scripture.....Rodney Williams

Prayer.....Tim Woods

Announcements.....Jon Neely

Dismissal.....Darrell Zimmerman

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Wes Howard

Prayer.....Kasen Lawrence

Scripture.....Jacob Clayton

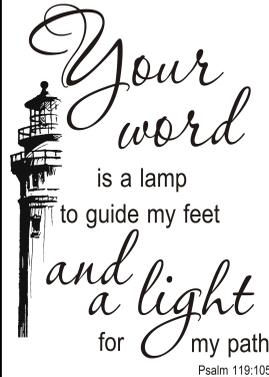
Matthew 20: 29-31

Dismissal.....Morris Karnes

COUNT FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTION

Rick Beaird.....Mike Duley

Ronnie Mays.....Rodney Williams



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30AM

Worship.....10:15AM

Worship.....5:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

MINISTER

Stan Dauck

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ELDERS

David Burleson

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David Carson

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Stan Dauck

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TRUE LIGHT

February 25, 2018

THIS BRUTAL WORLD

Yet again, yet so soon, we struggle to make sense of bloodshed and violence. Bikers mowed on New York City's Westside. Sunday worshippers slaughtered in a small-town Texas church. Multiple peace officers killed while on duty. A large crowd gathered for a concert had their lives shattered by a gunman. Lives lost during a "routine" traffic stop.

Life is a dangerous endeavor. We pass our days in the shadows of ominous realities. The power to annihilate humanity has, it seems, been placed in the hands of people who are happy to do so.

Contrary to what we'd hope, good people aren't exempt from violence. Murderers don't give the godly a pass. Terrorists don't vet out victims according to spiritual resumes. The bloodthirsty and wicked don't skip over the heaven-bound. We aren't insulated. But neither are we intimidated. Jesus has a word or two about this brutal world: *Do not fear those...* (Matthew 10:28).

His disciples needed this affirmation. Jesus has just told them to expect scourging, trials, death, hatred, and persecution (Matthew 17-23). Not the kind of locker room pep talk that rallies a team. To their credit, none defected. Perhaps they didn't leave because of the fresh memory of Jesus' flexed muscles in the graveyard: [Jesus had taken his disciples to] *the other side into the country of Gadarenes, [where] two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs; they were so exceedingly violent that no one could pass by on the road. And behold, they cried out saying, "What do we have to do with You, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"* (Matthew 8: 28-29 NASB)

This assurance of Jesus' victory is the balance on which Jesus writes the check of courage: *"Do not fear those who kill the body and cannot kill the soul"* (Matthew 10:28)

These two men were demon-possessed and, consequently, *"exceedingly violent."* People walked wide detours around the cemetery to avoid them. Not Jesus. He marched in like he owned the place. The demons and Jesus needed no introduction. They had battled it out somewhere else, and the demons had no interest in a rematch. They didn't even put up a fight: *"Have you come to punish us before our time?"* (Matthew 8:29 CEV). Backpedaling. Stuttering. Translation? "We know you will put it to us in the end, but do we get double trouble in the meantime?" They crumpled like stringless puppets. Pathetic, their appeal: *"please send us into those pigs"* (Matthew 8:31 CEV).

Jesus did so. *"Move,"* he exorcised (Mathew 8:32 CEV). No shout, scream, incantation, dance, incense, or demand, just one small word. We Christians trace the source of violence back to the devil. We place the fault of bloodshed at the feet of the one whose days are numbered; Satan. We find our hope in the sure victory of Jesus.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 28: Fellowship Meal. Baked spaghetti, garden salad and bread. Desserts will be needed.
March 2 & 3: Inspiration 2018 at the Dexter church of Christ. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery
March 4: Spring teaching quarter begins. Materials are in the library.
March 4: Youth Night for grades 7 and up at the home of Wes and Bonnie Howard following evening services. There will be a devotional by Kasen, games and fellowship. Pizza and drinks will be served.
March 5: Children's Home Grocery Pick-up. Let's get the cart filled up.

Looking Ahead

The Bash BBQ dinner and entertainment March 9 at 6 p.m. at Crowley's Ridge College. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Singing at Ridgeview Living has been cancelled for the month of March

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

Ladies Lunch Out March 13th at Panda Express in Poplar Bluff

Nursing Home Crafts March 16 at 2 p.m. at Malden Nursing and Rehab

Gospel Singing March 16 from 7 - 10:30 p.m. at Central church of Christ, Paducah

Mary and Martha meeting March 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Cindy Burleson

Cont'd from front: Courage emerges, not from increased police security, but from enhanced spiritual maturity. These days of violence call for people of faith. People of fear make poor decisions. They overreact, lash out and/or retreat. People of courage, on the other hand, keep a cool head. They are not blind to nor bewildered by the evil in the world.

Evildoers have less a chance of hurting you if you aren't already a victim. *"Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but to trust the LORD means safety"* (Proverbs 29:25 NLT).

Real courage embraces the twin realities of current difficulty and ultimate triumph.

Avoid Pollyanna optimism. We gain nothing by glossing over the brutality of human existence. This is a toxic world. But nor do we join the Chicken Little Chorus of gloom and doom. "The sky is falling! The sky is falling!" Somewhere between Pollyanna and Chicken Little, between blatant denial and blatant panic, stands the level-headed, clear-thinking, still-believing person of faith. Wide-eyed, yet unafraid. Unterrified by the terrifying. The calmest kid on the block, not for lack of bullies, but for faith in our heavenly Father. The old people of God knew this peace:

"Though a host encamps against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident." (Psalm 27:3 RSV).

Do not give in to your fears. Resist the temptation to retreat and hunker down. Now is the time for faith; the season for God-based hope: *"Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act. Don't worry about the evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes"* (Psalm 37:7 NLT).

Courage is a choice. Let it be yours.

Max Lucado, www.heartlight.com

Our meat fund balance is getting low. The money given to the meat fund is used to purchase ham or other main meat dishes for the funeral dinners we provide for our church families and the community. If you would like to donate to the meat fund, you can give your money to Mary Barnett or Amy Thomason.



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: Beverly Karnes will have knee replacement surgery tomorrow * Kathy Caudle was discharged from the hospital Tuesday following colon surgery and is slowly improving * Trish Baldwin has an abnormal hematoma on her brain. Doctors are monitoring it * Gaye Miller has a fractured meniscus and will have knee replacement surgery in the near future * Loretta Carson has been diagnosed with the flu * Sharon Durham is being treated for precancer on her face and is in a lot of pain * Louella Akers continues to improve *

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 Cooper * Helen McGowan * Jeff McGowan * Jerry Burleson * Leon Smith

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)
Tom Dawson (hospice care)
Annette Lumsden (cancer)
(friend of Beckie Tanner)

...Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much..... James 5:16. Prayer is a special blessing. Help us keep our prayer list up to date by letting Amy know of any prayer requests or updates you would like to have in the bulletin

OUR SHUT INS

Ridgeview Living/Malden - Bertha Skidgell #201
Isaac Wheeler
Shirley Johnson
Max Terrill #207
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