

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

April - LaRhonda Billingsley
May - Joy Greer

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Loretta Carson * April 8 - Pat Cooper

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Dishwashing detergent * deodorant (non-aerosol) * instant rice * HE (High Efficiency) laundry detergent * muffin mixes * pickles

FOOD PANTRY

APRIL ITEMS: Bag rice/ Dried beans

OTHER NEEDS: Chicken noodle soup * boxed pasta * Vienna Sausages * Ramen noodles * snack or sandwich crackers * pork and beans

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance 150
Contribution \$4453

Happy Birthday:

April 1 - Cassie Summers
6 - Alan Robinson



Happy Anniversary:

April 3 - Ron & Gaye Miller

Food Pantry Report for January-March, 2018

January: 15 households and 31 individuals served
February: 20 households and 48 individuals served
March: 21 households and 52 individuals served
Totals: 56 households and 131 individuals served

Bible Trivia:

Twenty-seven thousand men were killed when a wall of a city fell on them. What was the name of the city where the wall was located?

Last week's Answer:

Gideon was the name of the judge in Israel who was a polygamist (Judges 8:30)

SERVING TODAY

April 1, 2018

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
Opening Prayer.....Tim Woods

LORD'S TABLE

Zack Tanner.....Darrin Shipman
Sam Garner.....Alex Garner
Rick Beaird.....Jerry McCoy
Scripture.....Rodney Williams
Prayer.....Ben Martin
Announcements.....Jon Neely
Dismissal.....Darrell Zimmerman

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Morris Karnes
Scripture.....Jacob Clayton

Matthew 21: 7-11

Dismissal.....Joe Watson

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes
Prayer.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Darrin Shipman

April 8, 2018

Song Leader.....Morris Karnes
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.....Justin Allen

Sunday Evening

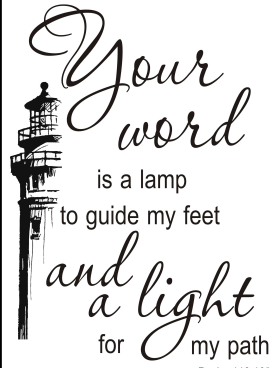
Song Leader.....Ronnie Mays
Prayer.....Jerry Burleson
Scripture.....Alex Garner

Matthew 21: 12-13

Dismissal.....Zack Tanner

COUNT APRIL CONTRIBUTION

Johnny McGowan.....Joe Watson
Jerry McCoy.....Jon Neely



is a lamp
to guide my feet
and
a light
for my path.

Psalm 119:105

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30AM
Worship.....10:15AM
Worship.....6:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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TRUE LIGHT

April 1, 2018

Bunnies, Baskets, Eggs and Stuff

The words "boy" and "genius" never really got together for me as a child. There were, however, other words that seemed to be strung together with uncommon regularity. Little phrases like, "Why did you..." and, when adults were speaking to each other and I was the topic, "You'll never believe..." but "boy" and "genius" never occurred in the same sentence.

I was a gullible kid - believed everything I saw on TV and trusted, as truth, every word that came out of an adult's mouth. There was this particularly misleading commercial that caused me great angst when I found it to be untrue.

It was an advertisement for a toy bubble gum machine. It was supposed to be a '60's version of a piggy bank. You bought the bubble gum machine, bought the little gum balls that went inside and you used pennies to extract the gum balls from the machine. After a while, the little plastic base of the machine was full of pennies and, all of a sudden, you were rich!

The bunny hid the colored eggs, then provided the straw baskets in which to place the bright colored eggs. It was all quite fun - but what possessed this bunny to color eggs - which come from chickens and not bunnies?



The scene (it's burned into my memory even today), which was especially misleading, was of a pretty little girl blowing a bubble. She blew this huge and wonderful bubble - and then, when it burst, all these pennies flew out. I watched this with unbridled excitement, completely convinced that it was magic - that some gum balls were special, penny producing candies. I couldn't wait to get my teeth into some of that magic gum - get my lips around one of those magic bubbles and be a filthy, penny-rich kid.

We bought the toy. We bought the bubble gum. I chewed it - got it to just the right bubble producing consistency. I blew a huge bubble. It exploded all over my face. No pennies. Just a mess. I was horribly disappointed. It ruined the next 20 minutes of my life before I snapped out of it, and clothes-pinned a towel around my neck and went out to save the neighborhood from major crime figures like The Joker and Riddler.

You can imagine how confused I was by Easter. I knew about bunnies - they were cute. I knew about eggs - they were white on every other day of the year and came from chickens. I knew about baskets - they were used to gather things like pecans, dirty clothes and if constructed from heavy wire and wheels, you put food and stuff in them at the grocery store. But, on this one confusing day, bunnies, colored eggs, and fancy little straw baskets all came together. The bunny hid the colored eggs, then provided the straw baskets in which to place the bright colored eggs. It was all quite fun, but what possessed this bunny to color eggs - which come from chickens and not bunnies?

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY: 6 p.m. evening services begin

TODAY through April 4: Spring Speaker Series at Arnold church of Christ. The theme is "What a Day!" with speaker BJ Clarke. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Taco Salad. Desserts will be needed

April 7: Ladies Day at Doniphan. The theme is "Spring Cleaning." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

April 8: Singing at Ridgeview Living in Malden at 2 p.m.

April 8: Youth Night at Crowley's Ridge College with guest speaker Chase Almond. The van will be leaving at 3 p.m. and should return by 8:30 or 9

April 8-11: Crowley's Ridge College Annual Bible Lectureship at the Carter Activities Center. The theme this year is "Ezekiel, the Watchman of Israel." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Looking Ahead

Ladies Lunch Out April 9 at 11:30 at Little House in Bernie. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer

Gospel Meeting at Gideon April 15-18 with guest speaker Brent Newton

Mary and Martha meeting April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Marietta Reams

Nursing Home Crafts April 20 at 2 p.m. at Malden Nursing and Rehab

Work day at Bootheel Youth Camp May 5, beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Senior Night May 13 following our evening services. Our seniors this year are Meg Simmons (Dexter High School) and BJ Thomason (Gideon High School)

Ultimate Youth Rally May 25-27 at Germantown church of Christ

Battle of the Youth Groups June 13-15 at Crowley's Ridge College

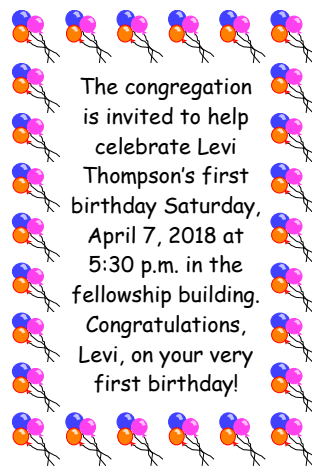
Cont'd from front: And, while it was fun to find the eggs, I didn't really want to eat a colored egg because, if it was the wrong color, what else might be wrong with it?

In 1967, when I was 7 years old and my sisters were 5 and 3, my understanding of Easter began to change. When we arose early on that Easter morning, the bunny had been there. The eggs were all over the house and the baskets were all lined up in a row. But this year, along with the eggs and the candy, there was something else in our baskets. Bibles! Mine was real, artificial leather and everything. It was black, very official looking, and it had my name on it. I was very impressed - but once again, rather confused.

That morning after the Easter egg hunt, we were on our way to church and Dad asked us if we knew what Easter was really all about. We were too young to understand things like death and sin and eternity and sacrifice, but the seeds were sown. And every Easter after that - even when the bunny stopped coming and the eggs no longer littered the house, as we drove into town to attend Easter morning worship, Dad always asked if we knew what Easter was really all about. As the years went by, we grew into the answer. And all of us, my sisters and their families and me, now know. And it's a wonderful thing to know.

For you parents, I don't know how old your children are, but if they're old enough, put a Bible in their basket this year. Start to tell them what it's really all about. It just might be the spark that starts a fire in their souls that will change the world forever. And I do mean forever. Danny Mann, www.heartlight.com

"But the fact is that Christ has been raised from the dead. He has become the first of a great harvest of those who will be raised to life again." (1 Corinthians 15:20)



The congregation is invited to help celebrate Levi Thompson's first birthday Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship building. Congratulations, Levi, on your very first birthday!



"The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come."

Song of Solomon 2:12a

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: Woody Wood had colon surgery Thursday at St. Francis, and is expected to be released today * **Max Snyder** received an iron infusion Thursday which should help with his low energy levels * **Kathy Caudle** is experiencing some issues with pain in her side * **Pansy Zimmerman** recently fell and broke a rib * **Roxanne Carson** * **Mary Burke** moved to the assisted living unit at Central Gardens Friday * **Gaye Miller** was released from NHC Healthcare Friday

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 * BJ Thomason * David Terrill

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)
Kevin Flowers (cancer)
Beckie King (ms)



Beaver Blocker (Alzheimer's)
Traci Riley (poor health)
Liz Church (cancer)
(friend of Hannah Guntert)
Annette Lumsden (cancer)
(friend of Beckie Tanner)
Ronnie Thomason (back surgery)
(Brian Thomason's uncle)
Geraldine Tomah (poor health)
(Cindy Williams' mother)

...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
Mary Burke

AT HOME
Judy & Scott Flannery
Gayle Rodgers
Pam Claeys