

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

March - David & Loretta Carson

April - LaRhonda Billingsley

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Cindy Williams * March 18- Bonnie Jones

FOOD PANTRY

MARCH ITEMS: Dried Beans/ Dry Spaghetti

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

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

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

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance 145

Contribution \$4560

Happy Birthday:

March 14 - Kim Flowers

Ted Mason

15 - Beckie Tanner

17 - Brian Thomason



Happy Anniversary:

March 11 - Jerry & Janie Burluson

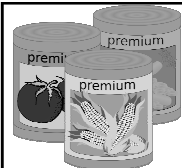
March 17 - Daniel & Sandra Moore

Bible Trivia:

The valley of Siddim was famous for what?

Last week's Answer:

The word "ball" is mentioned only one time in the Bible - In Isaiah 22:18.



A dollar doesn't buy much these days, but it can buy three cans of vegetables at Town and Country this week with a \$20 purchase. Won't you consider spending the extra dollar on canned goods to donate to our food pantry?

SERVING TODAY

March 11, 2018

Song Leader.....Joe Watson

Opening Prayer.....Wayne Reams

LORD'S TABLE

Jeff Martin.....David Burluson

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 Burluson

Scripture.....Alex Garner

Matthew 20: 32-34

Dismissal.....Zack Tanner

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

Song Leader.....Ronnie Mays

Prayer.....Darrell Zimmerman

Dismissal.....Jacob Clayton

March 18, 2018

Song Leader.....Tim Woods

Opening Prayer.....David Burluson

LORD'S TABLE

Ron Garner.....Jonathon Simmons

Rick Beard.....Jason Karnes

Johnny McGowan.....Jon Neely

Scripture.....Rodney Williams

Prayer.....Joe Watson

Announcements.....Darrin Shipman

Dismissal.....Sam Garner

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....David Carson

Prayer.....Morris Karnes

Scripture.....Jerry Burluson

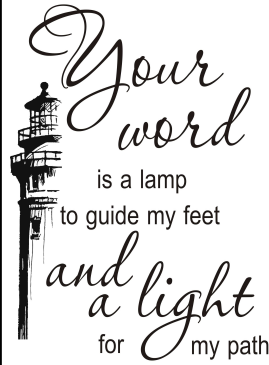
Matthew 21: 1-3

Dismissal.....Jerry McCoy

COUNT MARCH CONTRIBUTION

Rick Beard.....Mike Duley

Ronnie Mays.....Rodney Williams



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.....5:00PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00PM

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David Burluson

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David Carson

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Stan Dauck

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TRUE LIGHT

March 11, 2018

MORE DEADLY THAN CANCER

I had a small mole removed from my back. Pathology showed it to be malignant. The medical practice with a small melanoma is to return to a surgeon and have a larger area removed and studied. I had not been properly prepared for the "larger" area. Somehow I thought of it in terms of an inch or two at most, surrounding the first incision. But what is interesting is the conversation concerning the amount to be removed. It never crossed my mind to ask to have the very least amount taken out that could be done. Obviously, I was not anxious to have a large hole in my back. But neither did I want less than was necessary to remove the possibility of additional malignant cells.

Interestingly, few treat the malignancy of sin with such respect. Rather than go farther than necessary to ensure protection, our flesh wants to debate just how little we must remove and still survive. Jesus comments on this inability to carryover natural wisdom into spiritual matters when he said, "Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot discern the signs of the times?" (Matt 16:3b NASB) We will often park our souls closer to Hell's destruction than we would our car nearer to a dangerous cliff.

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The nature of the immature has always been to see how close to danger one can get without suffering disaster; but when we see those who would claim maturity doing the same, we tend to doubt their claims. God would advise to "shun the very appearance of evil" (1 Thes 5:2), but man argues, "Is it really very evil or just slightly away from good?"

Paul wrote to the young man Timothy and urged him: "Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart" (2 Timothy 2:22).

There is no "How close can you get?" statement. Timothy is encouraged to "flee." That is, in common terms, to run as far as he could from sin's presence.

If we could ever convince humankind - if we could convince ourselves - that sin is more dangerous than cancer, then we would have made great strides in the battle against it. I have faced cancer several times in my life. I always wanted it removed "Right NOW!" But, it is deadly easy to let sin co-exist with our faith while feeling little urgency. The significant word here is "deadly" - as in terminal! How will we ever elevate our fear of the proximity of sin to the level of the fear of the proximity of cancer?

Jesus well knew man's misplaced emphasis when he said the following: "And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28)

Sin is a form of spiritual malignancy that is potentially more deadly than any cancer!

--Bill Sherrill, www.heartlight.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY through Wednesday: Our Gospel Meeting with Adam Faughn. Make plans now to attend every night and bring a friend.

March 13: Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Panda Express in Poplar Bluff. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Fried chicken and the fixins. Desserts will be needed.

March 15: Nursing Home Crafts at 2 p.m. at Malden Nursing and Rehab. Note the date has been changed for this month due to conflicting activities.

March 16: Gospel Singing from 7-10 pm at Central church of Christ in Paducah. There is flyer on the bulletin board by the nursery with more information

March 18-21: Gospel Meeting at Gideon with Brent Newton 7 p.m. nightly

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

Looking Ahead

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

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

Bootheel Youth Camp session 3 July 8-13

The Oyster

There once was an oyster whose story I tell,
Who found that sand had got under his shell;
Just one little grain, but it gave him much pain,
For oysters have feelings although they're so plain.
Now did he berate the working of fate,
Which had led him to such a deplorable state?
Did he spend endless hours in self-pitying reflection;
Did he curse out the government, call for an election?
No, as he lay on the shelf, he said to himself,
"If I cannot remove it, I'll try to improve it."
So the years rolled by as the years always do,
And he came to his ultimate destiny - stew.
And the small grain of sand which had bothered him so
Was a beautiful pearl, all richly aglow.
Now this tale has a moral - for isn't it grand
What an oyster can do with a morsel of sand?
What couldn't we do if we'd only begin,
With all of the things that get under our skin?

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." I Cor. 12:9

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: Alyson Mickey suffered several seizures Wednesday. She was discharged from St. Francis Thursday afternoon * **Gaye Miller** will have knee replacement surgery Friday at Twin Rivers in Kennett * **Mary Burke** recently fell and injured her face * **Cindy Williams** recently injured her back * **James (Woody) Wood** recently spent a few days in the hospital for unexplained blood loss. He will see a doctor March 19 * **Ashley Williams** has been having thyroid trouble * **Zachary Tanner** has pneumonia in one lung but is improving * **Geraldine Tomah** (Cindy Williams' mom) is sick * **Gayle Rodgers** was recently hospitalized but is home now * **Jack McGowan** met with doctors Thursday and will begin a pain management program for his back pain.

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 * Beverly Karnes * Trish Baldwin * Louella Akers * Kathy Caudle * Max Snyder

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Marty Watson (cancer)
Diann Wilder (cancer)
(Joy Greer's sister)
Roxanne Carson (cancer)
Jackie Manches (cancer)
(Cathy Provan'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)
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