**\*\*\*PREPARE COMMUNION\*\*\*** March - David & Loretta Carson April - LaRhonda Billingsley NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Cindy Burleson \* March 11- Cindy Williams

### 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**

Cold cereal \* rubber gloves \* all fabric bleach \* aluminum foil \* non-aerosol bathroom cleaner \* bottled apple juice PICK-UP DATE IS TOMORROW!

> **OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK** Attendance 116 Contribution \$3865

# Happy Birthday:

March 7 - Caden Shipman 8 - Joy Greer



# Happy Anniversary:

March 11 - Jerry & Janie Burleson

**Bible Trivia:** 

The word "ball" is mentioned only one time in the Bible. In what book do you find this word?

## Last week's Answer:

Jerusalem was also known as Jebus (Judges 19:10) and Salem (Psalm 76:2)

SERVING TODAY	
<u>March 4, 2018</u>	
Song Leader	Wes Howard
Opening Prayer	Jeff Martin
LORD'S TABLE	
Zack Tanner	Darrin Shipman
Sam Garner	
Mike Duley	
Scripture	
Prayer	Tim Woods
Announcements	Ion Neelv
DismissalD	arrell Zimmerman
Sunday Ev	
Song Leader	
Prayer	
ScriptureJacob Clayton Matthew 20: 29-31	
Dismissal	
DISMISSAI *******************************	Morris Karnes
Wednesday, March 7, 2018 Song LeaderJacob Clayton	
Prayer	
Dismissal	Darrin Shipman
March 11, 2018 Song LeaderJoe Watson	
Song Leader	Joe Watson
Opening Prayer	
LORD'S TABLE	
Jeff Martin	
Tim Flowers	
Ted Mason	
Scripture	Sam Garner
Prayer	Rodney Williams
Announcements	David Carson
Dismissal	Justin Allen
<u>Sunday Evening</u>	
Song Leader	Ronnie Mays
Prayer	
Scripture	Alex Garner
Matthew 20	
Dismissal	
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COUNT MARCH CONTRIBUTION	
Rick Beaird	

Ronnie Mays.....Rodney Williams



# **TRUE LIGHT**

March 4. 2018

## WHAT IS GOD TELLING ME?

What is God telling me with the problems He permits in my life? The problems we face will either defeat us or develop us, depending on how we respond to them. Unfortunately, most people fail to see how God wants to use problems for good in their lives. They react foolishly and resent their problems rather than pausing to consider what benefit they might bring.

Here are five ways God wants to use the problems in our lives:

- God uses problems to DIRECT us. Sometimes God must light a fire under us to get us moving. Problems often point us in a new direction and motivate us to change our ways (Proverbs 20:30).
- God uses problems to INSPECT God uses our problems to: us. People are like tea bags. If you want to know what's inside them, just drop them into hot water! Has God ever tested your faith with a problem? What do problems reveal about you? "My brethren, count it all joy when ve fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (James 1:2-3).
  - DIRECT us **INSPECT** us CORRECT us **PROTECT us** PERFECT us
- God uses problems to CORRECT us. Some lessons we learn only through pain and failure. It's likely that as a child our parents told us not to touch a hot stove, but we probably learned by being burned. Sometimes we only learn the value of something like health, money, or a relationship by losing it. "My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes. My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness." (Psalm 119: 71-72)
- God uses problems to PROTECT us. A problem can be a blessing in disguise if it prevents you from being harmed by something more serious. Last year a friend was fired for refusing to do something unethical that his boss had asked him to do. His unemployment was a problem, but it saved him from being convicted and sent to prison a year later when management's actions were eventually discovered. ... "ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good..." (Genesis 50:20) **Cont'd on inside**.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**TODAY: Spring teaching quarter begins.** Materials are in the library. **TODAY: 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. **March 9: BBQ dinner and entertainment** at "The Bash" at Crowley's Ridge College, beginning at 6

p.m. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

March 11: Singing at Ridgeview Living has been cancelled

March 11-14: Our Gospel Meeting with Adam Faughn. There are flyers on the table in the foyer. Make plans now to attend and bring a friend.

# Looking Ahead

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

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

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

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

### Cont'd from front:

# God uses problems to PERFECT us. Problems, when responded to correctly, are character builders. God is far more interested in your character than your comfort. Your relationship to God and your character are the only two things you're going to take with you into eternity. "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope." (Romans 5: 3-4)

Here's the point: God is at work in our lives, even when you do not recognize it or understand it. However, it is much easier and profitable when you cooperate with Him. *(reprinted from Heart to Heart, House to House)* 

## The Garden of Daily Living

For the garden of your daily living, plant three rows of peas: Peas of mind, Peas of heart, Peas of soul

Next, plant four rows of squash: Squash gossip, Squash indifference, Squash grumbling, Squash selfishness

Then, plant four rows of lettuce: Lettuce be faithful, Lettuce be kind, Lettuce be patient, Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips: Turnip for meetings, Turnip for service, Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden, we must have thyme: Thyme for God, Thyme for family, Thyme for friends.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love. If you do, there will be much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow. *-author unknown* 



## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

**Remember:** Billie Cooper had prostate surgery Thursday in Sikeston \* Karen McGowan had carpal tunnel surgery Friday at Cape \* Beverly Karnes is home following knee replacement surgery and is doing well \* Scott Flannery's final stent surgery was scheduled for Friday \* 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 March 16 \* Sharon Durham is being treated for precancer on her face and is in a lot of pain \* Louella Akers continues to improve \* Kathy Caudle is slowly improving \* 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 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) 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 - H

Gideon Care Center -Winchester Place -Central Garden - Bertha Skidgell #201 Isaac Wheeler Shirley Johnson Max Terrill #207 Sue Flowers #102 Travis Cooper #7 Lois McKuin #117

AT HOME Judy & Scott Flannery Gayle Rodgers Pam Claeys