

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

May - Joy Greer
June - STILL NEEDED

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Cindy Williams * May 13 - Bonnie Jones

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Dishwashing detergent * deodorant (non-aerosol) * instant rice * HE (High Efficiency) laundry detergent * muffin mixes * pickles (pick-up date June 4)

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance 129
Contribution \$5587

FOOD PANTRY

MAY ITEMS: PEANUT BUTTER

OTHER NEEDS: Vienna Sausages * canned soup

Happy Birthday:

May 6 - Ken Durham
Bonnie Howard
May 11 - Ryan Young
May 13 - BJ Thomason



Happy Anniversary:

May 6 - Jeff & Karen McGowan

Bible Trivia:

What was the name of the king who put Jeremiah into a dungeon in which he sank in the mire?

Last week's Answer:

Mene - God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it; Tekel - Thou are weighed in the balances, and art found wanting; U-pharsin - Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians - Daniel 5: 25-28

SERVING TODAY

May 6, 2018

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
Opening Prayer.....Jonathon Simmons

LORD'S TABLE

Jeff Martin.....Joe Watson
Jeff McGowan.....Tim Flowers
Mike Duley.....Jason Karnes
Scripture.....Zachary Tanner
Prayer.....Jon Neely
Announcements.....Ron Garner
Dismissal.....Zack Tanner

Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
Matthew 21: 23-27

Dismissal.....David Carson

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Song Leader.....Jacob Clayton
Prayer.....Kason Lawrence
Dismissal.....Justin Allen

May 13, 2018

Song Leader.....Tim Woods
Opening Prayer.....Darrin Shipman

LORD'S TABLE

David Carson.....Wayne Reams
Zachary Tanner.....Ben Martin
Ronnie Mays.....Rodney Williams
Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
Prayer.....Sam Garner
Announcements.....David Burleson
Dismissal.....Morris Karnes

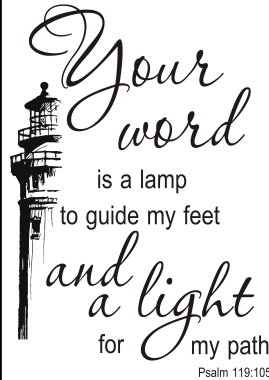
Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Joe Watson
Prayer.....Kason Lawrence
Scripture.....Jacob Clayton
1 Corinthians 13:11

Dismissal.....Jonathon Simmons

COUNT MAY CONTRIBUTION

Rodney Williams.....Wayne Reams
Justin Allen.....David Carson



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

May 6, 2018

The Good Life: Following the Way of Jesus

Jesus taught his followers that their goal was to be like their teacher (Luke 6:40): he called them to live a Jesus-styled life. The apostle Paul held up this Jesus-styled life as the only way for them to live (Phil 2:5-11). In fact, he encouraged those he taught to follow his example of living as he followed the Jesus way (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil 3:17, 4:9).

But, how do we know how to live that life? We have two clear ways as believers to follow the Jesus way of life.

First, we focus on WHAT Jesus taught. Some people call this red-letter living after the printed Bibles that show Jesus' teaching in red ink. People who live this way look at what Jesus taught when he was here on earth, then do what he said.

As culture has changed, many who call themselves Christians have forgotten to listen and obey Jesus.

This Jesus-styled living, this obedient lifestyle, is wise living (Matt 7:24-25). Jesus called it the blessed life as he began his famous teachings found in what we call the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5: 1-16). This lifestyle, this way of Jesus, swept through the Roman Empire because his followers actually lived the life Jesus called them to live. They lived the love, compassion, character, and sacrifice that Jesus demonstrated.

Second, we can learn to live the Jesus-styled life by noticing HOW Jesus treated people. The way Jesus treated people becomes a spiritual hearing aide to help us understand and more clearly hear what Jesus taught. I encourage you to read Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and begin a notebook of reflections that notes how Jesus treated people in his interactions with them.

Today, many mourn the way followers of Jesus are portrayed in the media, caricatured by critics as close-minded bigots, and the political trolls of hate. Some of this can be attributed to our own failings. As culture has changed, many who call themselves Christians have forgotten to listen and obey Jesus. We've quit living the Jesus way, the blessed life, and we've begun to live the political life, the defensive life.

When we go back and watch the Lord as he dealt with people, we can't help but notice the difference between Jesus and the church that is supposed to be his bodily presence in the world. The people who flocked to Jesus don't want to have anything to do with the people of his church today. Why? What are we doing differently from what Jesus did? Why are the lost, the last and the least not drawn to the message of Christ that we preach today when they were drawn to him when he was here?

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls. Desserts will be needed.

May 8: Ladies' Lunch Out at 11:30 at Airways Café in Dexter. A sign up sheet is on the table in the foyer.

May 12: Widow/ers Luncheon at noon at the home of Johnny and Betty McGowan. Hostesses are Betty and Karen McGowan. Please see Betty or Karen if you will need a ride.

May 13: Senior Night following evening worship. Bring sandwiches and finger foods. This year's graduates are Meg Simmons from Dexter High School and BJ Thomason from Gideon High School.

Looking Ahead

Grandparenting for Eternity workshop May 19 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Harding University Regions Room. Cost is \$60 per person. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

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

Show Me State Bible Lectures May 27-June 3 at Branson church of Christ. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery, and there are a few extra flyers available on the table in the foyer

Summer Speaker Series begins June 6. Our first speaker will be Adam Noles from the Green Forest church of Christ. A list of this year's speakers will be available soon

Singing at Ridgeview Living in Malden June 10 at 2 p.m. Come help us make a joyful noise

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

☐ *Bootheel Youth Camp* session 3 July 8-13

Vacation Bible School July 22-26. Our theme this year is "Excavate: Discovering the Treasures of Jesus." Make plans to attend and help out if you can

Cont'd from front: James' observations about the work of the church in those first three centuries after Jesus are a reminder to us of the difference. They tried to practice the Jesus way of life. They advocated for the vulnerable - the poor, the foreigner, the child not accepted into the family (whether newborn or unborn), the widow, and the orphan. They cared for the sick, the imprisoned, and the needy. They welcomed people of all races and status as equal citizens of Jesus' kingdom.

This lifestyle, this way of Jesus, was what he taught in the beatitudes and explained in the Sermon on the Mount. It is what Jesus lived when he was here. It is what he calls the blessed life. It is the way of life that makes us his family. Let's make sure this way is also our way! Our world needs the modern day church to move from reformation to restoration, from church hierarchy to a people on our knees in service. We don't need to tweak how we do church; we need the new wine of a Jesus-styled transformation. The world needs us, those who claim to follow Jesus, to restore the presence of Jesus to the world through the way we live. --Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: **Billie Cooper** will have an MRI tomorrow* **Max Snyder** will see his cancer doctor tomorrow * **Woody Wood** beginning a treatment regimen for cancer tomorrow * **Gloria Moore** recovering from hernia surgery * **Helen McGowan** (kidney issues) * **Elwood Rush** will have five skin cancers removed from his face May 14 * **Louella Akers** hasn't been feeling well since starting chemo * **Janie Burleson** has had a virus * **Trish Baldwin** * **Pat Ingalls** (abcessed tooth)

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 * Bettie Thurston * Billie Cooper * Jeff McGowan * Jerry Burleson * David Terrill * Gayle Rodgers * Karsyn 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)

Doris Williams (poor health)

(Lana Shipman's mother)

Beaver Blocker (Alzheimer's)

Traci Riley (poor health)

Annette Lumsden (cancer)

(friend of Beckie Tanner)

Geraldine Tomah (poor health)

(Cindy Williams' mother)

Betty Nicholson (cancer)

(Larry Summers' aunt)

Randy Penick (seriously ill)

(Zack Tanner's cousin)

Joyce Reaves (hip replacement)



In Sympathy: Our sympathy is extended to the family of Kathryn Howard who passed away April 29. Her funeral was held Tuesday in Malden. Kathryn was the mother of Marty Howard.

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 #303

AT HOME

Judy & Scott Flannery

Gayle Rodgers

Pam Claeys