PREPARE COMMUNION

August - Sonny and Pat Ingle September - Sam and Nicole Garner

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Millie Dauck* August 19 - Cindy Burleson

CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS

Bottled fruit juice * HE (High Efficiency) Laundry Detergent * Dill Pickles * Thirst Quenchers (such as Gatorade) * Clorox Wand Refills * Light Bulbs (pick-up date is August 27)

OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK

Attendance 135 Contribution \$4226

FOOD PANTRY

AUGUST ITEMS: CANNED VEGETABLES, CAKE MIX Specifically need canned tomatoes, peas and mixed veggies

Happy Birthday:

August 12 - Ida Roberts Jessica Young

August 13 - Rita Clayton Karen Forkum

August 15 - Hannah Dauck Sonja Mays Reba Owens

August 19 - DeeDee Burch

Happy Anniversary

August 12 - Larry and Kendra Summers August 14 - Marty and Phyllis Howard

Bible Trivia:

On the priestly garments, a certain type of fruit was used as a design. What kind of fruit was it?

Last Week's Answer:

When Aaron's rod blossomed, it yielded Almonds (Numbers 17:8)

SERVING TODAY August 12, 2018

Song Leader.....Ronnie Mays **Opening Prayer**.....David Burleson

LORD'S TABLE

Jeff Martin	Jon Neely
Rick Beaird	Jeff McGowan
Sam Garner	
Scripture	Ben Martin
Prayer	Zack Tanner
Announcements	Wayne Reams
Dismissal	Jerry Burleson
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Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Tim Woods
Prayer	Justin Allen
Scripture	Jacob Clayton
Matthew	22: 15-17

Dismissal......Jerry McCoy

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

Song Leader	Wayne Ream
Prayer	
Dismissal	
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August 19, 2018

Song Leader	Joe Watson
Opening Prayer	Jeff Martin

LORD'S TABLE

Darrin Shipman	David Burleson
Justin Allen	Marty Howard
Jason Karnes	Johnny McGowan
Scripture	Jerry Burleson
Prayer	Rodney Williams
Announcements	Ron Garner
Dismissal	Wayne Reams

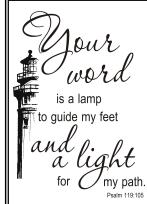
Sunday Evening

Song Leader	David Carson
Prayer	Zack Tanner
Scripture	Jacob Clayton
Matthew	22: 18-22

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COUNT AUGUST CONTRIBUTION

Justin Allen	David Howard
Mike Duley	Wayne Reams



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

August 12, 2018

OUT OF CHAOS

"Chaos! That's what my life was before I came to the home. It was chaos." His first words were emphatic and full of emotion. He continued, "So at first, I hate the rules and structure of the home. But, deep inside I knew I needed them."

This was the "aha" moment for him."But, I wasn't sure why until I heard Teresa (the house mom) praying for me. I could feel and sense the love she had for me in her prayer and I realized that those rules and that structure were there because of love."

These words were shared by a young man who had gone from having a criminal record and involved in the drug scene to now being accepted into college, holding down a part time job, and involved in a life of service for Jesus. We were on a bus coming back from an orphanage in Peru where he had lovingly served children all week. He was sharing his testimony with an older man on the bus. His words showed a great deal of insight for someone so young. He "got" what most today can't understand.

"I've just got to find myself." "That may be your truth, but I'm not quite sure if that is right for me." "You can say that. Everyone has to figure out what's best for them by looking inside themselves and determining what's best for them."

Bottom line, when we choose our own way and ignore what is given us by the grace and goodness of God, we invite chaos back into our lives.

These words are more characteristic of our age than the insight of the young man on the bus. They've been said so frequently that they've become accepted as absolute truth in a time that doesn't believe in absolute truth. They are values that largely go unchal-

lenged today, even among folks claiming allegiance to Jesus. The assumption underneath them is that we can best find what we most need to guide our lives by looking inside ourselves and figuring it out for ourselves.

Yet while this kind of thinking can be championed on A&E and similar media channels, the original A&E - Adam and Eve - reminds us that this approach to life leads us back to the kind of chaos the young man on the bus had learned to escape. This is also the chaos that God replaced with beauty and wonder when he created the universe (Genesis 1:2). What had been nothing but formless, empty and darkness became "very good" (Genesis 1:31) and filled with relationship that was open and unashamed (Genesis 2:25).

Yet when A&E chose their own way over God's way, chaos returns with a vengeance:

*They hide from God (Gen 3:8-10) * They blame each other and God's creatures ((Gen 3:12-13) * The world becomes a place cursed and now subject to death (Gen 3:14-24) * Jealousy and murder replace the relationship that humans once shared with each other and God (Gen 4:1-10) * Things become so corrupt, that God is deeply grieved by his rebellious human children that he wipes nearly all of them out and starts over with a few good people (Gen 6:5-8) * Yet even the best of the best sink back into rebellion (Gen 9:20-25) and arrogant disregard for the exalted place of God (Gen 11:1-9) * Continued on inside

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY - Singing at Ridgeview Living in Malden at 2 p.m.

TODAY - Back to School Bash at Valley View Church of Christ in Jonesboro., beginning at 5 p.m.

David Shannon is the guest speaker. Please see Stan or Millie if you'd like to attend

August 14 - Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 a.m. at Elderland Restaurant in Bloomfield

August 15 - Chase Almond will be our Summer Series Speaker

August 20 - Mary and Martha at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amy Thomason. Bring a #2 pencil

Looking Ahead

BYC 50th Anniversary Celebration August 25th at 10 a.m. at Bootheel Youth Camp

Children's Home Grocery Pick-Up August 27. Let's get the cart filled up and overflowing!

BYC First Annual Area Wide Retreat Sept 7-9. The theme is "filled with Christ." Early deadline to register and get a t shirt is TOMORROW, August 13

Children's Home Homecoming/Fish Fry September 22

Bridal Shower for Hannah Dauck and Riley Compton Sept. 29. More information to follow

Annual Lectureship at Harding University September 30-Oct 3. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery.

Ladies Retreat at Bootheel Youth Camp Oct. 5 and 6

Bridal shower for Ashley Williams and Cole Johnson Oct. 27. Ashley is registered at Wal-Mart. More information to follow

Our food pantry is getting desperately low on food items and equally short on cash. If you can help with either of these efforts, please see LaRhonda or

Amy. Thank You!



Continued from front. Bottom line, when we choose our own way and ignore what is given us by the grace and goodness of God, we invite chaos back into our lives. You've seen it. I've seen it, and God's heart breaks because of it.

Yet, we can make the same discovery the young man on the bus made: God gave us structure, boundaries, and moral truth because He loves - not to deprive us, but give us life. He wants us to experience as much beauty, goodness and love as we possibly can in a fallen and broken world.

So in those moments when we don't understand why God would ask us to do something to please Him or abstain from something that displeases Him, let's remember why He asks it of us. It's because He loves us and wants us to avoid the pain, disaster, and chaos that accompanies our own self-willed choices. God wants us to experience life, goodness, love and delight. He wants us to avoid pain, corruption and death. And to prove it, God stretched out His arms and said, "I love you this much!" Phil Ware, www.heartlight.com

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16 NIV)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Remember: * Louella Akers' last chemo treatment was Wednesday and she got to "ring the bell"! Continue to remember her and James Wood as he is still taking treatments

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 * Max Snyder * Mary Burke * David Burleson * Darrell Zimmerman

CONTINUING PRAYERS

Marty Watson (cancer)

Diann Wilder (cancer)

(Joy Greer's sister)

Roxanne Carson (cancer)

Phil McKuin (cancer)

Kevin Flowers (cancer)

Beckie King (ms)

Deanna Rogers (cancer)

Tommy Jacques (colon cancer)

Tom Provance

(Cathy Provance's dad)

Gene Karnes

(Morris Karnes' brother)

Ruth Dauck (back)

(Stan's mom)



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)

Hannah Guntert (high risk pregnancy)

(Brian & Amy's daughter)

Ryder Boles (cancer)

(student of Lara Simmons)

Blanche Horseman

(Millie's mom)

Connie Lemmons (liver cancer)

(neighbor of Shelly Jacques)

...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 Sue Flowers #102

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