

**\*\*\*PREPARE COMMUNION\*\*\***

September - Sam and Nicole Garner  
October - Joe and Sharlette Watson

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

**TODAY** - Loretta Carson \* September 23- Pat Cooper

**CHILDREN'S HOME NEEDS**

Toilet paper \* Toothpaste \* Dishwashing detergent \* Disinfectant cleaner (non-aerosol) \* Cereal \* Marshmallows (pick-up date is December 10)

**OUR RECORD FOR LAST WEEK**

Attendance 125  
Contribution \$3285

**FOOD PANTRY**

**SEPT ITEMS: DRIED GREAT NORTHERN BEANS (on sale through Tuesday for \$.69 at Town & Country)**  
*Cake mix, saltine crackers, jelly in plastic containers, canned chili*

**Happy Birthday:**

September 17 - Charlie Thompson  
September 19 - Pat Cooper  
Rodney Williams  
September 20 - Katie Mayberry  
September 21 - Christine Young



**Happy Anniversary:**

September 20 - Steve and Bonnie Jones  
September 23 - Curtis and Vickie McClard

**Bible Trivia:**

Who were the people called the Zamzummims?

**Last Week's Answer:**

In 2 Samuel 6: 6,7 - Uzzah put his hand on the Ark to keep it from falling, and died as a result of touching it.

*It's coming! We are in the process of preparing for a new congregational directory, using an online program that will allow members to download the directories into their smart phones. Paper directories will also be available - more information to follow.*

**SERVING TODAY**

**September 16, 2018**

**Song Leader**.....Joe Watson  
**Opening Prayer**.....Morris Karnes

**LORD'S TABLE**

Ron Garner.....Justin Allen  
Jacob Clayton.....Mike Duley  
Tim Flowers.....Marty Howard  
**Scripture**.....Jerry Burleson  
**Prayer**.....Wayne Reams  
**Announcements**.....Jon Neely  
**Dismissal**.....Jonathon Simmons

**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader**.....David Carson  
**Prayer**.....Ronnie Mays  
**Scripture**.....Darrin Shipman  
Matthew 22: 38-40

**Dismissal**.....Sam Garner  
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**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

**Song Leader**.....Morris Karnes  
**Prayer**.....Justin Allen  
**Dismissal**.....Jerry Burleson  
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**September 23, 2018**

**Song Leader**.....Ronnie Mays  
**Opening Prayer**.....Tim Woods

**LORD'S TABLE**

David Carson.....Jerry Burleson  
Zack Tanner.....David Howard  
Johnny McGowan.....Bud McKuin  
**Scripture**.....Ben Martin  
**Prayer**.....Jon Neely  
**Announcements**.....Darrin Shipman  
**Dismissal**.....Rodney Williams

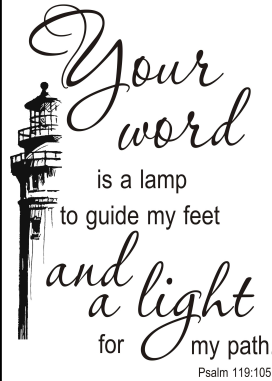
**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader**.....Tim Woods  
**Prayer**.....Jacob Clayton  
**Scripture**.....Justin Allen  
Matthew 22: 41 - 42

**Dismissal**.....Elwood Rush  
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**COUNT SEPT CONTRIBUTION**

Rodney Williams.....Jon Neely  
Tim Flowers.....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

September 16, 2018

## The Leftovers

At the risk of appearing snobbish or ungrateful, I've got a confession to make: I don't like leftovers, i.e. cold food that is in need of being reheated. I always have the best intentions to pull last night's meal out of the refrigerator, throw it in the microwave, nuke it, and consume it, but I fail to do so time and time again. Now, don't get me wrong. I've eaten my fair share of leftovers, but I can't honestly say that I enjoy eating them. The food never seems to taste or look the same. It lacks something.

With respect to your Christian walk, do you realize God is not interested in your leftovers? In fact, Jesus says that we are to "seek FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33, emphasis added). Among other things, this means that God should come first in every aspect of our lives. Indeed, we should NOT give God our leftover love (Matt. 22: 37-38), time (Eph. 5:18), thoughts (Phil. 4:8), service (Gal. 5: 13-14), or money (Prov. 3:9; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8-9). In the mind of God, such leftovers lack something.

***Do you realize God is not interested in your leftovers?***

Being content with giving God the leftovers reveals something about the person who has this attitude. John said, "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:9). God loved us all so much in the midst of our sin that He took the initiative by sending His Son into the world to die in our place (John 3:16; Romans 5:8). God gave us His very best; in return, He expects the same. Indeed, contentment in giving God the leftovers exposes an ungrateful, selfish attitude.

Leftovers are fine when it comes to nourishing our physical bodies. At times, leftovers are unavoidable, even necessary. However, with respect to God and our spirituality, a life of leftovers is unacceptable, especially when we take into account the example of His Son (cf. Phil. 2: 5-11).

Jacob Evans, Lawrenceburg, TN, via www.bulletindigest.com

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**September 17: Mary and Martha** meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship room. Sonja Mays is the hostess  
**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal:** Taco Salad. Desserts will be needed  
**September 20:** Ladies Day Trip to Yule Log Cabin in Scott City. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend  
**September 22:** Ladies Day at Central Church of Christ. The theme is "Get Connected." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

**Looking Ahead**

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*Children's Home Homecoming/Fish Fry September 29. Let's get those change cans filled up!*

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*Congregational Bridal Shower for Hannah Dauck and Riley Compton Sept. 29 from 2-4. They are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Corner Cottage in Dexter*

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*Fifth Sunday early service September 30. We will have a potluck meal following morning worship, followed by a 1 p.m. evening worship*

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

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*Gospel Meeting at Campbell Sept. 30-Oct. 3 with guest speaker Don Bahr. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery*

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*Ladies Retreat at Bootheel Youth Camp Oct. 5 and 6, hosted by the Dexter congregation.. The theme is, "There's no place like home." There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer with more information*

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*Bridal shower for Ashley Williams and Cole Johnson Oct. 27. Ashley is registered at Wal-Mart*

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*Gospel Meeting at Bernie with Keith Parker October 28-31. Make plans now to attend*

**In Sympathy**

*Sympathy is extended to Millie Dauck and family in the death of her mother, Blanche Horseman. Blanche passed away September 7 and was laid to rest September 11 in Pocahontas, AR*

*Sympathy is extended to David Carson and family in the death of his uncle, Bill Owens, who passed away September 7. His funeral was held September 11.*



*The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever. Isaiah 40:8*

**Don't Water the Weeds**

What would you think of one who constantly watered weeds and helped them to grow every way he could, but allowed the flowers to die? Weird! Strange! However, that is exactly what a lot of us do every day. When we continually point out the faults of our loved ones but never compliment them when they do well, we are watering weeds and letting flowers die. A certain amount of constructive criticism is necessary, but a constant diet of it becomes destructive.

Remember how mad it made you when someone criticized you? It generally did not make you want to improve, did it? However, when someone complimented you, it was encouraging and made you want to do even better, didn't it?

Your friends and loved ones feel the same way. Don't be hypercritical of them, but make it a habit to look for the good things they do and compliment them for those things. Water the flowers and watch them grow!

*Lifting up in Prayer...*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Joy Watson remains in Southeast Hospital. The family has asked for no visitors at this time \* Louella Akers is cancer free! \* Gayle Rodgers was released from Barnes Thursday and is doing well \* Sonny Allen has not been well \* Brad Carson, waiting on biopsy results \* John Neely, recovering from a tick bite \* James Wood as he continues his treatments for cancer \*

**CONTINUING PRAYERS (congregational)**

Louella Akers \* John David Barnett \* Mary Burke \* David Burleson \* Jerry Burleson \* Pam Claeys \* Billie Cooper \* Scott and Judy Flannery \* Sue Flowers \* Grant Howard \* Phyllis Howard \* Jeff Martin \* Sonja Mays \* Jeff McGowan \* Ida Roberts \* Gayle Rodgers \* Elwood Rush \* Max Snyder \* David Terrill \* Max Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Cindy Williams \* Darrell Zimmerman \* Pansy Zimmerman \*

*...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*



**CONTINUING PRAYERS (non congregational) Cancer**

Ryder Boles  
Roxanne Carson  
Debbie Chrisman  
Bill Fitzpatrick  
Kevin Flowers  
Tommy Jacques  
Connie Lemmons  
Annette Lumsden  
Phil McKuin  
Betty Nicholson  
Jessica Payne  
Donnie Rawlings  
Deanna Rogers  
Marty Watson  
Diane Wilder

**Other Health Issues**

Beaver Blocker (Alzheimer's)  
Lauren Coffey (pregnancy)  
Ruth Dauck (recent injury)  
Roy Greer (COPD)  
Hannah Guntert (high risk pregnancy)  
Clyde Jacques  
Gene Karnes  
Beckie King (MS)  
Lila Rose (premature infant)  
Alvin Miller (poor health)  
Tom Provance  
Traci Riley (poor health)  
Geraldine Tomah (poor health)

**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