

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

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Pat Cooper * September 30 - Marietta Reams

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 152
Contribution \$4889

FOOD PANTRY

SEPT ITEMS: DRIED GREAT NORTHERN BEANS
Cake mix, saltine crackers, jelly in plastic containers, canned chili

Happy Birthday:

September 26 - Jacob Clayton
September 27 - Pam Collier
September 28 - Sue Flowers
Wyatt Adams

Happy Anniversary:

September 23 - Curtis and Vickie McClard

Bible Trivia:

Who was the first archer mentioned in the Bible?

Last Week's Answer:

The Zamzummims were a race of giants (Deut. 2:20)

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 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

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Song Leader.....Ronnie Mays
Prayer.....Joe Watson
Dismissal.....Jacob Clayton

September 30, 2018

Song Leader.....Wes Howard
Opening Prayer.....Ron Garner

LORD'S TABLE

Joe Watson.....David Burleson
Morris Karnes.....Jason Karnes
Sam Garner.....Alex Garner
Scripture.....Jerry Burleson
Prayer.....Tim Woods
Announcements.....David Carson
Dismissal.....Jonathon Simmons

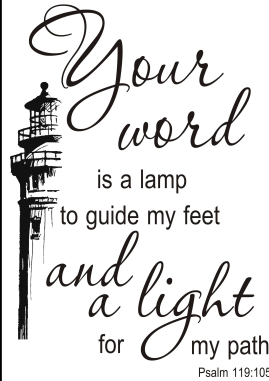
Sunday Evening

Song Leader.....Wayne Reams
Prayer.....Darrin Shipman
Scripture.....Jerry McCoy
Matthew 22: 43-46

Dismissal.....Rodney Williams

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 23, 2018

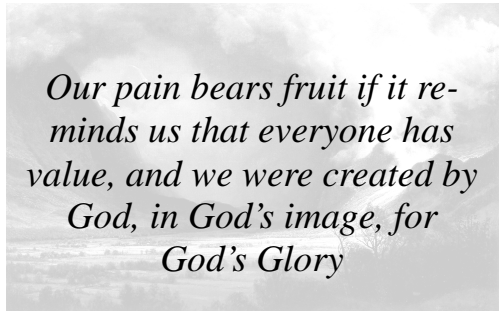
WHEN STORMS COME

We saw the storm coming. While it was still days away, the predictions chilled our spines and jolted our complacency. "It's a monster!" "Disaster is not only at our doorstep, it's coming in!"

Now it arrives and will it be as vast and terrible as advertised? It promises to pounce, then sit and sit upon vast swaths of our coastland - drenching, driving, and destroying much of what we love.

Many on the East Coast are fleeing from the flooding. And as images of destruction begin to roll across our screens, we are all tempted to worry, wonder and fret. What can be done? Where is God in the midst of all this disaster? Where is He in the midst of the storm that threatens your own life?

May I remind us of one strong anchor that is hooked to at least four unbreakable lifelines? You see, God is a God of promises. From the first chapter of the Bible, Scripture makes a case for the dependability of God. Nine times the text reiterates "God said." And without exception when God spoke, something happened. By divine fiat, there were light, land, beaches and creatures. We are left with one conclusion: God's word is sure, and His promises can be trusted. What He says happens.



After 40 years in ministry, I've seen a lot of storms. And I've learned that in turbulent times like this, there is nothing more secure than the anchor of God's promises. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19)

Could you use some hope in the aftermath of this storm, and in other choppy seas you may be facing? Perhaps the wind of change and challenge is blowing in your faith, your family, or finances. Anchor deep into the unshakable promises of God. And hold tight to these four lifelines - they can withstand the waves of worry and difficulty in your life.

Hang tight; God gets you!

He's been there. He's been here - and He understands your pain. The stunning idea is simply this: God, for a time, became one of us. Does this promise matter? If you ever wonder if God listens, He does. If you ever wonder if the Uncreated Creator can, in a million years, comprehend the challenges you are facing, then ponder long and hard the promise that Jesus "understands our weaknesses" (Hebrews 4:15 NLT).

Overcome Despair with Prayer

When life overwhelms, pray to the one who is in charge, and know that He is praying for you. Will God do what you ask? Perhaps.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday Fellowship Meal - Hot dogs, soups and chili. Desserts will be needed.

September 26: Last day to register for Ladies Retreat at Camp

September 29 - Congregational Bridal Shower for Hannah Dauck and Riley Compton at NOON (time has changed). A meal will be served. Hannah and Riley are registered at Target, Bed, Bath and Beyond, and the Corner Cottage in Dexter

September 29 - Children's Homes Fish Fry. Don't forget to bring your cans in for delivery

Looking Ahead

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

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

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

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

Ladies Lunch Out Oct 9 at 11:20 at Lemonade House Grill in Dexter

Singing at Ridgeview Living in Malden Oct 14 at 2 p.m.

Mary and Martha meeting Oct 15 at 6:30 in the fellowship room. We will begin work on our service project. Please bring finger foods and something to drink

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

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

Cont'd from front: Or perhaps He will do more than you imagine. Stand firmly on the promise that "the prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with" (James 5:16 Message). And ponder this truth: Jesus, right now, at this moment, in the midst of whatever trouble you are facing, is speaking on your behalf. He is calling out to the Heavenly Father. He is advocating for a special blessing to be sent your way. You do not fight the wind and waves alone. Every day He speaks up for you as "He always lives to intercede for (us)" (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:24).

Pull together when life comes apart

In times of extreme challenge, we can divide or we can unite. One of the beautiful things that can emerge from times of trouble is extravagant compassion and care for our neighbors - crossing lines and building bridges. Our pain bears fruit if it reminds us that everyone has value, and we were created by God, in God's image, for God's glory (Genesis 1:26).

Evil exists, but it does not win!

Yes, we'd rather have a storm-free life, but we can count on the devil stirring up trouble and fear. Take heart; God has overcome! Satan's days are numbered. So in those moments when all that is good appears to lose, you do not need to worry. Remind the evil one, "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet" (Romans 16:20).

Hold fast to these lifelines and ask yourself this key question: Is what I'm anchored to stronger than what I'll go through?

Sometimes it may be a calamity that thousands are facing together, or it may be a personal battle that no one else even knows you are dealing with. But God knows. He knows, and He cares. And He wants to buoy you in the day-to-day difficulties and guide you home to safe harbor. When the storm hits, anchor to no one but God.

Storms will come, my friend. But when they do, filter them through the promises of God. And since His promises are unbreakable, your hope will be unshakable.

Max Lucado, www.heartlight.com

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joy Watson remains in Southeast Hospital and is slightly improved. Short visits will be OK, but she is sleeping a lot * Jackson Howard is recovering from illness due to tick bites * Gerald Robinson, Phyllis Howard's brother-in-law, suffered a heart attack and had heart catheterization Wednesday * James Wood had an infusion treatment Thursday and has two more to go *

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 McQuin
Betty Nicholson
Jessica Payne
Donnie Rawlings
Deanna Rogers
Marty Watson
Diane Wilder

Other Health Issues

Sonny Allen
Beaver Blocker (Alzheimer's)
Lauren Coffey (pregnancy)
Roy Greer (COPD)
Hannah Guntert (higher 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 McQuin #117

Mary Burke #303

AT HOME

Judy & Scott Flannery

Gayle Rodgers

Pam Claeys