

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

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

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

**TODAY -** LaRhonda Billingsley\* September 16- Loretta Carson

**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 147  
Contribution \$3943

**FOOD PANTRY**

**SEPT ITEMS: DRIED GREAT NORTHERN BEANS**  
*canned spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, canned veggies (on sale through Tuesday at Town N Country)*

**Happy Birthday:**

September 9 - Alex Garner  
September 10 - Steve Jones  
September 12 - Jack Simmons  
Ishmael Smith  
September 14 - Gaye Miller  
Melinda Pruitt



**Happy Anniversary:**

September 10 - Sonny and Pauline Allen

**Bible Trivia:**

When the Ark of the Covenant was being brought back to Jerusalem, the oxen shook the cart and the Ark started to turn over. One man put his hand on the Ark to keep it from falling and died as a result. What was this man's name?

**Last Week's Answer:**

Eutychus fell asleep during a sermon and died as the result

*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 9, 2018**

**Song Leader**.....Morris Karnes  
**Opening Prayer**.....David Burleson

**LORD'S TABLE**

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

**Sunday Evening**

**Song Leader**.....Ronnie Mays  
**Prayer**.....Justin Allen  
**Scripture**.....Rodney Williams  
Matthew 22: 34-37

**Dismissal**.....Joe Watson  
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**Wednesday, September 12, 2018**

**Song Leader**.....Wayne Reams  
**Prayer**.....David Burleson  
**Dismissal**.....Jerry McCoy  
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**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

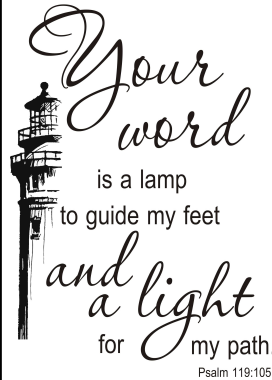
**Sunday Evening**

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

**Dismissal**.....Sam Garner  
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**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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**DEACONS**

Wayne Reams  
Joe Watson  
Rodney Williams  
Tim Woods

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# TRUE LIGHT

September 9, 2018

**SAMENESS**

Like the God with whom there is no variation, the church enjoys a comforting sameness.

Pretty much the same faces greet me each week. The same preacher gets behind the same pulpit every Sunday. The same Bible school teachers take their turns in front of the class.

Sure, there's turnover. Some folk move on, others die. People from the world are immersed and join our ranks. Once in awhile someone falls to the clutches of the dark side.

And there is a variety of subjects to study. The preacher does well in providing a balanced diet of sermons. Even the prayers, where in some locations are stale and rote, in our congregation show forethought and preparation.

But for all the variation, there is still that ... sameness.

**And it's a good thing.**

Like the sameness of going to visit your parents after having been gone from home. You feel comforted and comfortable, and easiness that knows how to act and what to expect, a routine easy to slip into but not monotonous or dull.

The church is like that. No unpleasant surprises, no drastic changes, no lurches to right or left. People among whom I can feel comforted and comfortable. I know the direction if not the words of brother John's prayers. I know the gist if not the specific phrases of brother Mark's teaching. And even though we vary the order of worship, I know how the prayers will be given an "Amen," how the singing will sound, how the Lord's supper will point us to the Cross.

Like the sameness of the eternal truth, like the "Father of lights, with who there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17 NKJV).

In a world where every day reveals new and disturbing things, I need that sameness. And, if I were a betting man, I'd bet a lot of other folk need it, too.

--AA Neale, www.forthright.net

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**TODAY:** Singing at Ridgeview Living in Malden at 2 p.m.

**TODAY:** Our service at the park has been **postponed** and will be rescheduled in the near future

**September 11:** Ladies Lunch Out at 11:30 at Huddle House in Dexter. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you wish to attend.

**Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal:** Baked Spaghetti, garlic bread and salad. Desserts will be needed.

**September 15: Ladies Day at Anna, IL.** Guest speaker is Juli Sterchi. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

**September 17: Mary and Martha** meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship room. Sonja Mays is the host-ess

### Looking Ahead

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**Ladies Day Trip** to Yule Log Cabin in Scott City September 20. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer if you'd like to attend.

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**Ladies Day at Central Church of Christ** September 22. The theme is "Get Connected." More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery

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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, Corner Cottage in Dexter and Traveler's Joy.

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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.

### BUT, BUT, BUT

No doubt you have heard someone stammer those words as they try to rebut something that was said. And you probably have heard the word used to indicate an exception to something said. It is a conjunction that sometimes needs to be replaced by a period (.). Consider the following examples where the sentence needs to end with a period where the word "but" appears:

\*I shouldn't be telling you this, **but** I just have to tell someone. \* I know it's wrong to do it, **but** it shouldn't hurt to do it just this one time. \* I realize I need to be more regular in attending church, **but** I have so much to do on the weekends.

Someone said to Jesus, "I will follow You wherever You go ... **but** permit me first to go and bury my father." Another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; **but** first permit me to say good-bye to those at home." Jesus' reply was, "No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9: 61-62

**I need to love God with all my heart, soul and mind; and love my neighbor as myself, no "buts."**

Ron Adams, [www.thursdaythought.homestead.com/betterday.html](http://www.thursdaythought.homestead.com/betterday.html)

## Lifting up in Prayer...

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joy Watson remains in Southeast Hospital following an appendectomy Tuesday \* Louella Akers will have a final body scan tomorrow \* Clyde Jacques having serious health issues \* Paul Fitzpatrick, friend of Mike Duley, diagnosed with cancer \* Bill Owens, David Carson's uncle, in final stages of life \* Brad Carson, waiting on biopsy results \* 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 \* David Terrill \* Max Terrill \* Bettie Thurston \* Cindy Williams \* Darrell Zimmerman \* Pansy Zimmerman \* Max Snyder

...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  
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

Beaver Blocker (Alzheimer's)  
Lauren Coffey (pregnancy)  
Ruth Dauck (recent injury)  
Roy Greer (COPD)  
Hannah Guntert (high risk pregnancy)  
Blanche Horseman (poor health)  
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