*** PREPARE COMMUNION*** October - Joe and Sharlette Watson

November - Jerry and Pam Collier

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

TODAY - Bonnie Jones * November 4 - LaRhonda Billingsley

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 133 Contribution \$4512

FOOD PANTRY

OCTOBER ITEMS: PORK AND BEANS Vienna Sausages, Canned chili. Cash donations also gratefully accepted

Happy Birthday:

October 31 - Grant Howard November 1 - Jerry Burleson Kathy Caudle November 3 - Ted Jacques

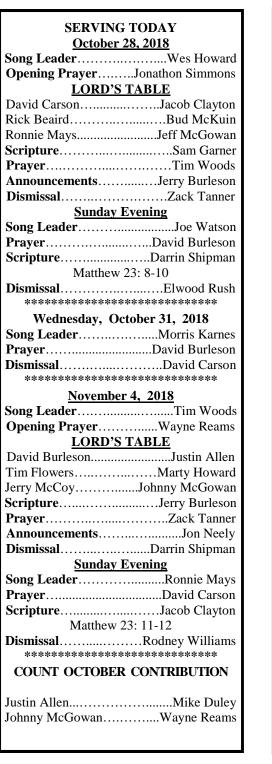
Bible Trivia:

What king slept in a bed that was four cubits (six feet) wide and nine cubits (thirteen feet) long?

Last Week's Answer:

Mahershalalhashbaz Is the longest word in the Bible. (Isaiah 8: 1.3)







TRUE LIGHT

October 28, 2018

Heartfelt Worship

A recent cartoon pictured a preacher standing before the podium. His fists were clenched. His eyes were glazed over. There was a snarl on his mouth. As he began his evening lesson he grumbled these words, "I trust that your hearts are keenly focused on what the Lord has to say to us this evening, and not on the Lions' stinking loss to the Bears this afternoon on that lousy holding penalty call by the refs with 1:15 to go in the game!"

Most of us can remember times when we attended a worship service and left not having really worshiped. We may assign lots of blame for our lack or worship and attempt to make it someone else's fault. The truth is, if we fail to worship properly and have the right attitude about our worship, we'd better take a look inside.

The next time you "get ready" for worship, do more than put on a suit or a skirt. Make sure you dress your heart.



The Psalmist proclaimed, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). When was the last time you had that attitude? When was the last time you woke up Sunday morning excited because you had the opportunity to assemble with your brethren and worship God? Or midway through your Wednesday you took a breath of fresh air because you remember that tonight was Bible Study night?

The Samaritan woman of John 4 was interested in the place worship should take place. Jesus would teach, "God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). Worship is dependent upon the heart ... not on the physical location.

When we walk into a building ready to "worship" and have the attitude depicted in the cartoon, it is hard to place the blame on someone else for our failure to "get anything out of worship." The lighting and temperature can be perfect, the pews can be extra soft, the sermon can be delivered by the most eloquent of speakers, the singing can sound as if it is straight from heaven but if my heart and my attitude are not right, my worship will be meaningless.

The next time you "get ready" for worship, do more than put on a suit or a skirt. Make sure you dress your heart. Get it ready. Adjust your thinking and your attitude. Rejoice with the Psalmist that you have this grand opportunity. Little things won't matter as much. You'll leave uplifted. God will be glorified. You will have truly worshiped God in spirit and in truth. (reprinted from January 23, 2000 True Light)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TODAY: Our Gospel Meeting with Keith Parker begins and runs through Wednesday evening. The theme is "The Joy of Salvation." Plan to stay for a potluck meal following morning worship services.

Wednesday Fellowship Meal: To Be Announced

November 2-4: Gospel Meeting at Highland Drive Church of Christ. The Theme is "The Second Coming," with guest speaker Lawrence Sanders. More information is posted on the bulletin board by the nursery **November 4:** Daylight Saving Time ends. Don't forget to "fall back" an hour before bedtime Saturday night. Our evening services will also begin at 5 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Bridal shower for Ashley Williams and Cole Johnson Nov. 11 at 3 p.m. Ashley and Cole are registered at Wal-Mart.

Singing at Ridgeview Living in Malden Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

Ladies Lunch Out Nov. 12 at 11:30 a.m. at Main Street Pizza in Bernie. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer

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Scouting for Food food drive conducted by the Boy Scouts of America will be delivering food items to the pantry Nov. 17 from 9:30 - 4. We will need volunteers on hand to help sort and unload.

Ladies Wednesday Night Class Christmas Party Friday, December 7, at the home of Trish Baldwin. More details to follow.

Ladies Holiday Brunch at 10 a.m. Thursday, December 13, at the home of Amy Thomason. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped \$10 gift (optional). Bring a can or two of non-perishable food for our food pantry for a chance to win a door prize.

Ladies Annual Ornament Exchange Monday, December 17, in the fellowship room at 6 p.m. Please bring finger foods or desserts to share and a wrapped ornament valued at \$10 or less.

Christmas Dinner in the fellowship room at noon December 25. Make plans to join us!

Wearing Jesus

Paul said, All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ (Galatians 3:27).

We wear Jesus! And those who don't believe in Jesus note what we do. They make decisions about Christ by watching us. When we are kind, they assume Christ is kind. When we are gracious, they assume Christ is gracious.

But if we are brash, what will people think of our King? Our Master?

No wonder Paul also says, Be wise in the way you act with people who are not believers, making the most of every opportunity. When you talk, you should always be kind and pleasant so you will be able to answer everyone in the way you should (Colossians 4: 5-6)

Common courtesy honors God and His children. *Do your best,* the Scriptures say, *to live in peace with everyone* (Romans 12:18 NCV).

Just do your best. You can't control their attitude, but you can manage yours!

Lifting up in Prayer...

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

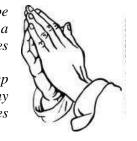
Roxanne Carson's MRI showed multiple brain metastasis * Lonnie Williams (Rodney's brother) remains in the hospital in St. Louis with numerous injuries following a motorcycle accident * Bettie Thurston is at Cypress Point, room 14, improving from carotid artery surgery * Trish Baldwin's stress test came back good * Mike Duley's MRI showed a large tear in the meniscus. He may go to St. Louis for a stem cell injection * Bill Flowers from Malden remains in Southeast Hospital * Kathy Caudle's procedure showed no blockage in her leg * James Wood as he continues treatment 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 * Jeff Martin * Sonja Mays * Jeff McGowan * Ida Roberts * Gayle Rodgers * Elwood Rush * Max Snyder * David Terrill * Max Terrill * Joy Watson * Marty Watson * 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



OUR SHUT INS

Ridgeview Living/Malden -

Max Lucado

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Bertha Skidgell #201 Isaac Wheeler Shirley Johnson Max Terrill #207 Sue Flowers #102 Travis Cooper #7 Lois McKuin #117 Mary Burke #303 Fern Botsch, #309

CONTINUING PRAYERS (non congregational)

<u>Cancer</u>

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 Diane Wilder

Other Health Issues

Sonny Allen Beaver Blocker (Alzheimer's) Cohen Eskew (seriously ill infant) Roy Greer (COPD) Hannah Guntert (higher risk pregnancy) Clyde Jacques Tommy Jacques Gene Karnes Beckie King (MS) Alvin Miller (poor health) Tom Provance Traci Riley (poor health) Geraldine Tomah (poor health)

> AT HOME Judy & Scott Flannery Gayle Rodgers Pam Claeys Elwood Rush